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Los Angeles County Regional Plan for Arts Education

Over the past three years, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has continued to demonstrate leadership in addressing issues of diversity, equity and inclusion across the County. The 2017 LA County Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative punctuated the Board's commitment to improving historic inequities in the arts and culture sector. As this work continues, the importance of equitable public instruction in the arts continues to surface as a key priority due to the positive ways the arts impact students' academic, socio-emotional and career development.

In response to this priority, the Board unanimously adopted the Declaration of Students Rights to Equity in Arts Learning in April 2018, and subsequently directed the Arts Commission to report back with a process, plan and budgetary needs for updating the 2002 *Arts for All: Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education.* The written report was submitted on May 30, 2018 and outlined a process that would involve County-wide outreach, community forums, online feedback, working groups and community advisors. The process would also include youth, parents, teaching artists, arts organizations, classroom teachers, and school district administrators representing

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all five LA County Supervisorial Districts. The plan proposes to submit a completed LA County Regional Plan for Arts Education to the Board for consideration by spring 2019.

The May report also outlined a budget of \$125,000 needed to effectively develop a Regional Plan for Arts Education. To date, the Arts Commission has successfully secured more than half of the required funding (\$75,000) from philanthropy and federal grants to move this work forward.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Arts Commission to identify \$50,000 in one-time funding during the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Supplemental Budget to be used as matching funds for creating a new Los Angeles County Regional Plan for Arts Education.

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