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Subject: [Invitation: The Collective Agency Project: Opening Reception \(April 23, 2022\)](#)

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Dear Mayor and Council,

We'd like to invite you to the opening reception of the Collective Agency Project to celebrate a two-year photography project by a group of Vancouver seniors. The Collective Agency Project is coordinated by Ann Pollock and produced by the City's Public Art Program. More details are available in the attached invite. More details on the project are available in this [news release](#).

Date: Saturday, April 23, 2022

Time: 2pm - 5 pm

Location: Pendulum Gallery, HSBC Building, 885 West Georgia

Kindly RSVP to karen.henry@vancouver.ca if you plan to attend.

Best,

Paul

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwəxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



THE COLLECTIVE AGENCY PROJECT

Exhibition

April 18 to May 13, 2022

Opening Reception

Saturday, April 23, 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Pendulum Gallery,
HSBC Building,
885 West Georgia,
Vancouver, BC

Mickey McCaffrey
Photo Collage #10, 2021
archival inkjet print


We are just beginning to understand that agency and decision-making have been the privilege of only a few. Seniors are usually overlooked when thinking about diversification and inclusivity. The **Collective Agency Project**, a group of seniors, counters this, giving voice and presence to those often relegated to the fringes of society.

The Project was formed in January 2020 through an open call of the Vancouver Public Art Program. The proposal was straightforward, yet complex: seniors were invited to join a two-year project introducing them to photography as a multifaceted art practice – to produce work resulting in an exhibition and public art project. Led by curator Ann Pollock and artists Christos Dikeakos and Birthe Piontek, with expertise from Barrie Jones, the aim was to turn art into an agent of change. Through joined artistic voices, this Project takes agency through art, plus a counter position on the stereotypes of ageing.

The **Collective Agency** – Oonagh Berry, Ann Daskal, Annemarie Etsell, Verena Foxx, Greg Helem, Schula Leonard, Keith Anthony Martin, Mickey McCaffrey, Judith Snider.

The **Collective Agency Project** is coordinated by Ann Pollock and produced by the City of Vancouver Public Art Program in fulfillment of the public art requirement for OPAL by element, and in partnership with Arts & Health: Healthy Aging Through the Arts, Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation and Hillcrest Community Centre. With additional thanks to Capture Photography Festival and The Lab.

Additional Components to the Project:
Part II March 14 to May 15, 2022, Digital Still Image Billboards downtown Vancouver
Part III April 2022 to April 2023, 35' Panoramic Photo-Image Installation, Hillcrest Centre
Part IV Launch summer, 2022, The Collective Agency Project, film by Harry Killas
Part V Launch late April, 2022, The Collective Agency Project Website thecollectiveagencyproject.com

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