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November 1, 2022 Paul Krekorian, President Los Angeles City Council 200 N Spring St., Room 435 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Re: Council File 22-1285 President Krekorian and members of the Council I am writing to you as a supporter of public art in Los Angeles and as the former General Manager and Commission President of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs and Trustee of LACERS (1988-2007). I live in San Pedro and am still creating public culture throughout the city. It has come to my attention that the Los Angeles City Council may soon be considering a motion that would prevent councilmember Kevin de Leon from using his council discretionary funds to support community public art projects and other worthy projects in his district. This would be disastrous to the many small arts organizations and individual artists of the Fourteenth District. Culture is what brings visitors to Los Angeles. The community murals, events, festivals, especially upcoming holiday events and other urgent cultural needs will suffer. So will food giveaways and community health projects. My projects have benefited from this source of funding from several council districts and I can assure you that it is part of the life blood of Community Arts in LA. Councilmember de Leon has lent his name and support to numerous public art projects in CD14. Denying him the ability to use his discretionary funds to support these art projects would harm the residents and visitors to Downtown Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, El Sereno and Northeast Los Angeles. The City of Los Angeles has a rich history of supporting public culture with council discretionary funds. Every Councilmember knows how important this direct council support is to create and retain culture in their district. My opinion is that this motion is too much of a blunt instrument. It is not an acceptable way to try to compel councilmember de Leon to resign. Even a temporary hiatus of this community-based funding would be catastrophic to the residents and visitors of council district 14. . Therefore, I strongly urge you to reconsider this motion. Thank you for your careful consideration of my request. Respectfully, Adolfo V Nodal.