FEDERAL & STATE

August Recess
- DNC & GOP conventions
- Political Campaigns

Action you can take
- Save our Stages and RESTART Bills - share your support
- Economic Development Bond Bill - share your story
- On the campaign trail
  - What arts and cultural policy questions to you have for candidates?
    - What is your cultural policy platform?
    - How do you see arts and culture playing a role in advancing your top campaign priorities?
    - Artists and creatives vote, how are you addressing the crisis our sector is facing?
Arts Education

- Dept of Elementary and Secondary Education and School reopening plans
- NEW! International Coalition of Performing Arts Aerosol Study Round 2
- MA Arts Education programs monitor
MUNICIPAL

- Somerville Arts COVID-19 Impact petition
  - specific asks to Mayor, City Council and Arts Council
  - Led by community arts leaders and activists
  - over 500 signatures
- Cambridge petition in the works
- MASSCreative will support ANY municipal-based local advocacy efforts - let us know if you are interested

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MA ARTS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE LOST HALF A BILLION DOLLARS SINCE THE START OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Somerville residents, please sign this petition to ensure protection and relief for arts and culture.

- September 30th Deadline

- MA self-response rate: 66.4% - increased from two weeks ago!
UPCOMING VOTING DATES

- Deadline for primary mail-in ballot applications: August 26
- Primary Voter Registration Deadline: August 22 -tomorrow!
- Early voting period: August 22-28
- Primary Election: September 1

WAYS TO CREATE THE VOTE

- Take the pledge!
- Be a census or poll worker
- Who are your 5?
  - Identify five people who you know care about the creative community and strengthening democracy and connect with them today
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