



January 14, 2008

The Honorable Jack Scott  
Member of the California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 2082  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Position: SUPPORT  
Location: Rules Committee

RE: SCR 70 Commemorating the California Arts Council / October 3, 2008 Arts Day

Dear Senator Scott:

California Arts Advocates (CAA) is a nonprofit organization that represents artists, arts organizations, and Californians who support the arts. Its membership is a broad spectrum of budget sizes, arts disciplines, diverse cultures, audiences and regions. On behalf of its members, arts stakeholders and the people they serve, CAA thanks you for introducing SCR 70, a measure that recognizes the California Arts Council's more than 30 years of service to the state's residents and visitors, and proclaims October 3, 2008 as Arts Day.

The California Arts Council (CAC) has a long history of making an indispensable contribution to our state's social and economic life by creating partnerships between schools and artists, giving organizational support to nonprofit arts organizations, bringing performers and artists to isolated rural regions and underserved urban areas, and partnerships with other state agencies providing social services to Californians. Although the last four budget cycles have prevented the CAC from continuing many of its grants programs of the past, federal matching funds, foundation grants and revenue generated by the California Arts License Plate sales make it possible for the agency to still be a valuable resource for more than 10,000 nonprofit arts organizations who serve California. With Muriel Johnson at its helm, the CAC is providing arts organizations and the Californians they serve with a refreshing outlook to the future.

SCR 70 shines a spotlight on the deep public value of the arts, and how the CAC serves California's more than 37 million residents, and the millions of people who visit California annually. CAA urges your colleagues to support this resolution.

Thank you for your commitment to a better California. If there are any questions, please feel free to call our legislative advocate, Ms. Kathryn Lynch at (916) 443-0202.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Cullen Caretto", written in a cursive style.

Lisa Cullen Caretto  
Executive Director

cc: Don Perata, Chair, Senate Rules Committee  
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