

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I've been working with Los Angeles artists, youth and community members for nearly 30 years, most recently with LA Commons, where we work with youth and residents of our communities mostly highly impacted by structural inequity and of course COVID-19 - in Central and South LA to create art and cultural expressions - that tell their stories and create connection, belonging, and empowerment. We've worked with thousands of young people and hundreds of extraordinary community-based artists and have seen how this work makes possible the most essential of services, the work of building shared community and place, and commitment to our shared Los Angeles. I'm writing in support of WE CREATE LA and the YOUTH CREATIVE WORKERS MURAL PROGRAM. Both initiatives are critical parts of the Mayor's Social Justice FY 21-22 Budget proposal this programming will make an immediate difference.