



This is "Arts Advocacy Week" for California, and we need your help to advocate for funding to rebuild our creative sector!

I, along with my counterparts at Arts Council Santa Cruz and San Benito Arts will be personally meeting with our state legislators (or their staff) this week to ask them to support several bills coming before them during this budget process, and hearing from more constituents like YOU will help increase the importance of these asks.

In Monterey County, we are represented by four (4) state legislators and if you click on their name, it will take you to their contact page so you can send them an email:

[Senator Anna Caballero](#) (District 12)

[Assemblymember Robert Rivas](#) (District 30)

[Senator John Laird](#) (District 17)

[Assemblymember Mark Stone](#) (District 29)

These are the current bills before the legislature, and you can find more details [here](#):

1. SB628 (Allen) - \$50 million to fund the historic California Creative WorkForce Act which was approved in 2021 but not funded;
2. SB1116 (Portantino) - The Performing Arts Payroll Fund to help performing arts groups (under \$2 million budget) hire and retain employees by providing substantial reimbursement of wages and payroll expenses;
3. SB963 (Laird) - The California Culture & History Investments Act - update the funding of the Museum Grant Program (\$50 million) and the California Natural Resource Agency for their Cultural and Historical Endowment grants (\$75 million)

Proposed by Governor Newsom:

1. AB189 (2015)- Additional \$30 million for California Cultural Districts Programs;
2. \$173,000 funding to enable the CA Arts Council to provide outreach and technical assistance to all 58 counties for literary arts programs, including the Poet Laureate, Youth Poet Laureate, and the Poetry Out Loud programs;

3. \$50 million one-time General Fund for the California Department of Parks and Recreation to create new California Cultural and Art Installations in the Parks Program for state and local parks. Art installations will reflect local cultural heritages, connect the public to natural resources of state and local parks, and provide contemporary experiences to visitors.

In addition, the Arts Council for Monterey County receives funding from the County of Monterey from a portion of the County's Transient Occupancy Tax to "help strengthen the economic base." We do this by providing grants, professional development and training to more than 100 artists, arts organizations and cultural groups each year.

As the Board of Supervisors are currently developing the 2022-23 budget, please send them each (or all together) an email asking for them to continue supporting the arts in our community.

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Thank you for your time, and we appreciate YOUR support of the arts in Monterey County!

Warmly,



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