



ARTS DISTRICT

LIBERTY STATION

ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station to Address Community Need for Artist Studios

May 31, 2018 - San Diego – Recognizing the community need for more studio space for working artists, the NTC Foundation is investing nearly \$60,000 to build out seven new studios in the historic (former) Barracks at ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station.

“Planning for the new studios has been in the works for the past several months, however, the ARTS DISTRICT has been 100% leased so there were limited options for growth. We needed to have larger spaces available in which to create the smaller studios,” said Lisa Johnson, President and CEO.

At a panel entitled “Vanishing Art Spaces” on November 15, 2017, moderated by the Voice of San Diego’s Kinsee Morlan, panelists - including the NTC Foundation’s executive director Alan Ziter - discussed the challenges of finding space in San Diego for artists to create and exhibit.

“With the closure of several arts spaces around town, there is a growing shortage of artist studios,” said Ziter. “To help meet that need, we’re moving forward with plans to create more studios. Already 22 studios at the ARTS DISTRICT are home to working artists, makers and jewelers. We have a waiting list of artists wanting quality space to create and work alongside other artists and be open to the public. These new studios are a small step in helping to alleviate that city-wide shortage and meet demand.”

Details about the studio sizes, pricing and availability are still being determined, but studios could be available in Barracks 14 sometime in the fall with more in Barracks 19 coming on line in early 2019.

Since its founding in 2000, the NTC Foundation has been committed to developing a creative district for San Diego. Renovating historic buildings into rentable space for artists, dancers and musicians to create and collaborate has been an ongoing mission.

Said Ziter, “Increasing the number of studio spaces will help meet the growing demand for artist space and increase the critical mass of artists in residence at the ARTS DISTRICT. We want to further position this as a destination for locals and visitors to meet working artists and buy local art.”

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About ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station

ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station is San Diego's largest Arts & Cultural District located in historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center in the Liberty Station neighborhood, near Downtown on San Diego Bay. With 100 park-like acres, the ARTS DISTRICT is home to nearly 145 museums and galleries, artist studios, dance companies, fine dining, creative retail and other organizations that showcase San Diego's creative community and provide innovative experiences for the public.
www.artsdistrictlibertystation.com

About NTC Foundation

NTC Foundation was established in 2000 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to enrich the lives of San Diegans by renovating this signature community asset and creating, facilitating, and operating ARTS DISTRICT as a 100-acre creative district. Visitors experience the arts, culture, creativity, and cuisine that are the hallmarks of the San Diego region and enjoy innovative experiences in a historic setting at Liberty Station that inspire lives for generations to come. www.ntcfoundation.org

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