

Communication from Public

Name: Scott Harrison

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 03:46 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: The DCA makes a stronger, more vibrant, more prosperous city. LA is a global city attracting business, citizens, tourists, and students from around the world because of our leading and dynamic arts and culture scene. If anything, the DCA is underfunded! Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H to keep funding secure and strong for the DCA. We need the arts now more than ever!

Communication from Public

Name: Larry Laboe - NewFilmmakers Los Angeles (NFMLA)
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 04:08 PM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: As the world and Los Angeles fight through unprecedented times, Angelenos now more than ever turn to arts and culture. Our great City is built on the foundation of storytelling and the human experience. Our economy thrives on the crafts and industries that are film, music, theater, dance, art, television and more. We urge the Los Angeles City Council to ensure sustained funding for artists, arts and culture non-profit organizations and our cultural sectors. Please protect the percentage of the Transient Occupancy Tax that is allocated to funding for the arts. Larry Laboe
Executive Director - NewFilmmakers Los Angeles (NFMLA)

Communication from Public

Name: DAVE PARKE
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 04:29 PM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: As A concerned citizen. I oppose the proposed amendment H. To the arts . Please remove it and keep art a priority in the city of angel s

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Name: Simon Levy

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 04:29 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: The not-for-profit arts sector in Los Angeles, especially live theatres, are dependent on community and public gatherings. Ours is a live experience. It's obvious our sector will not be "open for business" for a long time. Until then, we need all the help we can get. It's important that the City Council not make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H. The greatest expression of any civilization, what future generations ultimately remember, are the cultural creations of that society. Please protect us now, so we can continue to tell the stories of the diverse populations of Los Angeles. Thank you.

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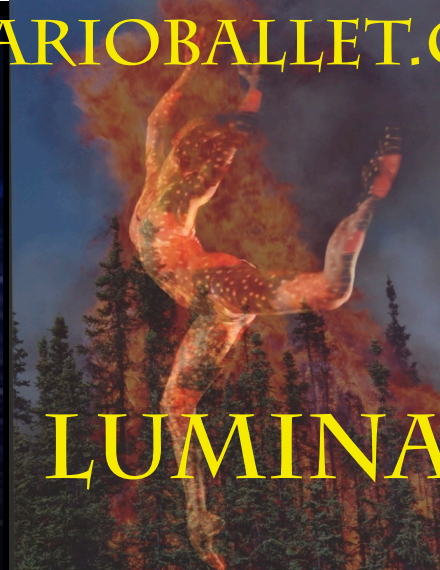
Name: John
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 05:01 PM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: Please give more money to the DCA and the arts in general

Communication from Public

Name: Judith FLEX Helle
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 05:03 PM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Re: Dance companies and dancers against AB 5 Re: Dance companies and dancers need support during, and after COVID 19
Dear sirs and madams, I am the director of Luminario Ballet of Los Angeles, a professional contemporary ballet and aerial dance company, performing locally, statewide, nationally, and, thanks to support from the US Department of State, internationally as US Cultural Ambassadors to INDIA in February 2020. Arts, in particular the performing arts, and specifically dance, are at risk of being eliminated completely in California due to the one-two punch of COVID 19- and AB 5. COVID 19- has simply ended the dance industry for the foreseeable future - dancers can no longer rehearse together; performances in theaters are not happening. At all. This means dancers are not working and dance companies are not working, dance studios are not open and theaters are not open. In order for dance to survive, funding needs to be available to keep dancers and dance companies solvent. Additional funds will be required after COVID 19 in order to rebuild the industry in order to bring back performances. AB 5 must give dancers, dance companies, dance studios, and dance presenters a carve out /exemption- this poorly thought through law requiring all hired to be W2 employees does not take into account that most dancers are W9 independent contractors- working per show or per company or per class taught. The dance companies cannot afford to hire a person for a year when the performance contract is a few weeks or perhaps one or two days. Dance companies are folding left and right. Can you imagine no Nutcracker at Christmas or Alvin Ailey in spring? Or the Mexican Folklorico dancers on Olvera Street, the cirque artists at wrap parties and nightclubs? No belly dancers, no dance classes for the kids, no theater for sharing culture? HELP DANCE SURVIVE. DO NOT CUT ARTS FUNDING! We improve the world, provide a safe place for students, and provide culture for everyone. Sincerely, Judith FLEX helle

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Name: Hugh Levick

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 05:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: HEAR NOW, a festival of new music by Los Angeles composers, of which I am the founder and Artistic Director, has performed the music of over 140 contemporary Los Angeles composers during the 9 years since it began in 2011. With the much appreciated support of the DCA HEAR NOW has been able to grow its festival from two concerts in 2011 to six concerts in 2020. Our concerts bring innovative and exhilarating music to venues throughout the city—Venice, UCLA, Pasadena, Los Angeles City College and CSU LA. In this time of unprecedented disruption a properly funded arts community brings Spirit into the life of the city as it keeps people aware of the fact that authentic creative expression is a foundation of the values that keep life precious and worth living. City Council must NOT make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H. Hugh Levick Artistic Director of the HEAR NOW Music Festival 288 Park Ave. Venice, CA 90291

Communication from Public

Name: Asuka Hisa

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 05:22 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: The Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs is ESSENTIAL to the well-being of the City and its residents. Artists and arts organizations are a lifeblood of creativity and innovation and the City's LA DCA is the partner that sustains this energy and production for our community. City Council must not make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H.

Communication from Public

Name: Anne Ellegood

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 05:23 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: It is critical to fully fund the DCA to support the artists, cultural services, and programs for families + youth that ensure our city's reputation as the creative capital of the world. ELIMINATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN EXHIBIT H TO PROTECT ARTS + CULTURE IN LA! Please protect the DCA and the incredible value culture brings to our city's economy and civic life.

Communication from Public

Name: Deirdre Marlowe

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 05:29 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: LA is a City of the Arts. Right now the arts are hurting. However, current budget difficulties should not make us lose sight of what we need in the long run. Please do not make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles. The DCA plays a key role in supporting small arts organizations and individual artists. It is this support that makes the arts available to people and children in every council district. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H.

Communication from Public

Name: John L. Callas

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 05:36 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: LA hillsides need funding for the Wildlife Pilot Study. Our leaders must stand up for the environment and protect LA's most fragile ecosystem. Wildlife and their corridors are vulnerable to being permanently eliminated in Los Angeles. In the wake of climate change, we are running out of time to protect LA's biodiversity. The Wildlife Pilot Study will ensure that as we continue to grow as a city, we will do so in a way that benefits both people and wildlife. Please fund the Wildlife Pilot Study. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Shonda Buchanan
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 06:55 PM
Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember/City of LA official: Thank you for your service on behalf of all the artists in LA who make our city what it is today. The day I landed in Los Angeles at the tender age of 18 on October 17, 1987, an earthquake hit. Standing in the trembling doorway of the Beverly Wilshire Hotel room, I thought, "welcome to LA, kid." I didn't run. That was a moment of clarity. I needed to be here. There were stories here. There were WRITERS here and they saved me. LA Writers made me want to brave earthquakes. I formed community: gathered a cadre of poets, novelists, essayists, short story writers, songwriters around me. I became a member of prominent writing organizations. I became one of them. I didn't look to celebrities as heroes: I looked to artists. The orgs. & publications who embraced my work. The World Stage, Pen America, Antioch University's MFA Program, The Sundance Institute, Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center, Angel's Flight West Magazine saved me. I'm honored & privileged to be a signatory (not consigliere) on this important declaration that I am a writer in this city. We GET to tell your stories, no, MUST tell them. It's our work. Our gift. Our vocation. Please support LA writers & orgs. Without language, who would know what you/we are going through? What we/you feel about injustice, erasure, racism, health, poverty, love, life, birth? Give us a pen/pencil, we will do it. We contribute too. The City of LA must not make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact the arts and the culture funding in LA. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H. Los Angeles relies on a fully funded DCA to help artists make our city rich! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Fraser

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 08:45 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: The arts are vitally important for Los Angeles, and arts in Los Angeles rely on a fully funded Department of Cultural Affairs to support artists, cultural centers, murals, a broad range of community arts organizations through grants and other support and, through them hundreds of thousands of Los Angeles citizens. The City Council MUST NOT make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and cultural funding. ELIMINATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN EXHIBIT H to protest the arts in LA!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Randi

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 09:28 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: The Department of Cultural Affairs plays a critical role in our city. As the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the ICA LA LA I have seen the work of the DCAn in action and it needs to continue it's important work for our cultural institutions and city as a whole. LA relies on a fully funded DCA to support the artists, cultural services, and programs for families + youth that ensure our city's reputation as the creative capital of the world.
ELIMINATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN EXHIBIT H TO PROECT ARTS + CULTURE IN LA!

Communication from Public

Name: Ruth

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 09:48 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Yo Ruth Andrade soy voluntaria de la Organizacion T.R.U.S.SOUTH LA me gustaría que hubiera más personal que lleven las compras y medicinas ala puerta de la casa ya que por esta crisis covid19 es mejor ya que me evitaría salir al hospital a recoger la medicina ya que sufro de la alta presión y alergias seria una solución más apropiada para evitar salir mi consejal Mark Really Thomas Distrito 8 me gustaría que apollara a esta solución en el sur de LA .

Communication from Public

Name: Adrian Todd Zuniga

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 10:11 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I'm an author and performer living in LA, and I'm writing to voice my feeling about the importance of a fully-funded Department of Cultural Affairs is to Los Angeles. I moved to LA ten years ago, and found a home in the incredibly-vibrant arts community here. People can clamor about different cities in this country — New York City, Austin, San Francisco — but nothing comes close to Los Angeles. Losing that distinction, especially in a dire time for so many, would be yet another body blow in a time when we've all had enough of them. All that said, I beg the City Council NOT to make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H. Please, please. - Adrian Todd Zuniga

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 10:13 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Mi familia y yo somos residentes del sur de Los Ángeles, no quiero que nuestra comunidad pierda pequeños negocios como restaurantes, farmacias o ferreterías, nosotros usamos aplicaciones para pedir comida y medicinas y sean llevadas a mi casa. Vivimos en niveles de pobreza baja 3 veces más altos en comparación con otras áreas, si estos negocios cierran será aún más difícil, no empleos o alimentos accesibles. Le pido que vote en contra de la moción de la tasa tope "Rate Cap Motion" y que ayude mejor a las compañías que forman parte de mi comunidad. No hay necesidad de apurar esto a través del proceso.

Communication from Public

Name: Louise Steinman

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 10:17 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: A strong arts community makes for a strong community. Grants to writers and artists ripple back into the economy of our city. We need writers to bear witness to what is happening today; and to share the skills of communicating clearly with others. City Council must NOT make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H.

Communication from Public

Name: Asia Yu

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 10:26 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: The DCA cultural arts funding is extremely important to sustaining and cultivating a healthy public arts scene and community that helps support local artists and provide unique arts events for Angelenos to enjoy and take part in. As an artist and as a nonprofit arts org we value the support and that the DCA provides that helps fuel our annual free Hip-Hop festival for families and young adults in Los Angeles at Grand Park as well as local workshops and discussions at historic cultural locations throughout LA including Lincoln Park, Crenshaw, Leimert Park, and other areas. The City Council must not make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H. Thank you for your consideration to this matter. Truly, Asia Yu No Easy Props Org

Communication from Public

Name: Ron Toews

Date Submitted: 05/04/2020 04:22 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Members, I own a few apartment buildings in the City of Los Angeles and I strongly oppose Items 1 on the Wednesday, May 6 City Council agenda. The rent freeze currently in place provides protections to tenants during this emergency at the expense of the property owners. To extend it to 12 months beyond the end of the emergency just exacerbates the hardships property owners are already suffering. Renters are told that they need not pay any rent during this period and property owners are precluded from evicting anyone, even if it is for vandalism, criminal acts or other issues that have nothing to do with the ability to pay rent. The property owners are already bearing a disproportionate share of the burden from the housing crisis this emergency has caused. Making targeted relief available to deserving renters from the public coffers is the fair way to address the very real hardship that many renters are suffering. It is not at all equitable to single out property owners to bear the cost of this social program. Extending the rent freeze just adds to the hardships that property owners are already facing. Please address the issue by providing focused relief to deserving renters, not by providing that plus an unexpected windfall to non deserving renters at the expense of the property owners. Many of us are just trying to make ends meet as it is. Thank you for your consideration. Ron Toews

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/05/2020 01:12 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: You are killing the apartment market. Landlords have obligations and will all go under. No apartments, no property taxes, crash. Stop passing dumb legislation that helps no one.

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Name: Chelsea Sutton
Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 01:50 AM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: DCA funding has supporting productions of plays, elementary school arts education, and the reach of arts in my community. The companies it supports has changed my life and my career. City Council must not make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 02:37 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: It is important to reinstate finding for a wildlife corridor and habitat study. The long term health of our ecosystem cannot be forsaken, for it also is a public health issue and essential to the viability and liveability of Los Angeles.

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Name: Berry Stein

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 08:16 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: The DCA helps fund the small but mighty museum in downtown LA ICA LA! The ICA LA helped produce the CURRENT:LA FOOD program which was a city-wide effort to bring art to communities who would not typically have exposure. The department funds and produces so much of Los Angeles's cultural programming and we need and value this support so dearly! Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 09:12 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: LA relies on a fully funded DCA to support the artists, cultural services, and programs for families + youth that ensure our city's reputation as the creative capital of the world. ELIMINATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN EXHIBIT H TO PROECT ARTS + CULTURE IN LA!

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Silberman

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 09:38 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: As part of the leadership of a local arts nonprofit organization, I urge that the City Council MUST NOT make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax. The proposed changes will adversely impact arts and culture funding for our organization, and others doing this critical work throughout Los Angeles. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H.

Communication from Public

Name: maria ziman

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 09:49 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

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Communication from Public

Name: Theresa Chavez

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 10:01 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: City Council must NOT make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H. The Department of Cultural Affairs should not be adversely impacted by these recommendations. We are among many arts organizations that are CULTURAL FIRST RESPONDERS -- providing essential services and vital programs that sustain our communities and contribute to its welfare. What we provide is especially important NOW and for the near future when cultural workers will be essential to the disaster recovery process as we help to rebuild lives and communities. Now in our 31st year as a theater company, About...Productions believes in the power of our art form to transform highest-risk youth, enlighten audiences, and celebrate the lives of seniors. We have provided impactful services to many communities throughout Los Angeles, most recently San Pedro, Boyle Heights, and East L.A. Without DCA funding we can move forward in our mission to serve low-income constituents, highest-risk youth, and communities of color with programs that provide deep connections to ones identity, and to the history of our city. In the process we provide educational services that provide lasting and engaging impact.

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Name: Michael Monte
Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 10:19 AM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: I support funding for the Wildlife Pilot Study in order make informed decisions on protecting our ecosystem.

Communication from Public

Name: Hassan Zuniga

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 10:24 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: Hi my name is Hassan and I'm a member of ACCE in your district calling Marqueece Harris-Dawson Member because I'm worried that tenant harassment is the main way bad-acting landlords displace people from their homes. We need a permanent anti-harassment ordinance that protects tenants from these harmful practices. . I urge [Council Marqueece Harris-Dawson to call for the permanent Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance to be brought to Council and passed immediately. [Council Member Name] should support this important ordinance that will protect me and Angelenos like me across the City. We need permanent protections to keep tenants safe during and after COVID-19, and this ordinance will help do that. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Mayron

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 10:45 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to oppose article 1, which seeks to increase funding for LAPD. I work in the Pico Union area, people needs are NOT about more police presence. We need more funding for local services, healthcare clinics, housing for the needy. Please DO NOT approve more funding for LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Guadalupe ortiz
Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 11:11 AM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: Buenos dias a todos los presentes hoy dia en esta reunion para tomar desisiones importantes asi mismo como me gustaria que votaran SI a una mocion para parar el acoso de las coorporaciones y dueños hacia los inquilinos asi como parar los aumentis de renta excecivos y desalojos. Y que enforcen las reglas para castigar a las coorporaciones y dueños acosadores de inquilinos, y minimo que sean considerados como un acto criminal.

Communication from Public

Name: Chukwuemeka Austin Nwokedi

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 04:49 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Chukwuemeka Nwokedi and I'm a member of the Community Coalition and a constituent in City Council District 8. I'm asking you to vote against the proposed budget to increase funding for LAPD and support a humane budget that reflects the priorities and needs of Black, Brown, and poor Angelenos. To cut much needed services is unjust, especially during the current health crisis. Many people in my community have already been suffering from a lack of supportive services prior to the pandemic and we do not want more resources going towards police and criminalization. I know people that are coming home from jail/prison and do not have access to services. I am fed up because my community has been plagued by criminalization and police violence for far too long. An increase to law enforcement funding, while gutting other critical services for communities most impacted by the pandemic, is a complete disappointment in the current leadership. We are asking that you prioritize funding for critical services for communities largely impacted by the global pandemic.

Communication from Public

Name: Cecilia Martinez
Date Submitted: 05/11/2020 09:47 AM
Council File No: 00-9999
Comments for Public Posting: Been visiting O.St over 50years, please work with them to keep it open??????

Communication from Public

Name: Denise Legaux

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 11:35 AM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to praise the L. A. City Council for the very poignant and respectful tribute to Larry Aubry. Larry was a cousin and knew more of the family history in New Orleans as well as the Los Angeles Area the back yard Barber was his brother Leon who had a shop on Jefferson Blvd. He had so much knowledge to share. He will be greatly missed. Sleep peacefully my cousin.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 01:39 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

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