



Outlook

Support for Cultural Arts Staffperson

From Edric Guise <efguise@gmail.com>

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To ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>

Mayor and Council Members-

Please support the budget for a staff position to build our City's arts programming and reputation. This aligns with youth education, connections for elders, economic development/events/tourism, and bringing more beauty and reflection to our community.

Thank you.

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Arts & Culture Committee Budget

From Melissa Cueto <melissa@havmar.com>

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Mr. Mayor and Council members,

I write today as an El Segundo resident and career civil servant, having spent my career in municipal government. I understand the budgetary constraints and difficulties that continuously plague our municipal institutions, especially heading into this uncertain new fiscal year for many. It is with this knowledge that I urge the Council to carefully consider and approve the master plan presented this evening by the Arts & Culture Committee. I also strongly urge the City to prioritize the recruitment for the Cultural Arts Coordinator. Our City has enjoyed many benefits of the programming and events allowed by allocated funds and managed by this important position over the years.

While we civil servants are always asked to trim the budgets and "do more with less", the goal has always been to maintain services. I urge the Council to recognize the absolute value of City employees and the programs, events, and tangible benefits provided to the community by their hard work during this budget cycle, and recognize the value that Arts bring to the community. Our Arts & Cultural programming has been some of the biggest draws for residents, businesses, and visitors throughout the years. From the Juneteenth to the Art Walk to the Festival of Holidays, El Segundo has been making news and attracting economic benefits. I urge the Council to continue the momentum and recognize the importance of Arts & Culture in the broader scope of community health, pride, and well-being.

Thank you,
Melissa Cueto