



## 2020 PIBC Awards for Excellence in Planning

### RESEARCH & NEW DIRECTIONS IN PLANNING

#### GOLD WINNER

#### Eastside Culture Crawl Society

*City Without Art? No Net Loss, Plus!*

#### Project Partners

ECCS Space Committee, Vancouver Economic Commission & Licker Spatial Analysis

#### Project Summary



The project *City Without Art? No Net Loss, Plus!* (prepared by a non-profit arts society to fill a significant data gap and shape public planning policy) includes:

1. Documentation of Vancouver's Eastside visual art production space from artist surveys, field work, and other data bases—the loss of almost 400,000 ft<sup>2</sup> over a decade.
2. Identification of context and causal factors such as planning policies, lack of tenure, shifting real estate markets, redevelopment, the growth of the high-tech sector, land assessment processes, etc.
3. Recommendation of a suite of potential strategies, such as new policies and incentives, to counteract this displacement by protecting, enhancing and growing the supply of quality artist spaces. These strategies are summarized by the phrase “no net loss, plus!”
4. Presentation and discussion through a two-day forum in conjunction with an art exhibition called “Displacement.” It has had an almost immediate impact on municipal policy direction.