

Letter to Arts Commissioners

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Sent: Friday, September 21, 2012 4:07 PM**To:** Licouris, Alyssa

From: Tad Sky**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2012 10:38 AM**To:** Lazar, Howard**Cc:** Licouris, Alyssa**Subject:** Letter to Arts Commissioners

Good Morning Howard.....Would you please forward this letter to all of the Arts Commissioners and the Director of Cultural Affairs.....thanks.....Tad

Dear Commissioners

At your September meeting Street Artist Michael Addario endorsed the Grand Jury Report's recommendation to withdraw the Street Artists Program from the Arts Commission. This is an opinion he alone holds and does not reflect the majority view of the Street Artists community. In 2009 when he first expressed this idea publicly, we polled the Street Artists to see if there was any consensus about leaving the Arts Commission. In a very short time we collected 209 signatures affirming our long-standing relationship with the Arts Commission. This is still the majority view: nothing has changed.

At your October meeting you will hear a large number of Artists re-affirm our desire to remain in the family of Arts Commission's Programs. It is the right fit for working Artists and Craftspeople.

Afterall, we would not have celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Street Artists Program this past June 30th at Justin Herman Plaza with invited Arts Commissioners as honored guest speakers if we thought it a bad relationship which needed to be terminated.

Looking forward to addressing you in October.

Sincerely Yours,

Maria Hillius Tad Sky

