



March 20, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger  
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Suite 383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**SUBJECT: COVID-19 – Percent for Art in Private Development Ordinance Hearing**

Dear Supervisor Barger,

On behalf of the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA), we are writing to commend the tireless efforts by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to slow the spread of COVID-19 while providing relief to residents and businesses. During these unpredictable and trying times and as the County remains fully dedicated to addressing this crisis, we would urge you to abandon implementing a county arts fee and to officially cancel the April 7 hearing.

On March 19, the City and County of Los Angeles announced a "Safer at Home" order, which went into effect on March 20. The order requires non-essential businesses to close and prohibits gatherings of more than 10 people in an enclosed space. The order will remain in effect for one month.

The hearing for the county arts fee is scheduled for April 7, and while the "Safer at Home" order will likely cause this hearing date to change, we are urging you to officially cancel this hearing and to abandon the pursuit of a county arts fee.

We commend the leadership by our elected officials during this time and their focus on mitigating this outbreak. We believe that protecting the public's health and addressing the negative economic impact which is sure to impact residents is the most critical agenda item during this very difficult time. Pursuing a county arts fee at this time would surely have a negative impact on residents across the county.

We are committed to working with the Board of Supervisors to help keep housing affordable and our communities safe. We fully support the County Health Department's directives and will ensure full cooperation from our members.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

Brad Rosenheim  
VICA Chair

Stuart Waldman  
VICA President

*CC: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors*