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Re: Art as Community Benefit

Dear City Council Members:

Happy New Year!

As part of the upcoming retreat I hope you will identify the serious need for the city to quickly establish clear standards that include the arts as community benefits. The recently completed *Community Cultural Plan* provides an excellent guide for the city to use in expanding the community benefits to include the arts. Numerous art related needs were identified in the Plan that, if implemented, would clearly benefit the community. A few examples include the need for artist oriented affordable housing and work space, various types and sizes of performance spaces, outdoor performance and art market areas, affordable gallery spaces and flexible community spaces for a broad diversity of uses ranging from poetry readings to artist workshops.

It's absolutely critical for the City to provide incentives that encourage diverse sectors of the community to help fill these gaps. Filling these needs will surely improve the quality of life for the residents and guests of Boulder and therefore definitely be a community benefit. Broadening the community benefits to include art-oriented improvements is also critically important so that the city shows strong support for not only our artists but for the health and vitality of our entire community.

Please remember the wonderful quote, "*Art Empowers Us All.*" With that statement in mind how could art not be counted as a community benefit?

Thank you.

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