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Subject: BOS Meeting June 27, 2023 - Item D2

Dear Board of Supervisors,
Regrettably, I cannot attend the meeting in person.

Thank you for providing a way to address the need of a county arts council in Contra Costa County. The arts council steering committee has done a tremendous amount of work in a short time and the consultant, Arts Orange County (Rick Stein and associates) were instrumental in the formulation of the Arts Council Master Plan. Lara DeLaney, Senior Deputy County Administrator, provided invaluable leadership to aid the committee in its tasks and input for the master plan.

The master plan shows the arts are thriving in the county but without an organization to help assist the groups realize the potential of the grants available to them, audience development, performance venues and technical assistance. The rich diversity of CCC is reflected in the plan. The diversity is ethnic, age, geographic and economic.

The master plan provides means for the county arts council to be launched in a structured way. Too many organizations attempt to do too many things at once. This is a recipe for failure. The plan can be tailored to allow the arts council to grow at a rate that is sustainable and can help arts organizations to grow as well.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to accept the Arts Council Master Plan. Please accept the RFP to start the process of organizations to apply for Arts Council position.

Sincerely,
Ben Miyaji
Arts Council Ad Hoc Steering Committee Member, District 5