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COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

April 6, 2020

Danielle Brazell, General Manager
City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs
201 N Figueroa St #1400
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Repurposing Council District Four Arts Development Fee Expenditures to Support Artists During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Dear Ms. Brazell,

As the Chair of the Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts and River Committee, I wish to offer up the entire amount of eligible funds identified in the [DCA Annual Expenditure Plan & Fee Status Report for the Arts Development Fee \(ADF\) Program for Fiscal Year 2019-2020](#), which are generated in Council District 4, to be immediately repurposed as emergency grants that provide income to any artists living or working in the 4th Council District of the City of Los Angeles.

As the Expenditure Plan and Fee Status Report highlights, the primary use of ADF fees Citywide is on festivals or arts gatherings. As festivals and gatherings will not be held any time soon, and the artists and people of the City are in immediate need, I believe a better use of the funds this year is through the commissioning of art works for virtual public consumption as covered under Guideline 3 of the ADF Program Administrative Guidelines. This approach will directly employ artists using a dedicated and already available funding source and contribute immeasurably to the public morale in this dire time.

I believe that such a program should be made as simple as possible with an online application in multiple languages and a rolling application process scored around social equity until the funds are fully dispersed.

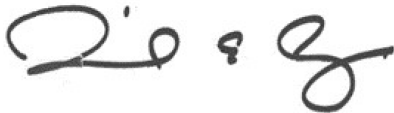
I intend to introduce this program as a motion in the next available session of the City Council, however it is my hope that by announcing my intentions in advance your

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Department will have additional time to prepare so that we can quickly move forward together.

Lastly I wish to applaud your leadership at the Department of Cultural Affairs in creating the Arts Emergency Relief Fund to assist performing artists affected by cancellations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. E. Ryu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "D." and last name "Ryu" clearly distinguishable.

DAVID E. RYU
Councilmember, District 4

CC: Daniel Tarica, Assistant General Manager, Department of Cultural Affairs
Ashley Stracke, Director Neighborhood Services, Office of Mayor Garcetti