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SUBJECT: **2010/2011 ARTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM STATUS REPORT**

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In response to the July 6, 2010 Board of Supervisors request that "emancipated youth be given preference in the arts internship program," the Arts Commission will provide emancipated youth with early and supported access to arts internship opportunities in FY2010/2011.

Working with the Department of Children and Family Service (DCFS), all County emancipated youth will receive internship job postings for the paid internship positions two weeks ahead of other eligible youth, on March 16, 2011. The information will be shared through DCFS and Probation Independent Living Coordinators that work with youth aged 18-24, and the Independent Living Program Web site for current and former foster/probation youth in Los Angeles County. DCFS's Youth Development Services (YDS) program reports that 500-1,000 emancipated youth may be eligible for the Arts Internship Program.

Emancipated youth will receive detailed information about the 75 internship job opportunities as well as step-by-step instructions and strategies on how to apply for internships. Practical guidance for developing an effective cover letter and resume will also be provided through informational bulletins. In addition, Arts Commission and DCFS staffs are discussing the feasibility of providing workshop(s) to prepare emancipated youth to apply for internship positions. The workshop(s) would cover the topics of preparing application materials and interviewing skills, and would be facilitated by former interns.

In previous years the Arts Internship Program was open to "full-time undergraduate college students." Given that many community college students are not able to attend college full-time, due in part to the decreasing availability of classes, the Arts Commission has expanded eligibility for students who are "currently enrolled undergraduate college students."

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