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To:

Subject: RE: In support of BC's arts and culture

Dear Mayor Goldsmith-Jones,

As a resident of West Vancouver, I'm deeply concerned about the provincial government's 81% cut to arts funding in the province, and believe these cuts will deeply hurt West Vancouver's economy and our viability as a community. As illustrated by Richard Florida in his book Who's Your City, investment in arts and culture attracts talented individuals and innovative enterprises to communities. In addition, the Campbell government has advised that \$1 in arts and culture investment results in \$1.36 in additional tax revenues. That can only undermine our provincial economy going forward, and result in further spending cuts that undermine West Vancouver's vibrancy just as we welcome the world for the Olympics.

I urge you and your council to protest these cuts, and to do what you can to support provincial arts funding in our community.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter and your service to our community.

Sincerely,

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