

13-002-365

RESOLUTION

APR 17 2013

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have been adopted in form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the California Arts Council (CAC) was created in 1975 under Governor Jerry Brown to increase access to the arts for all Californians; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, the budget for the CAC has been slashed by 97 percent and as a result the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies ranks California 49th in the nation in per capita spending on state art agencies; and

WHEREAS, today, California only spends about 3 cents per resident from the general fund to support the CAC; and

WHEREAS, the arts contribute significantly to California's economy through tourism, jobs, social services, and educational outreach, generating more than \$9 billion in economic activity; and

WHEREAS, California's arts sector provides over 500,000 jobs in the state, accounting for 7.6 percent of total employment; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2013, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian introduced AB 580, Funding for the Arts, which would increase appropriations for the CAC from \$1 million to \$75 million; and

WHEREAS, AB 580 will bring California arts funding to nearly \$2.00 per person, making California 12th in the nation; and

WHEREAS, AB 580 has passed the Assembly's Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media and now moves to the committee on Appropriations; and

WHEREAS, previous recent efforts to increase CAC's funding, including AB 700 (Krekorian) in the 2009 session, have been held in the Appropriations Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 580, which will allocate \$75 million to the CAC from the General Fund to fund art programs statewide and will create jobs and boost California's economy by restoring funding to the arts, and further urges the Assembly Committee on Appropriations to advance AB 580 to the full assembly for a vote.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Krekorian
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SECONDED BY: Willie Brown Joe Brown
Paul Hunt

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