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### **Public Art Sculpture Titled “Anchored” Scheduled for Installation**

(Stockton, CA) – The City of Stockton and the Stockton Arts Commission are pleased to announce the installation of an original art sculpture titled “Anchored” at the DeCarli Plaza in Downtown Stockton on Saturday, January 16, 2016. The unique sculpture was created by regional public artists Steve Petruska and Diana Pumpelly Bates. DeCarli Plaza is located at 105 N. El Dorado Street.

As described by the artists, “Anchored is emblematic of change – reflecting the dynamic nature of how influences come and go, how histories begin and end and overlap.” The piece was inspired by researching area history and focusing on successive historical periods from times of early Native American settlement, Spanish American War, Gold Rush Days, urbanization, and expansion. At 17 x 11 foot wide and 23 foot high, the stainless steel sculpture will be permanently installed on the floor of the elevated fountain, rising 21 feet above the water.

“The City is very proud to see the completion of this long-awaited project and the aesthetic enhancement it will bring to downtown Stockton. Public Art is integral to quality of life and civic pride. The Commission and Public Art Advisory Committee have done an outstanding job in making Anchored a reality,” said Community Services Director John Alita.

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To celebrate this addition of art to the City of Stockton, a reception will also be held on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at the Stewart Eberhardt Building at 22 E. Weber Avenue. The event is open to the public, and Stockton residents are encouraged to attend.

In 2010, regional public artists Steve Petruska and Diana Pumpelly Bates were selected by the Public Art Advisory Committee after responding to a request for proposal by the City. Diana P. Bates has a M.F.A. with a concentration in sculpture and bronze casting. She has been working as a public artist since 1994 and created and installed art in Sacramento, Santa Clara, Pleasanton, Oakland, Sunnyvale, and San Jose. Steve Petruska has a B.A. in Industrial Design. He is a designer and a public artist since 2008. He has created public art in Sacramento.

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*The Stockton Arts Commission serves as the arts advocacy commission for the City – a catalyst to support and strengthen the community by increasing awareness, opportunities, and involvement in arts and culture. The Commission was founded by Marian Jacobs and a group of local arts supporters in the mid-1970s. Today, the Commission operates within the City's Community Services Department. Business is conducted by the arts director and a 16-member volunteer commission appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Follow updates at [www.facebook.com/stocktonarts](http://www.facebook.com/stocktonarts).*

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