

San Diego Regional
Arts and Culture Coalition



2008 Local, State & National Election Briefing

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Agenda

- Local Elections, Budgets, & Advocacy
- State Elections, Budgets & Advocacy
- Advocacy Partnerships & Resources
- 11:00 to 12:30 - Americans for the Arts Webinar

City of San Diego

- New City Council Members
 - Sherrri Lightner – District 1
 - Todd Gloria – District 3
 - Carl DeMaio – District 5
 - Marti Emerald – District 7

- Continuing City Council Members
 - Kevin Faulconer – District 2
 - Tony Young – District 4
 - Donna Frye – District 6
 - Ben Hueso – District 8

- New Council Takes Office on December 8, 2008

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- New City Council Member Statements on Arts and Culture

 Sherri Lightner – District 1: Supports City Arts Funding

 Todd Gloria – District 3: Supports City Arts Funding

 Carl DeMaio – District 5: Focused on Govt. Reform

 Marti Emerald – District 7: Supports City Arts Funding

- Winner's Arts & Culture Questionnaires are available at www.sandiegoperforms.com as "Latest News" in the Advocacy Section

City of San Diego

- FY09 Mid-Year Budget
 - \$43 Million in cuts
 - A & C grant allocations not currently being considered
 - Council Votes – Mon. Nov. 24 & Wed. Dec. 4
- FY10 Budget Projections
 - Additional \$44 Million in cuts
 - TOT Revenue projected to be flat
 - A & C must to advocate for flat funding
- Status of “Penny for the Arts” Proposal
 - Withdrawn by Scott Peters due to mid-year budget cuts
 - Phase in plan drafted & shared with current council
 - Need to work with new council to reintroduce in future

Immediate Advocacy Actions for All

- Council Engagement
 - Congratulation Letters
 - Invites to Events & Programs
- Economic Impact Data Submitted
 - FY08 Cultural Data Project
 - Tourist Data
- Participate in SD Regional Arts & Culture Coalition
 - Support new revenue proposals?

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County of San Diego

- No Change in County Supervisors
- \$78 Million Shortfall Projected
- Community Enhancement Program at Risk in FY10

Immediate Advocacy Actions for All

- Supervisor Engagement
 - Invites to Events & Programs
 - Board Members & Donors Socialize
- Participate in SD Regional Arts & Culture Coalition
 - Collaborate with non-profits outside the arts

State of California

- Newly Elected Legislators
 - Diane Harkey, 73rd Assembly District
 - Nathan Fletcher, 75th Assembly District
 - Marty Block, 78th Assembly District

- Returning State Senators
 - Dennis Hollingsworth
 - Christine Kehoe
 - Denise Moreno Ducheny (Budget Chair)

- Returning Assembly Members
 - Kevin Jeffries
 - Martin Garrick
 - Lori Saldana (Speaker Pro Tem)
 - Joel Anderson
 - Mary Salas

State of California

- FY09 Special Budget Session
 - \$11 Billion Mid-Year shortfall
 - Possible defunding of cities and counties
 - \$2.4 Billion cut to education
- FY10 Budget
 - \$20 Billion shortfall if no change to revenues & expenses
- Governor focused on budget overhaul and economic recovery proposals

Immediate Advocacy Actions for All

- Legislator Engagement
 - Congratulation & Update Letters
 - Invites to Events & Programs
 - Meet in local office
 - Letters of support/opposition to Sacramento office

- Attend Arts Advocacy Day in Sacramento
May 2010?

- Join CA Arts Advocates
 - Support new revenue proposals

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Advocacy Resources

- San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition
- California Arts Advocates
- Americans for the Arts' Arts Action Fund
- National Service Organizations/Performing Arts Alliance
- 2008 Post-Election Resource Disk