



REGULAR MEETING – ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION AGENDA

**JULY 7, 2026, 6:00 PM
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

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Members of the public who wish to provide public comment are encouraged to submit those via email in advance of the meeting. For these comments to be included into the record, they must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please email Sabrina Godeski at sgodeski@norwalkct.gov with the subject line "Public Comment" to provide written public comment prior to the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: June 2, 2026

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve the proposed design for the Traffic Graphic Box on Beach Road and authorize the payment and contract execution.

B. Approve the proposed design for the Traffic Graphic Box at the entrance of Jefferson Elementary School and authorize the payment and contract execution.

C. Recap and discussion on Make Music Day and Jazz Festival.

D. Discussion on NACC-hosted events.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF NORWALK
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 2, 2026
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE: Brian Kaspr, Chair; Mark Alan; Bob Abriola, Steven Rust; Melissa Matuska, Nori Grudin, Saj Oliver.

EX-OFFICIO: Kevin Huffman

STAFF PRESENT: Sabrina Godeski

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kaspr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There was a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Kaspr acknowledged those present as above noted.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

April 7, 2026, Regular Meeting

**** MR. ABRIOLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.**

**** SECOND BY MR. ALAN.**

**** MOTION PASSED (WITH MR. KASPR ABSTAINING).**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public comments were offered.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Make Music Day Events – \$6,000 Expenditure Authorize the expenditure of \$6,000 for various Make Music Day events and related activities (Account 01-14-50-5623). Funds are reallocated from a previously planned SPAC event that could not proceed. Events include the Horace Silver Jazz Festival component at Factory Underground and other activities.

**** MR. RUST MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE. ***

*** SECOND BY MS. MATUSKA.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. WPA Mural Photography – \$500 Expenditure Authorize the expenditure of \$500 to Tod Bryant for photography associated with the restoration of the WPA mural in the Norwalk Concert Hall (Account 01-14-50-5286). High-quality photos are needed to obtain accurate restoration quotes.

**** MR. ALAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE.**

**** SECOND BY MR. ABRIOLA**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. People’s Gallery Refresh – “Made in Norwalk” (Music Edition) – \$2,000 Expenditure

Authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 to refresh the People’s Gallery for the “Made in Norwalk” project, music edition (Accounts 01-14-50-5221, 01-14-50-5286, 01-14-50-5623). Project includes vinyl (or possibly foam core) banners/panels with QR codes linking to artist information and music. Potential integration with a new Visit Norwalk arts page was discussed.

**** MS. MATUSKA MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE.**

**** SECOND BY MR. ALAN.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kaspr announced he will be stepping down as Chair and from the Commission at the end of his term this month. Mark Alan will be appointed as the new Chair and Kevin Huffman as Vice Chair. Saj Oliver was welcomed as a new member.

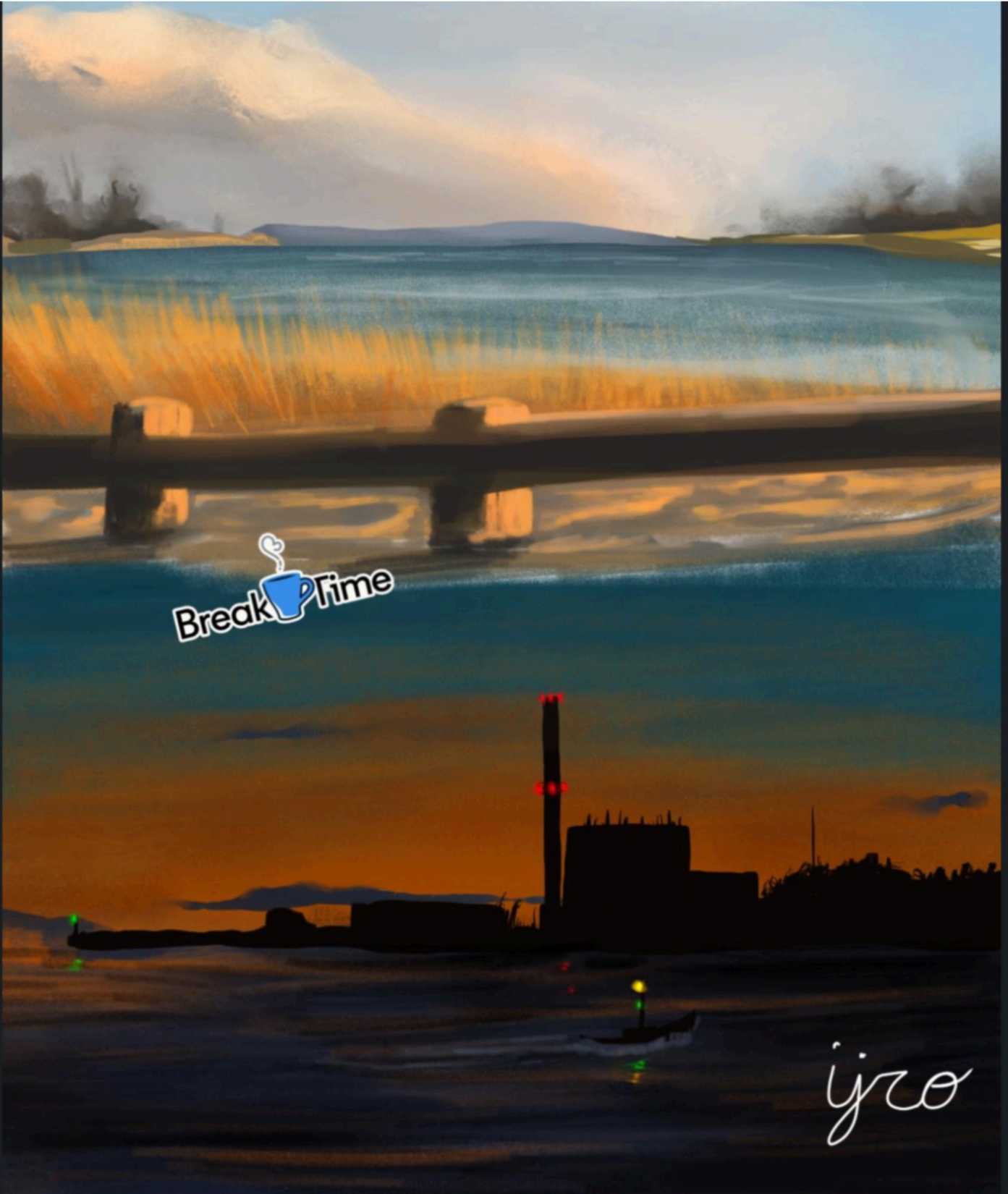
**** MS. MATUSKA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** SECOND BY MS. GRUDIN.**

**** MOTION PASSED**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary



City of Norwalk Traffic Graphic Program Application

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Email *

Angelaranci@gmail.com

Full Name *

Isabella Ranci

Phone Number *

2039813087

Street Address *

75 Barbara Drive

Artist Background

Are you a resident or worker in the Norwalk area? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

Describe your connection to Norwalk. *

Grew up in Norwalk, attended NHS

Brief Artist Bio (Please include information about your artistic background, experiences, and any relevant work.) *

I attended NHS where I painted four murals. After high school, I attended SCAD and got my BA in Illustration. I am currently looking for freelance work as a muralist and illustrator.

Please attach 3-5 examples of past work as a PDF. *

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Concept Design Information

Design Theme (Select one or more themes for your design.) *

- ☒ Norwalk's History and Culture
- ☒ Neighborhood Identity
- ☒ Environmental Awareness
- ☒ Abstract or Decorative Elements

☐ Other:

Design Concept (Attach File): Please upload a scaled concept design for your artwork as a PDF. The design should align with one or more of the themes listed above and must be suitable for installation on a traffic control box. *

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Artist Statement: Please provide a brief statement explaining your design concept and how it connects to the Norwalk community. *

This landscape painting portrays the Manresa Island, an island ive always loved to look at when at the beach at sunset or sunrise, I'm excited by the new Manresa Island project, as restoring nature and preserving wildlife is a foundational piece of my upbringing.

Requested box location (If you do not have a specific location in mind please right "any" below.):

Beach or downtown SoNo, Vets Park

Acknowledgement and Agreement

By submitting this application, I acknowledge and agree to the following terms:

1. I understand that the City of Norwalk reserves the right to remove, retire, or modify any artwork at any time and for any reason.
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Signature (Please type your full name.) *

Isabella Jean Ranci Ortigosa

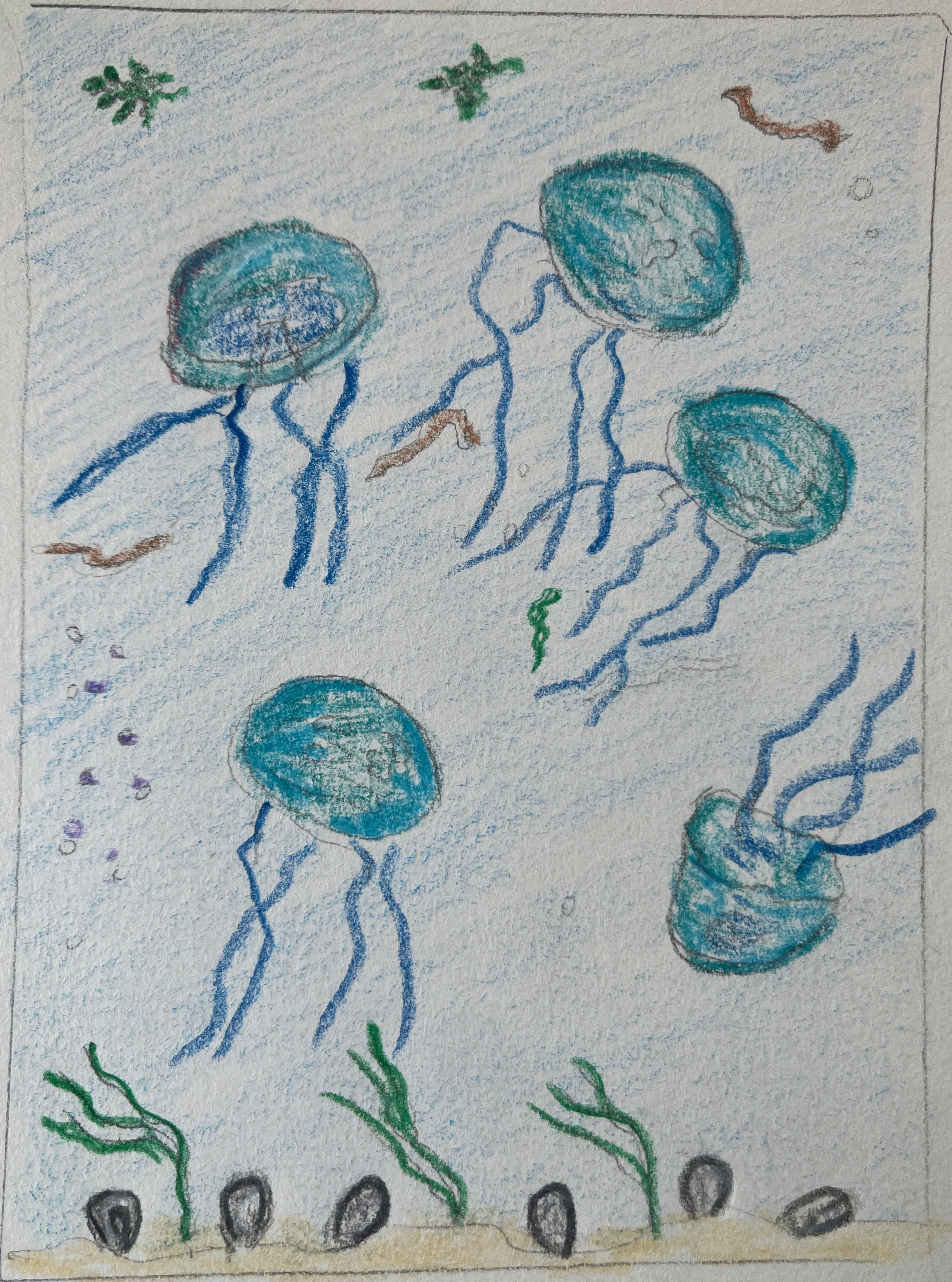
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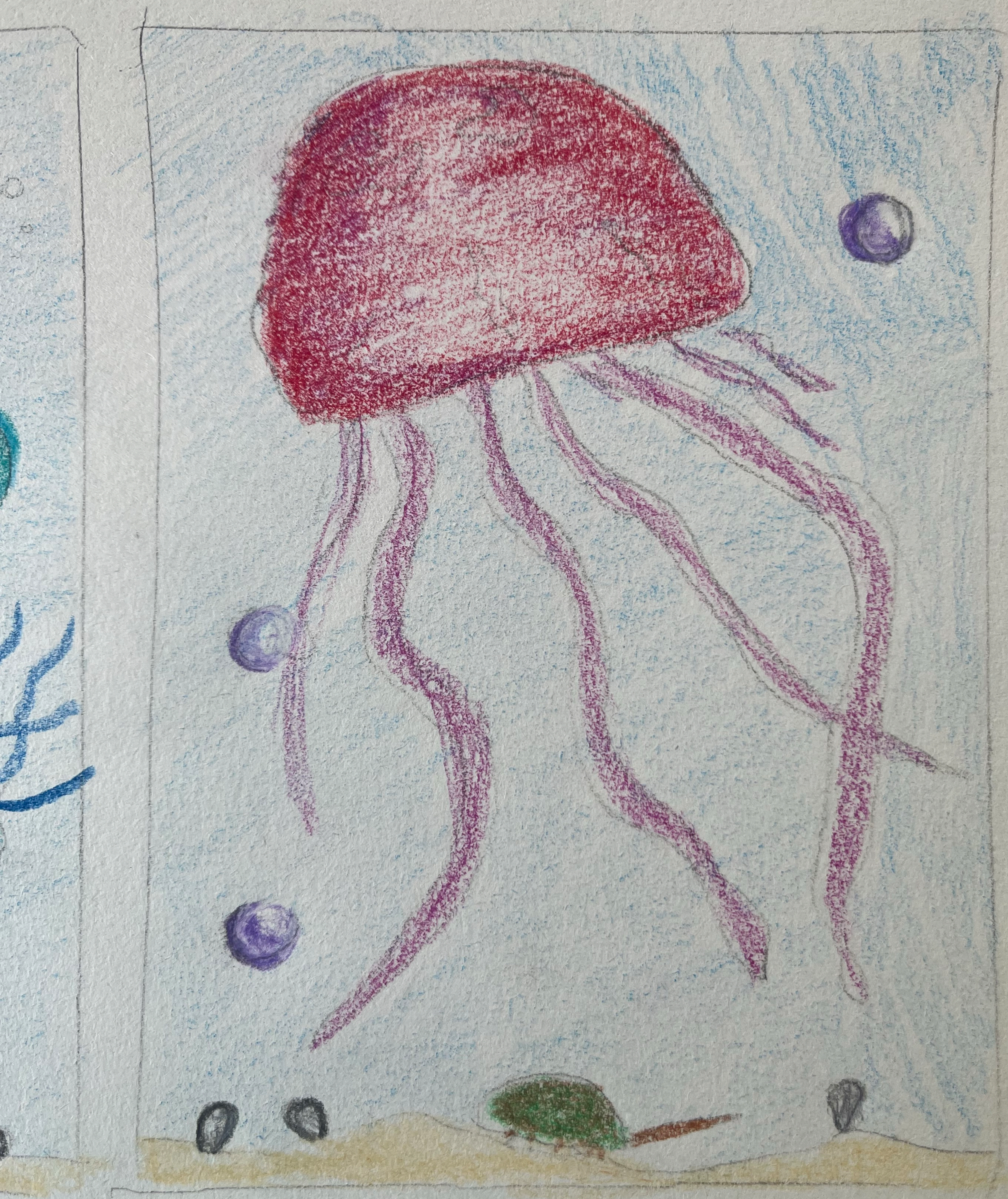
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Email *

jeremy.d.williams.78@gmail.com

Full Name *

Jeremy Williams

Phone Number *

2032537180

Street Address *

10 Reservoir Ave Norwalk CT

Artist Background

Are you a resident or worker in the Norwalk area? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

Describe your connection to Norwalk. *

I have lived and worked in Norwalk for the past 14 years. I have two kids who attend public school here. I teach a monthly art class at a studio in town for kids on printmaking.

Brief Artist Bio (Please include information about your artistic background, experiences, and any relevant work.) *

I grew up with art as a prevalent part of my life with a parent who was graphic designer. Drawing, painting, printmaking (pieces and clothing) and other creative outlets always been a part of my life. While it never being my full time job, I have always had a hand in from private murals (not in ages honestly) to teaching printmaking to kids presently at a local studio and participating in shows across CT.

Please attach 3-5 examples of past work as a PDF. *

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Artist Statement: Please provide a brief statement explaining your design concept and how it connects to the Norwalk community. *

My design is for the box near the entrance of Jefferson Elementary School. The school is marine science based and works with the Maritime Aquarium. They recently changed the mascots to Jelly fish, hence the design. I included oysters and various other animals you would find in the LI Sound at Calf Pasture beach. I live in the neighborhood and have had kids attend the school. Would like to decorate the box for all the kids who walk by it daily to see.

Requested box location (If you do not have a specific location in mind please right "any" below.):

electric box on the corner of Van Buren Ave and Bedford Ave near the entrance to Jefferson Elementary

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Signature (Please type your full name.) *

Jeremy Williams

Date *

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