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Hi,

My name is Katherine Simonson I work for a nonprofit organization named EPIC. I am the Program Director in Westview, which is a lowest income public housing property here in Ventura California. EPIC works in the poor neighborhoods with the youth who are mostly overlooked and muffled. We coach growth mindset, leadership and character by mentoring and presenting different ways to express themselves.

Expression through art is EPIC's primary way of teaching. Rubicon has been so crucial to partner with in our journey to broaden the vision. We have been able to bring the kids out to participate and experience something out of their ordinary life to further encourages them to think outside the box and hopefully up out of poverty mindset. This is made possible through grants. I would like the board of supervisors to consider committing to an annual grant that funds Rubicon and programs like these.

Thank you,  
Katherine Simonson

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