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To the Clerk of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

As a performing artist and presenter of events in Ventura County for thirty years, and representative of two nonprofit local arts organizations, I'm writing to express my appreciation to the Board for recognizing the Arts as a funding priority with the creation of the County's first Arts Grant of a million dollars.

I was shocked to learn that *half the funds* were granted to two arts organizations before any application or award process was announced to our County's three hundred other nonprofit arts organizations.

This is dismaying. The arts community, by its very nature, includes many worthy and effective organizations operating at tiny budgets. A grant to such organizations can make the difference between staying afloat and closing their doors.

This inequitable distribution of funds is unacceptable. I look forward to participating in efforts to create a fair process by which all organizations are given an equal opportunity to apply and be evaluated on their merits.

Sincerely,
Rain Perry

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