



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
19.		Favor	Anita Ortiz	Thank you for recognizing the value of the Arts as we celebrate Arts Month! As an Arts Commissioner for the 4th Supervisorial District, I respectfully urge you to double the funding for our Organizational Grants Program (OGP). Arts and Culture are core to the creative identity of Los Angeles, yet our funding for the Arts lags sorely behind nearly all regions of the country. We MUST do better. The Arts are an economic driver in Los Angeles and doubling OGP is an investment in our future. Thank you for your support.
			Constance Jolcuvar	I'm excited to hear and support your Proclamation to make April Arts Month. Also, I want to thank you for your continued support to double our OGP program, particularly at this crucial time in history.
			DeLlora Ellis-Gant	The Los Angeles County African American Employees Association respectfully submits a comment in favor/support of this proclamation. LACAAEA will use its social media platforms to amplify the public information campaign with our members and followers.
			Joshua R Lamont	<p>As an artist, arts educator, cultural worker, and advocate for the many, proven benefits Arts and Culture provides county residents, I am in fully support of the month of April as "Arts Month" and to an increase in funding to the Department of Arts and Culture's Organizational Grant Program, and the recommendations of Arts For LA. As an arts educator and administrator, I have been privileged to work for and see the impact of several arts organizations throughout the County. As a teaching artist, I saw firsthand how Los Angeles arts organizations are actively bringing a sense of belonging and togetherness to the County's most vulnerable and disparate residents. I watched students walk away in pride after witnessing the La Raza exhibition at The Autry Museum. I heard their conversations on race and history after witnessing a play at East West Players.</p> <p>An increase to OGP funding provides LA arts organizations the much-needed support to achieve true sustainability. A growth of prospective grantees by 60% is an indication of the sector's ability to promote well-paying jobs. However, a 38% decline in grant funding doesn't allow for those jobs to be continued over time. A healthy Los Angeles County means its residents work and play here. It is time for Los Angeles to make this right and grow the budget for first time since 2007.</p> <p>I fully support the recommendations of Arts for LA. As the County looks to share Los Angeles with the world over the next four years, it is imperative that the County partners with state and federal dollars to ensure the stability of our sector now so we can innovate tomorrow.</p>

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19.		Favor	Lana Gautier	I love the arts — I'm an artist myself — and I fully support this proposal. All communities benefit from a thriving arts program and LA is no exception. In fact, in many ways it's the gold standard. Please continue to support arts and artists in all capacities.
			Lilia Hernandez	Thank you for declaring April as Arts Month. Creative experiences are essential to a community's quality of life. In Los Angeles county the creative sector also generates job opportunities and substantial revenue. Your support of diverse funding for arts providers large and small has the potential for creating social emotional wellness as well as more equitable access to the field. Thank you for your consideration.
			Rogério Carneiro	I am in full support of proclaiming April 2024 as Arts Monday in LA County.
			Ronald Palmer	Proclaiming April as Arts Month is a terrific idea. I'm a big believer that funding for arts organizations is paramount to a vibrant community. A world without theatre, music, dance, and all forms of creative arts is not a world I wish to live in . Please continue supporting the arts! Thank you.
			Silvia Lohora	
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		Item Total	1	
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