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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please fund our Arts.

We need to support and fund the arts because I believe they are vital for children's development. Through performing, children develop social skills, public speaking, and confidence in their creative potential. These all nurture the ability to think outside the box.

Theatre helps people find an outlet to express themselves creatively, and build these skills. It also allows people of different socioeconomic groups to meet and become friends. Through theatre people get to be someone other than themselves, therefore living in someone else's shoes and this helps build empathy for life situations other than their own, which in turn helps evolve critical thinking skills. Combined, the empathy and critical thinking skills help build community.

I've been involved in the performing arts since a young child and these local experiences helped me obtain my place on my Master's in Acting Degree in London.

Some of the organizations I've been part of include: Kindermusik; Parks & Recreation Ventura; Shakespeare; PTYA in Ventura; Billy Clower Dance Studio; Camarillo Skyway Players; Ventura College; Santa Paula Theatre Center; Elite Theatre, Oxnard; and Rubicon Theatre, to name a few.

Thank you for reading,

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