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**Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay,  
Supervisor Gross, Supervisor Foust, and Supervisor Smith**

**Arts Programming and Placemaking**

The arts are an extremely important part of the quality of life for our residents. We are fortunate to have a vibrant arts community here in Fairfax County. The Fairfax County Master Arts Plan for Facilities has been created through the ongoing partnership between the County and ArtsFairfax, its local area arts agency. With the acceptance of this plan, the Board anticipates implementation of its recommendations in concert with development and in furtherance of the County's goals for the arts as articulated in the Countywide Strategic Plan and One Fairfax. The Master Arts Plan for Facilities will improve the physical arts infrastructure in the County over the coming years.

The Board looks to the County Arts Committee to continue the successful county relationship with venues such as Capital One Hall, and to look at future venues such as a Chantilly Arts Hub, and the Original Mount Vernon High School Theater, as well as to provide the subject matter expertise when needed for other venue-related activities. In addition, the Board believes that realizing the full scope of our objectives for the arts requires expansion and strengthening of arts programming

throughout the County – especially as it relates to reaching underserved communities with opportunities for arts engagement by youth, families, and older adults.

Therefore, we move that, consistent with its charge, the County Arts Committee should provide the Board with a financial and resource roadmap to assure all County communities can enjoy access to the arts. These recommendations should describe how County agencies, schools, parks, nonprofit content providers, and private sector entities can collaborate, coordinate and contribute to increase arts access and involvement by both audiences and participants. We request that the County Arts Committee provide us with recommendations that provide for:

1. Establishment of useful resource information and tools that describe the full array of arts offerings available in Fairfax County.
2. Assessment of gaps in the County’s arts activity geography, services, and participant engagement, and that does so in the context of both County and regional resources.
3. Best practice recommendations that can support the ongoing sustainability of existing and expanded Fairfax County arts ecosystem components.
4. Financial and other means by which those gaps can be addressed.

We further move that the County Arts Committee provide a work plan to achieve the above objectives at an upcoming Health and Human Services Committee meeting that includes recommendations needed to accomplish them.

We are aware that the proposed Master Arts Plan: Facilities, which was received by all Board members on April 11, 2023, will come to the Board as an Action Item at a

future meeting in June, and that the County Arts Committee will be the implementation vehicle for it.

Finally, in gratitude for the decade-long effort to create the Fairfax County Master Arts Plan for Facilities, the Board further moves that the Task Force members be recognized for their dedication and contributions to the vibrant future of the arts in Fairfax County at a future Board meeting.