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**ARTS COALITION OF SAN FRANCISCO RELEASES INTERVIEWS WITH
LEADING SAN FRANCISCO MAYORAL CANDIDATES**

Lead candidates discuss the future of the arts in San Francisco with arts journalist Steven Winn

SAN FRANCISCO – Today, a broad-based coalition of artists and arts organizations, representing cultural equity, cultural centers, cultural districts, and civic institutions, released video interviews with the four leading mayoral candidates, Angela Alioto, Supervisor London Breed, Supervisor Jane Kim, and Senator Mark Leno, on the topic of the arts in San Francisco. These discussions focused on several issues, including an upcoming ballot measure that would restore historic funding for the arts, and how the candidates see the role of the arts in San Francisco. The purpose is to provide a platform specific to informing voters supportive of the arts.

Speaking on behalf of the arts coalition, Jonathan Moscone, Chief of Civic Engagement at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, said, “We view this as the beginning of an important conversation about the future of the arts in our city. Our city's most vital assets and unique character lie in our cultural and artistic diversity. We need to find a way to ensure that the communities served by artists and organizations thrive for years to come.”

Interviews are available in both video and audio formats on a dedicated website at www.BetterSF2018.com, as well as on other arts organization websites supporting this initiative.

Who We Are

The arts coalition is a collective of artists and arts organizations representing cultural equity, cultural centers, neighborhood arts, and civic institutions that have come together to advocate for a strong arts community in San Francisco by securing dedicated arts funding. Creative expression through the arts is a key part of the fabric that makes up the unique culture of San Francisco, and the coalition is dedicated to ensuring that the arts maintain its strong presence in the city.

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