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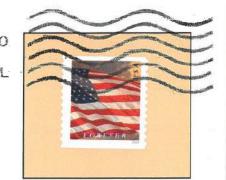
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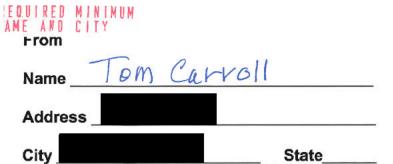
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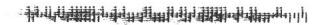




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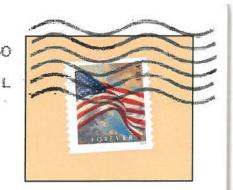
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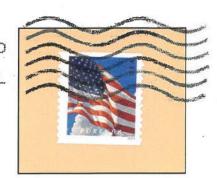
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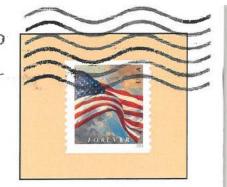
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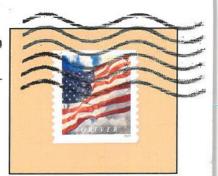
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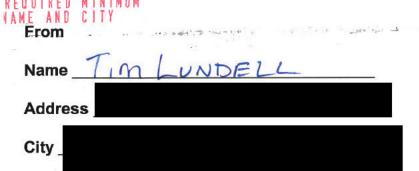
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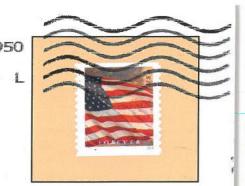


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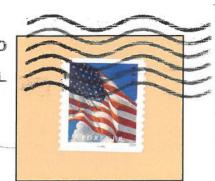
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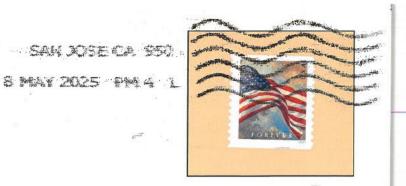
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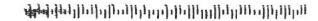




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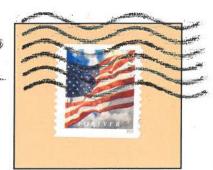
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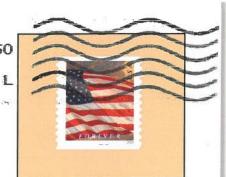
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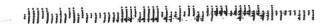
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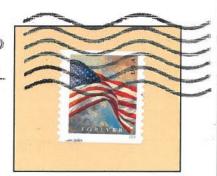
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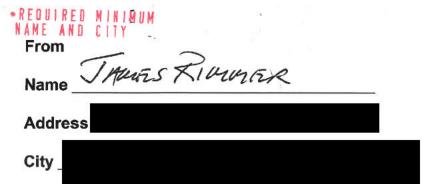
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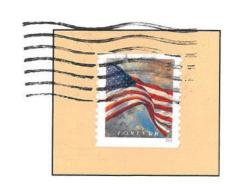
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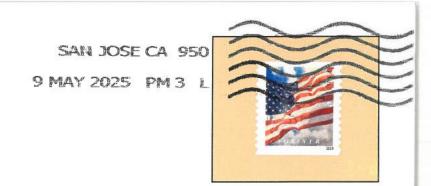
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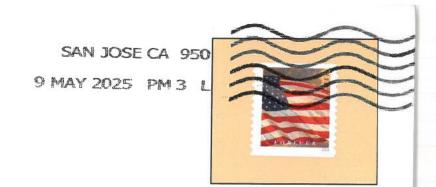
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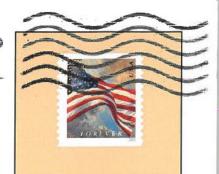
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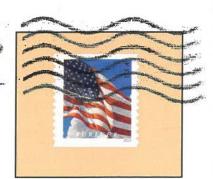
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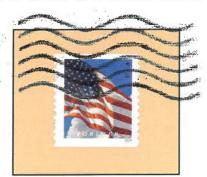
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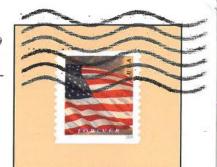
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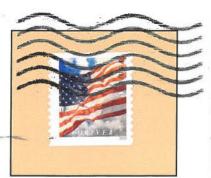
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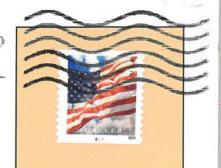
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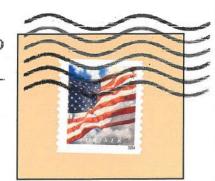
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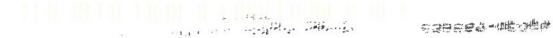
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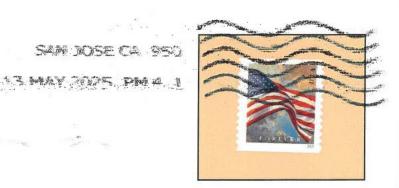
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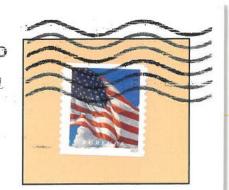
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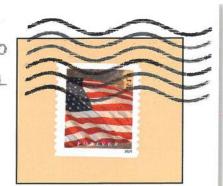
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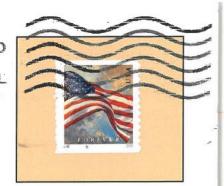
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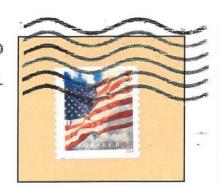
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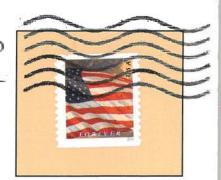
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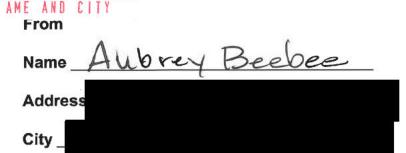
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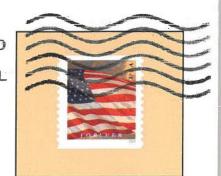
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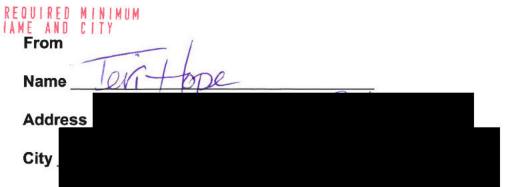
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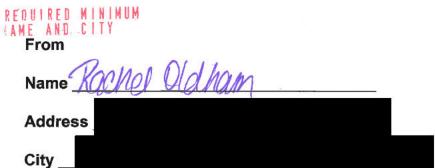




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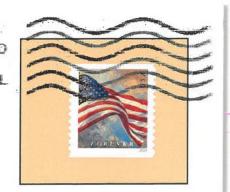
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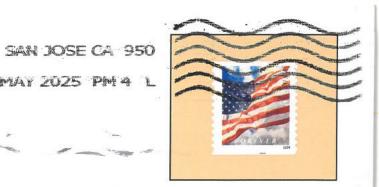
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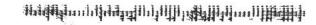
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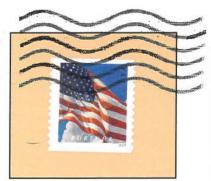
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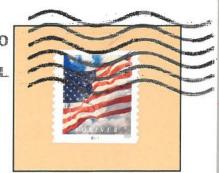
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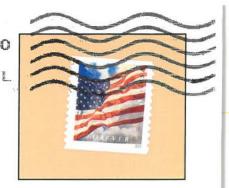
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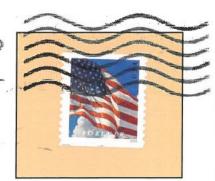
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May 14, 2025

Dear Los Gatos Town Council: The Honorable Mayor Hudes, Vice Mayor Moore, and Council Members Ristow, Badame, and Rennie

# NUMU is requesting Town investment \$150k investment for FY 25/26 and \$100k FY26/27

Since rebranding and relocating to the Los Gatos Civic Center, New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU) has experienced significant growth, thanks in part to the support of the Town of Los Gatos. We are grateful for our continued partnership. Today, the Museum serves as a vibrant hub for art and history in the Bay Area, welcoming nearly 7,000 visitors annually, hosting 12 rotating exhibitions, a suite of dynamic programming, and stewarding and presenting a permanent art and history collection.

NUMU has received recognition and funding from County, State, and Federal agencies; as well as, individual donations and private foundations. However, in April 2025, the Institute of Museum and Library Services unexpectedly terminated two grants, leaving \$135,000 in anticipated funding unfulfilled.

Now more than ever, NUMU must rely on the support of our community. We are planning a series of fundraising initiatives; in addition, we are requesting continued support from the Town to help us move forward. This proposal will fund programs and exhibitions that attract visitors who contribute to the local economy by dining, shopping, and sharing their experiences in Los Gatos. It will also ensure the stewardship and engagement of the art and artifacts in NUMU's Permanent Los Gatos History Collection and introduce programs designed to engage and serve local seniors. These activities which greatly align with the Town's Strategic Priorities.

Specifically, we are seeking funding for:

- The Los Gatos History Project, covering the period from June 30, 2025, to July 1, 2027 (\$100k)
- Capital improvements related to the recent Tenant Improvement Project (\$50k)

Your support will help sustain a vital cultural asset that enriches our community and boosts local vitality.

In partnership,

Kimberly Snyder, NUMU Executive Director Julie Micallef, NUMU Board President Jan Schwartz, NUMU Vice President

#### Overview

This proposal aligns with the Towns 2025-2027 Strategic Priorities significantly enhancing Community Character and Civic Engagement both enhancing the quality of life in Los Gatos.

- Goal: Community Character
  - o Foster the economic vitality of businesses in Town.
  - o Preserve the Town's small-town charm
- Goal: Civic Engagement
  - Ensure all residents and visitors feel a sense of belonging in Los Gatos, maintaining and enhancing the Town as a welcoming, family-oriented, safe, and inclusive community.
  - Continue to engage community service providers to meet the needs of older adults.

# Request #1:

\$50k Restore facility functionality due to impact of "Tenant Improvement Project"

#### **Background:**

In October 2024, the Town reconfigured the museum's and Town HR offices, resulting in a loss of 180 sq. ft. of NUMU office space. Although construction was expected to last six weeks, it extended from November 2024 through April 30, 2025. This disruption strained staff resources and temporarily shifted focus away from fundraising, while also leading to inefficient use of space.

#### Overview:

The museum has temporarily relocated its offices into the NUMU Studio which is revenue generating space, where NUMU hosts rentals and a variety of workshops. After meeting with a professional space designer who provided the following feedback: "the "original" plan was a clean square space that was efficient, and in the "remodel" plan the space is truncated that is far less efficient. The "potential" plan takes space from <u>our</u> current studio to get back to a more usable space. Equal square footage does not equate to equal space efficiency. With slight underspending in the Town's "Tenant Improvement Project" budget, we respectfully request a portion be allocated to adjust the wall between the office and studio to restore both spaces to full functionality.

Restore Functionality of NUMU facility: Build wall dividing NUMU Office & Studio est. \$50k



## Request #2:

Provide \$100k per year over the next 2 years (\$200k) in matching funds for the Los Gatos History Project for programming, exhibitions and collections stewardship.

## **Background:**

In March 2024, New Museum Los Gatos requested \$300k over three years in support of the Los Gatos History Project. The town granted the initial \$100k request for FY 24/25. The museum is back for a continuation of the request. \$100k FY25/26 and \$100k FY26/27.

#### Overview:

The Los Gatos History Project makes our permanent art and history collection accessible in-person and through an online database. This project invites the community to experience the under told stories of our town's local history through programs and rotating exhibitions. Our professional museum staff is uniquely qualified in delivering exhibitions and programs, collections care and display. The museum has actively secured funds since 2019 to help fund this project. The museum also submitted a grant to the 2025 IMLS Proposals to support our paper ephemera estimated at 10,000 items; however, the outlook of federal funding looks grim. Now more than ever it is important that the town invest in our shared history. We are asking the Town to participate in preserving and presenting its history.

#### **Funding to date**

- The County of Santa Clara Historic Grant Program (2019-2022) invested **\$260k** in initial funding.
- Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant of \$190k (matching grant over 3 years 2022-2025) to continue our work stewarding the Town's history– this grant requires a 1:1 match terminated \$45k outstanding
- Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant of \$120k (matching grant over two years 2024-2026) with the Muwekma Ohlone Exhibition and San Jose State University. this grant requires a 1:1 match terminated \$90k outstanding
- Since 2021 NUMU has raised an additional \$125k to continue this work over the next three years
- NUMU has committed an additional \$120k over the next two years to support the Los Gatos History Project.

#### **Pending**

• Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant of \$228k (matching grant over three years 2025-2028 - award notification Aug. 2025



## **Town's Strategic Priority Alignment**

- Aligns with the town's strategic priority to Preserve the "Town's small-town charm"
  - By supporting the preservation and presentation of historical items through the Los Gatos history project we help preserve and share the vibrant history of Los Gatos.
- Produce history related exhibitions and programs sharing untold histories of Los Gatos and the surrounding areas that support the Strategic Priority to "Ensure all residents and visitors feel a sense of belonging in Los Gatos, maintaining and enhancing the Town as a welcoming, family-oriented, safe, and inclusive community" and "Continue to engage community service providers to meet the needs of older adults."

# **Upcoming Exhibitions:**

- The Los Gatos History Project (Refresh with new artifacts & stories 2025): exploring untold stories: rotating exhibits highlighting and displaying the wide range of artifacts from the Permanent Collection.
- Revitalization: Culture, Heritage and Traditions of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe (opening 2026), funds will be used for exhibition development, supplies and materials. Accessible Programs
- Los Gatos History of the 1960s
- The Boys: Frank Ingerson and George Dennison (2026-) NUMU has the most comprehensive collection representing the lives of these prolific artists and life partners and their home, Cathedral Oaks, a mountain destination for creatives in mid-20th-century Los Gatos.
- Accessible Programs
  - Monthly Free Public Art & History Tours on Free First Sundays.
  - Private Tours for local senior groups.
  - Monthly e-newsletters and social media posts
  - Collection Lab: Lectures & talks with scholars, subject matter experts and local community partners. Examples include:
    - Billy Jones Railroad
    - How to archive your family's collection (catalogit)
    - Caring for your collection
    - Lectures with local historians
    - History Still Life Drawing Workshops
  - Footbridge Aspiring Artist Mural Program: NUMU provides a 3 week camp for ages 8-12 to create a mural to be placed on the footbridge celebrating life in Los Gatos. Students learn about Los Gatos history and art basics.
  - Presenting at statewide conferences bringing attention and visibility to the important work achieved in Los Gatos.

# **Overview: The Permanent Art & History Collection**

NUMU collected works of art and historical artifacts that engage and expand interest in the globally relevant arts and histories of the Bay Area with a special focus on Los Gatos. NUMU has been a collecting museum since its inception as the Los Gatos Museum in 1965. Like most museums, we collect objects and materials of cultural and historical importance, preserve, research and present them to the public for the purpose of education and enjoyment. NUMU's Permanent Collection consists of objects, archives, and artwork tied to the history of Los Gatos and the surrounding communities.

#### **Recent Donations to the Collection**

- 17 new ceramic tiles related to Frank Ingerson + George Dennison ("The Boys"),
- Costumes, costume renderings, and memorabilia from Marcia Frederick, the resident costume designer for the California Actors Theater (CAT) at the Old Town Theatre,
- High school cheerleading uniforms and assorted memories from LGHS that belonged to Stacy
  (Hawes) Melle, who went on to become the Vice President of Marketing at NBC-Universal,
  and who was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis and received a double lung transplant. Her
  husband, Kelly Melle, donated the items in her memory.
- To date the museum has digitized over **3,463 artifacts** in our permanent collection. This funding would ensure that we can digitize our entire collection which far exceeds our original estimate. We now estimate the entire collection including art, artifacts and ephemera at 14,000.
  - (View the database: <a href="https://hub.catalogit.app/4267">https://hub.catalogit.app/4267</a>)





The following goal and policies address libraries in Los Gatos.

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Provide a library facility that will accommodate library services to meet the educational and informational needs of the community.

#### PFS-24.1 Access to Library Services

Ensure that all residents have access to Library services, including electronic resources, technology resources, and a range of operating hours.

#### PFS-24.2 Maintain Relevance of Library

Maintain the Library as an important activity center within the community.

# 6.12 Town Arts

The Town of Los Gatos has a rich history as a center of arts and literature and the home to both historical and contemporary artists of renown. And today, Los Gatos maintains a thriving arts community that is invaluable to people of all ages in the Town. The Town has committed to protecting and promoting its cultural resources, including theaters, museums, art galleries, and public art. The Town also strives to further attract and encourage performing arts in Los Gatos, including live theater, music, and dance, as well as the literary arts, including author events and poetry.

Los Gatos's Arts and Culture Commission is actively involved in promoting cultural events and public art displays in the Town. The Arts and Culture Commission is an advisory group to the Town Council and works to encourage the development of music, drama, art, and other cultural and creative activities. One of the seven members of the Arts and Culture Commission is a Youth Commissioner, appointed by the Youth Commission.

The Town supports a wide variety of cultural experiences including the Music in the Park Summer Concert Series, the annual July Fourth musical celebration, and public art in the Council Chambers and throughout the community. Music in the Park is a free summer concert series held Sunday afternoons on the Civic Center Lawn which has been running since 1988. Arts in the Council Chambers displays exhibits throughout the year. The Forbes Mill Footbridge children's murals span Highway 17 and link Forbes Mill to Old Town. The Banner Project incorporates public art in Downtown banners. The Utility Box program covers local utility boxes with artwork created by Town residents. Many of these efforts are supported or led by the Arts and Culture Commission.

Los Gatos has a museum – the New Museum of Los Gatos (NUMU). NUMU has been a key cultural element of the Town since its founding in 1965, contributing to the unique character of Los Gatos. The Museum's stated mission is to engage the community at the intersection of art, history, and education through innovative, locally connected, and globally relevant exhibits, programs, and experiences. NUMU actively partners with many community organizations and Town departments and government leaders to make programs accessible and responsive to the community. The Museum is the custodian of an extensive art and history collection and works with the Los Gatos Library and other resources to enrich an understanding of our cultural heritage.

The following goal and policies address the arts in Los Gatos.

PFS-25

Enrich the Town by making visual arts, the performing arts, literary arts, and other cultural amenities more accessible to the Town's residents.

#### PFS-25.1 Incorporation of Art-Related Uses

Encourage and maintain art-related uses (theaters, museums, and art galleries) in new and remodeled retail development.

#### PFS-25.2 Support and Maintain Arts Programs

Continue to support and maintain community-based, musical, and other arts programs in an effort to collect, archive, and share the stories and histories of Los Gatos residents through a variety of platforms and voices.

# PFS-25.3 Performing Arts Facilities

Encourage new or expanded public and private facilities to host performing arts events.

#### PFS-25.4 Encourage Private and Public Funding for the Arts

Encourage private and public funding, development, and operation of cultural amenities, activities, and centers.

#### PFS-25.5 Facilitate Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration

Encourage all local arts groups and artists to collaborate and partner across disciplines, media, and venues for a richer and more diverse cultural experience.

#### PFS-25.6 Expand and Deepen Partnerships

Retain art-related uses, with the objective of retaining the museum and art organizations in Town.

#### PFS-25.7 NUMU and the Visual Arts

Continue to support the growth of NUMU, its visual arts program, local history and education programming, and the stewardship of its Art and History Collections for service to and benefit of, visitors and participants of all ages.

# 6.13 Healthy Community

A healthy community promotes a positive physical, social, and economic environment that supports the overall well-being of its residents. While other parts of the General Plan also touch on aspects of health and quality of life, the purpose of section is to promote a healthy lifestyle and improve residents' quality of life.



Outdoor activity is also part of a healthier community. Bicycle and pedestrian options are covered in Section 5.2 (Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities) in the Mobility Element and in Section 6.2 (Parks and Recreation) in the Open Space, Parks, and Recreation Element.

The following goal and policies address health in Los Gatos.

PFS-26	Ensure all residents have access to healthy foods, including plant-based options.
PFS-26.1	Healthy Food Options Encourage farmer's markets and healthier food options within neighborhoods or near child-oriented uses (e.g., schools, day care, and parks).
PFS-26.2	Limit Concentrations of Alcohol and Tobacco Establish zoning code requirements to guide locations and restrict concentrations of businesses selling alcohol and tobacco near sensitive land uses.
PFS-26.3	Healthier Diet Options Support programs that guide healthier diet and plant-based eating options within the community.



# 10 Reasons to Support the Arts in Santa Clara County

The arts are fundamental to our humanity. They ennoble and inspire us—fostering creativity, empathy, and beauty. The arts also strengthen our communities socially, educationally, and economically—benefits that persist even during a pandemic that has been devastating to the arts. The following 10 reasons show why an investment in artists, creative workers, and arts organizations is vital to the nation's post-pandemic healing and recovery.

- 1. <u>Arts unify communities</u>. 72% of Americans believe "the arts unify our communities regardless of age, race, and ethnicity" and 73% agree that the arts "helps me understand other cultures better"—a perspective observed across all demographic and economic categories.
- 2. Arts improve individual well-being. 81% of the population says the arts are a "positive experience in a troubled world," 69% of the population believe the arts "lift me up beyond everyday experiences," and 73% feel the arts give them "pure pleasure to experience and participate in."
- 3. Arts strengthen the economy. The nation's arts and culture sector—nonprofit, commercial, education—is a \$1.02 trillion industry that supports 4.9 million jobs (2021). That is 4.4% of the nation's economy—a larger share of GDP than powerhouse sectors such as transportation, construction, and agriculture. In California, arts and culture is a \$261.1 billion industry—7.7% of the state economy—and supports 742,432 jobs (bigger than transportation, construction, and agriculture). The arts accelerate economic recovery: a growth in arts employment has a positive and causal effect on overall employment. (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis). Santa Clara County's nonprofit arts industry alone generates \$384.5 million in economic activity annually—spending by organizations and their audiences—which supports 5,916 jobs and generates \$66.3 million in local, state, and federal government revenue. (2022)
- 4. Arts drive tourism and revenue to local businesses. Attendees at Santa Clara County's nonprofit arts and culture events spend an average of \$39.56 per person, per event, beyond the cost of admission on items such as meals, parking, and lodging—vital income for local businesses. 26% of attendees live outside of Santa Clara County; they average \$59.29 in event-related spending. Arts travelers are ideal tourists, staying longer and spending more to seek out authentic culture experiences.
- 5. Arts improve academic performance. Students engaged in arts learning have higher GPAs, standardized test scores, and college-going rates as well as lower drop-out rates. These academic benefits are reaped by students across all socio-economic strata. Yet the Department of Education reports that access to arts education for students of color is significantly lower than for their white peers. 91% of Americans believe that arts are part of a well-rounded K-12 education.
- 6. <u>Arts spark creativity and innovation</u>. Creativity is among the top five applied skills sought by business leaders—per the Conference Board's Ready to Innovate report—with 72% saying creativity is of "high importance" when hiring. Research on creativity shows that Nobel laureates in the sciences are 17 times more likely to be actively engaged as an arts maker than other scientists.
- 7. Arts have social impact. University of Pennsylvania researchers have demonstrated that a high concentration of the arts in a city leads to higher civic engagement, more social cohesion, higher child welfare, and lower poverty rates.
- 8. <u>Arts improve healthcare.</u> Nearly one-half of the nation's healthcare institutions provide arts programming for patients, families, and even staff. 78% deliver these programs because of their healing benefits to patients—shorter hospital stays, better pain management, and less medication.



- 9. Arts for the health and well-being of our military. The arts heal the mental, physical, and moral injuries of war for military servicemembers and Veterans, who rank the creative arts therapies in the top four (out of 40) interventions and treatments. Across the military continuum, the arts promote resilience during pre-deployment, deployment, and the reintegration of military servicemembers, Veterans, their families, and caregivers into communities.
- 10. <u>Arts Strengthen Mental Health</u>. The arts are an effective resource in reducing depression and anxiety and increasing life satisfaction. Just 30 minutes of active arts activities daily can combat the ill effects of isolation and loneliness associated with COVID-19.

From: <u>Prasad Shamain</u>

To: <u>Clerk</u>

Subject: May 20 Public Council Hearing; Public Comment Item No. "2025-26 Town Budget"

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# [EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Clerk,

Please include the following comments in the Addendum for the May 20 Public Hearing concerning the 2025-26 Town Budget.

To the Town council members,

I am writing to comment on the petition about the Hilo eucalyptus grove. We have fond memories of walking to Blossom hill park from our home through the fragrant shady eucalyptus grove with our young kids over the last 12 years. However, we do understand the fire hazard concern raised by neighbors residing in the immediate vicinity of this beautiful grove. Therefore, we want to support their petition to have PGE replace the trees in the grove, provided the replacement trees are fire-safe, mature, fast growing, tall &, preferably, fragrant. Regards,

Prasad Shamain,