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TO: Chair Sheila Kuehl
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SUBJECT: **REPORT BACK ON UPDATING THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGIONAL PLAN FOR ARTS EDUCATION**

On May 1, 2018, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") directed the Executive Director of the Arts Commission to report back to the Board within 30 days in writing with a process, plan and budgetary needs for producing an updated Los Angeles County Regional Plan for Arts Education.

The Board has long recognized the importance of the arts in public education. In 2002, the five Supervisors unanimously adopted the *Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education* which established the LA County Arts Education Collective (formerly Arts for All). At that time, the Board directed the County's Arts Commission and Office of Education to work in partnership to implement the *Blueprint*, which has continued to serve as the guiding framework for expanding arts instruction in schools.

Over the past 15 years, focused collaboration among school districts, teaching artists, arts organizations, the philanthropic community and local advocates has led to significant progress. To date, the Arts Ed Collective has guided 70 LA County school districts and charter networks in developing local policies and plans for arts education, developed an online directory of more than 100 teaching artists and arts organizations with expertise in working with schools, provided professional development in the arts to over 6,000 educators, awarded \$4.6M in grant funding to school districts, and produced an online interactive mapping of arts instruction provided

in the more than 2,200 public schools across the County.

Despite this progress, particular groups of students continue to face systemic barriers in accessing quality arts instruction. With recent policy shifts in public education and LA County's current focus on cultural equity and inclusion, it is timely to develop an updated Regional Plan for Arts Education.

The new LA County Regional Plan for Arts Education will set forth the vision, framework and strategies for advancing high-quality arts education across LA County, with a focus on scale and equity so that every young person has consistent opportunities for arts learning, both in and out of school.

In developing the Regional Plan, the Arts Commission seeks to:

- engage an expanded network of stakeholders across the County
- establish shared goals and strategies for achieving scale and equity over the next decade
- build upon work produced by the Arts Education Innovation Lab, which engaged 80 leaders in reimagining systems that would increase the quality and quantity of arts instruction in LA County
- increase collaborative action among hundreds of arts and education partners
- encourage fresh, innovative approaches for addressing longstanding challenges
- deepen partnership and alignment with the LA County Office of Education
- renew and build Countywide consensus, commitment and momentum for advancing arts education

PROCESS

The new LA County Regional Plan for Arts Education will be developed through an inclusive process that encourages community dialogue, action and leadership. Stakeholders will be offered multiple ways to contribute and will help to identify priorities, develop strategies, establish collective action, and refine an evolving written plan. A completed draft of the Regional Plan will be submitted to the Arts Commissioners and the LA County Board of Education for review and refinement prior to recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The following key tactics will be utilized in this process:

- Outreach
Outreach will be structured to include diverse perspectives and promote participation by community artists, arts organizations, creative industry representatives, arts advocates, youth, parents, teachers, education leaders and equity organizations. To ensure an inclusive and democratic process, particular attention will be given to engaging local networks of youth, parents, artists and educators in the planning effort.
- Community Forums
A minimum of ten Community Forums (two per Supervisorial district) will be held across the County to garner public input and consensus. These Forums will inform Working Groups of interested stakeholders who will work together to establish shared goals and prioritize key strategies and tactics. Arts and education funders, as well as County cultural institutions, will also convene to identify resources for supporting implementation of the recommendations provided to the Board.

- Working Groups
Informed by the Community Forums, Working Groups comprised of Leadership Council members, Community Advisors and other invested stakeholders will generate key strategies for achieving scale and equity in the next decade.
- Leadership Council
The Leadership Council of the Arts Education Collective was established by the Board of Supervisors in 2002 as the Los Angeles Countywide Taskforce on Arts Education. It currently consists of 15 members representing nonprofit arts and advocacy organizations, higher education, philanthropy, the Arts Commission and the LA County Office of Education.

Supported by Arts Commission staff, the Leadership Council will guide development of the Regional Plan by reviewing input from the field, refining priorities and strategies, and ensuring a focus on scale, equity and inclusion.
- Community Advisors
To increase community voice and leadership in the work, stakeholders including youth, parents, artists and will be invited to contribute their expertise to review and refinement of the evolving Regional Plan.
- Online feedback
An online survey that allows for the submission of feedback and ideas will be widely available as an additional resource for gathering public input.

KEY MILESTONES

Youth, parents, teaching artists, arts organizations, classroom teachers, and school district administrators representing all five LA County Supervisorial Districts will be included in every step of the process.

Board of Supervisors receive and review the proposed process and plan
Leadership Council and Community Advisors develop a framework for action to initiate public discussion and garner feedback that will inform the Regional Plan

Winter
2018-19

Outreach begins
Community Forums convene
Online feedback tool launches
Working Groups convene

Spring/
Summer
2019

Leadership Council and Community Advisors review and refine the evolving Regional Plan
Leadership Council and Community Advisors submit the draft Regional Plan to the Arts Commissioners and Board of Education for consideration
Arts Commissioners and Board of Education review, refine and approve Regional Plan for submission to the Board of Supervisors

Fall
2019

LA County Regional Plan for Arts Education is submitted to Board for consideration and adoption

**Timeline
Updated!**
September 2018