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To: Members of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission

From: Jim B. Clarke, Chair, Culver City Arts Foundation

Subj: **QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD APR 1 – JUN 30**

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Culver City Arts Foundation (CCAF) and the City of Culver City (City), this is our quarterly report for the period of April. 1 to June 30, 2022.

Our fiscal year ends on June 30, so we held our Annual Meeting in person on June 15 at West Los Angeles College for the purpose of electing board members and officers. Board members Jim Clarke, Sehnita Joshua Mattison, Ken Mand, Caitlin McGee Swartz and David Voncannon were all re-elected for two-year terms. The officers for this next fiscal year are Jim Clarke, Chair; Sehnita Joshua Mattison, Vice Chair; Alicia Ide, Secretary and Dr. Tony Spano, Treasurer.

In May, we received word that the City had approved our Special Event Permit requests. We will be holding Tito's Fiesta Mexicana on Tuesday (Taco Tuesday), October 4th of this year in the parking lot of Tito's Tacos and holding the 3rd Annual Culver City Book Festival on Saturday, February 25th of next year at the Wende Museum.

At its June 27th meeting, the City Council approved our request for the forgiveness of an initial \$35,000 loan based on payments made back to the City of over \$67,000. We greatly appreciate the support of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission and of City staff with our request. Those funds will now be available to support local arts and arts organizations.

Speaking of providing financial support to local artists and arts organizations, we have started planning the third round of grants for the Arts Resiliency Fund. Unlike the two previous rounds in which grants were in amounts up to \$1,000 and directed at local artists, this round will focus primarily on arts organizations with grants up to \$5,000. A total of \$50,000 has been budgeted and the application process will commence in August.

For the upcoming fiscal year, we have committed \$25,000 to the City's Performing Arts Grants and \$10,000 to support the Artist Laureate program for the next two years. We have requested participation in the planning and selection process.

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Other activities planned in the upcoming months include our first Artist Meet Up tentatively scheduled for late summer/early fall at the Fine Arts Gallery of West Los Angeles College. This event will connect local artists with arts organizations, cultural businesses, and donors and explore collaborative opportunities. Our intention is to host similar events at various locations on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis.

In September, we will be holding our annual retreat for board members and advisory committee members in which we develop and approve our work plan for the fiscal year. We appreciate the past interest and participation of the members of the CAC – CCAF Liaison subcommittee in our retreat.

Also in September, we are exploring a curated art tour of Hillside Memorial Park and Mortuary as a potential donor event. While plans have not been finalized, there is considerable mutual interest.

Lastly, we were asked by Mayor Daniel Lee to serve as financial intermediary for the City's Juneteenth event in Town Plaza. We were responsible for accepting donations from corporate sponsors and paying various vendors after the event. From our perspective, the event was a very successful community activity, and we would be happy to serve in a similar capacity next year.

On behalf of our board and advisory committee members, we wish to extend our sincere condolences on the unexpected passing of Louise Coffey-Webb. We were fortunate to be able to work with Louise in the promotion of the Art In Public Places project and we appreciated her enthusiasm for the arts and support for our foundation. She will be sorely missed.

Copies to:

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