

ALAMEDA COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION PUBLIC ART PROGRAM
Alameda County Fire Station 7 – Castro Valley, Palomares Hills
Recommended Artwork Proposal by Artist David Burke
Artwork Proposal, October 2025

The artwork for Fire Station 7 celebrates the natural beauty of the Palomares Hills community and the vital role firefighters play in protecting it. The left image depicts an evening sky, with a firefighter facing the valley under a streetlamp whose beams represent vigilance. A goat beside the firefighter symbolizes resilience, leadership, and connection to the land. Goats also contribute to fire protection by clearing vegetation. The right image transitions to daytime, featuring a red-tailed hawk soaring above a brightly colored valley. Its keen eyesight and awareness symbolizes broad perspective of guardianship over the community. Flowers from neighborhood gardens symbolize the Palomares community and the large red doors open to reveal the landscape, symbolizing the bond between Station 7 and the community it serves. These doors blend with the station's architecture while creating a visual window into the environment the firefighters safeguard. The proposal was created digitally and the final artwork design will be hand-painted. The paintings will be digitally scanned and reproduced on porcelain enamel on steel panels with high-quality printing.



Site A approximately: 10' H x 13' W. Site B approximately: 10' H x 16' W. Panels are positioned in-plane (flush) with the wall surface. Artwork copyright the artist.