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haku, hello,

I am sending this public comment in support of all local artists, local art nonprofit organizations and local art studios who lost money because of a recent choice this board made. As a local art and culture commissioner, it is simply disturbing to hear how this board decided to take such a large sum of money from the hard work of local artists who spent a large amount of their time to lobby for the money they rightfully earned. Every single person who put in hours for this financial gain deserve better from this board. I know many of the local citizens who did such work and these citizens not only create art but they also create love for their neighborhoods, this wrongful taking of resources is a loss to all locally. I know personally a few art studios that had to cut back on their youth programs because of financial loss. How can we expect our children to flourish in the future if we take away support? Our youth desperately need a safe place to go, a place where they feel safe and supported, a place where they are inspired to create dreams as well as art, and now this board of supervisors took away this place. Local artists and local art studios that aim to serve our community not LA, such as Bell Arts and Open Door Studio, deserve to have the money your board decided to steal back.

The art community will no longer be silenced about this and the longer the board takes to make things right, the louder our community will get.

KC Rodriguez