From: Consuelo Lara <<u>clara41049@yahoo.com</u>> Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 12:05 PM To: Lisa Driscoll <<u>Lisa.Driscoll@cao.cccounty.us</u>> Subject: MEASURE X FUNDING FOR EQUITY IN THE ARTS

Dear County Supervisors,

This is a letter of support for the funding of THE ARTS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY with Measure X resources.

I am a retired teacher from WCCUSD where I taught at Helms Middle School, and Richmond High School. I have seen the difference the Arts can make in a student's life. I am most concerned about EQUITY. After my retirement in 2015, I was on the School Board from 2018-2020, and I am now on the Contra Costa County Board of Education. Equity in the Arts means that our most vulnerable students have the same access to the Arts as those schools/families with more resources.

While I was on the school board, we passed an EQUITY IN THE ARTS RESOLUTION August 2019. The link to the resolution is attached. I think every district in the County should make this a commitment. Measure X funding is the opportunity to do this.

Thank you, Consuelo Lara, Trustee

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