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### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "ARTS MURAL CITYWIDE PROGRAM" (COUNCIL FILE NO. 11-0923)

WHEREAS, murals are an important and integral part of the history of public art and culture in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, murals continue to play a vital role in public art, culture, community building, and place-making in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the production of new murals has been ultimately and irrationally outlawed by the City, as an unintended consequence of the City's current signage code and regulations; and

WHEREAS, artists across Los Angeles have been prohibited from exercising their creative rights as a result of the City's blanket prohibition against the production of new murals in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the City's development of the proposed mural ordinance equitably balances its need to protect communities from the visual blight and pollution caused by excessive signage, with its need to respect and protect the production of public art and culture in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the City's proposed mural ordinance establishes a reasonable baseline of regulations for mural production, that can be modified to conform to varying community standards and needs through the specific and community planning processes available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, the City's proposed mural ordinance encourages new original art murals and public art installations on private property throughout Los Angeles through an accessible, sensible, and cost-neutral administrative permit; and

WHEREAS, the City's proposed mural ordinance provides a path for artists to produce new murals, thereby relieving tens of thousands of property owners in Los Angeles from the threat of potential violations under the City's current sign ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City's proposed mural ordinance demonstrates its commitment to the production and preservation of public art and culture for the citizenry of Los Angeles:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles Board of Cultural Affairs Commissioners hereby recommends and urges the Los Angeles City Council to approve the most recent proposed mural ordinance, as drafted by the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning, and as approved by the City of Los Angeles Planning Commission.

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President, Cultural Affairs Commission

