



January 29, 2008

The Honorable Don Perata  
President pro Tempore, California State Senate  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FAX: (916) 327-1997**

**RE: California Arts Council Board Appointees**

**Location: Senate Rules**

Dear Senator Perata:

The arts are essential for the cultural, educational, social and economic development in California, and the California Arts Council (CAC) is making great strides to advance California through arts and creativity.

The CAC board provides the leadership necessary to support the state's nonprofit arts and cultural community that serves 37 million Californians, more than six million school children and the millions of tourists who visit California everyday.

On behalf of California Arts Advocates (CAA) members and the more than 10,000 nonprofit arts organizations serving California, we urge you and members of the Senate Rules Committee to confirm the following Governor's appointees:

- Charmaine Jefferson
- Karen E. Skelton
- William A. Turner

CAA looks forward to working this year with the CAC board and the CAC Director, Muriel Johnson to promote awareness of the value of the arts, to encourage widespread participation in the arts and to ensure access to the arts for all Californians.

Thank you for your support for arts and culture and a better California.

Sincerely,

Lisa Cullen Caretto  
Executive Director

Cc: Muriel Johnson, Director of the California Arts Council  
Greg Schmidt, Executive Officer, Senate Rules Committee  
Kathryn Lynch, Legislative Advocate  
California Arts Advocates Board of Trustees

***There are 37 million reasons in California to invest in more art for people.***  
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