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Honorable Chair LaVere and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in strong support of funding for the New West Symphony under agenda item No. 61.

When I immigrated to US as a 12 year old, through public funding I received an instrument and was taught to play the flute. Each day between 1pm and 2pm, when I participated in music class I felt like I was part of my new culture and had a network of support despite not being able to speak English. It provided me with a network and support system as well as a beautiful skill. It is for this reason that I support New West Symphony and all that they do for the children in Ventura County and the service to our disadvantaged communities. This funding to New West Symphony will have a profound impact on our community and should not be taken away due to politics or diverted without appropriate due process and thoughtful assessment of benefit and risk for our community. I am grateful to you for your consideration.

New West Symphony fought hard and expended great resources at their own cost to support this funding and now to have it pulled away and significantly reduced is a true detriment to this non-profit and our community and the children who need the support system and network to belong and benefit from STEAM programs that are no longer funded adequately by public schools.

You are to be commended for sowing a seed for arts and culture in Ventura County in this first crucial step. Please consider supporting the New West Symphony directly today.

Sincerely,
Nickie Kubasak