

Affordable live and work spaces for artists

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I support the initiative to find, set aside, and subsidize housing and workspace for artists. As a supporter of the artists that were evicted from the Traction Building this past April, I strongly support special living and workspaces for artists. As a society, I feel that we under-appreciate artists and their contributions to our society as, unfortunately, their presence is not as noticed as their absence. I liken it to breathing, you breathe, you don't think about it, but take it away and you'll notice it immediately.

An alternative to individual artists workspaces, perhaps could be a space that has multiple uses, maybe a DIY (Do It Yourself) workspaces where others-woodworkers, printers, furniture makers, etc. can share a space on a membership basis. With the explosion of apartments and condos in downtown, there are many who would appreciate a space where they can continue or learn new hobbies. I believe Ventura has had a set up like this with the support of the city.

Nonetheless, we as a rapidly changing city, must not overlook the artists who interpret our experiences and for the most part bring beauty to us, the city, the world, in many different ways.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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