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Very well said. I'm glad I went to that meeting but did not comment. Something shady went down when two Supervisors just handed out that money. It can't be reversed but maybe now the Supervisors will find some extra funding to add to that remaining \$500,000 and make more funding available for the arts.

Yours, etc.

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On Tue, Jan 23, 2024 at 11:49 AM Maisha Cole Perri <maishacole@me.com> wrote:

Dear Board of Supervisors for the County of Ventura,

I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment regarding the recent fund allocation for arts organizations in our county. As the president of the Santa Paula Society of the Arts, an organization dedicated to supporting artists and hosting one of the longest-running art shows in California, I find it disheartening that only two organizations have received funds, leaving many others, including ours, overlooked.

I urge the board to establish a more transparent and equitable process for allocating funds,

considering the financial constraints that many arts organizations operate under. It is crucial to support a diverse range of artistic endeavors and ensure that funds are distributed fairly to foster a thriving arts community in Ventura County.

Sincerely,
Maisha Cole Perri Olson
President, Santa Paula Society of the Arts