

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024, AND EVERY APRIL THEREAFTER, AS ARTS, CULTURE & CREATIVITY MONTH.

WHEREAS, The arts work to heal, build community, educates students, advance racial equity and justice, and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, Arts are not only an impressive and important agent for economic development but also positively impact societal issues that includes but not limited to race, gender, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI), health, incarceration, housing, immigration, abilities, veterans, transportation, environment, safety, education, and many others; and

WHEREAS, In LA County in 2022 alone, the creative economy generated over \$27 billion in tax revenue, supporting nearly 1,000,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, The transformative power of the arts has the ability to instigate change, nurture the soul, foster a profound connection between people and their communities, and create artistic, cultural, safe, and economically thriving places; and

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City Council and Arts Council for Long Beach lead efforts to advance the arts through programs, partnerships, and the community-building initiatives such as the Professional Artist Fellows, the Artist Registry, microgrants, and various mural projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach values partnering the work of the Arts Council for Long Beach and state-level arts organizations such as California for the Arts and California Arts Council; and

WHEREAS, City support for the arts, arts education, cultural institutions, and creative venues is crucial for our city to provide equitable access to the arts in all communities; and culture and creativity will be essential to bringing about social cohesion and economic development, furthering mental health support and wellness, job creation, and opportunities for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach proclaims as follows:

Section 1. In a city as diverse as Long Beach, the arts serve to give voice to our many communities, spark individual creativity, foster empathy and understanding, spur civic

engagement, create economically thriving communities, and serve as a continual source of personal enrichment, inspiration, and growth.

Section 2. The City Council calls on our state leaders to protect and prioritize funding for and equitable access to the arts.

Section 3. The City Council encourages all Californians to deepen our support for arts in our schools and uplift and expand economic opportunities in our creative workforce.



City of Long Beach Working Together to Serve

REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: April 9, 2024

To: Monique De La Garza, City Clerk

From: Councilwoman Suely Saro, Sixth District

Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to the City Council Agenda of April 9, 2024

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

Recommendation to adopt a proclamation recognizing April as Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month in the City of Long Beach. (Citywide)

| Council District | Authorizing Councilmember | Signed By |
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| 6 | Councilwoman Suely Saro | |
| 1 | Councilwoman Mary Zendejas | |
| 7 | Councilmember Roberto Uranga | |