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Dear Councilmembers

I'd like to submit my comments for Snohomish County Council, Public Hearing, Wednesday, September 21, 2022 10:30 AM

RE: Item 1. Ordinance 22-031, relating to funding the County Arts Program, setting maximum dollar amount for projects to be subject to 1% contribution to arts fund; amending Chapter 2.95 Snohomish County Code

I support amending the ordinance to eliminate maximum dollar amount for projects.

Please see my detailed comments in pdf file attached.

Thank you, Fred Wong

September 20, 2022

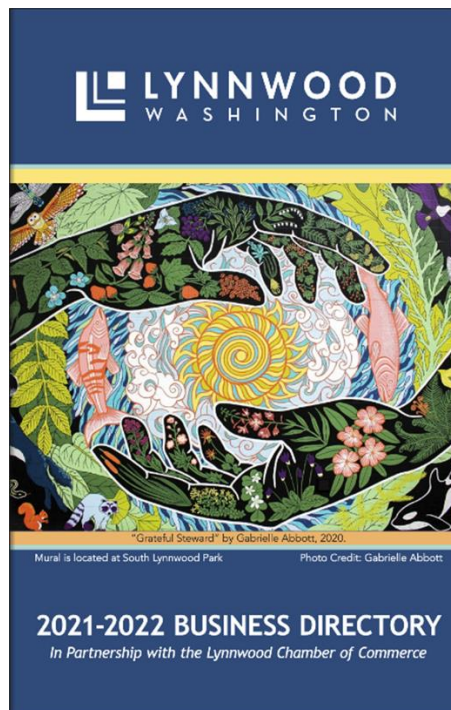
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Dear County Council members,

I'm writing to support the ordinance change to eliminate maximum dollar amount for projects.

As a longtime resident of Snohomish County and an arts professional working in Snohomish County, I have witnessed the importance of the arts. And when the arts are absent, the vibrancy of a community diminishes greatly. Arts and creativity have an outsized influence in placemaking, in serving as the symbols of a community, their values, aspirations, and playing a part to reach diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Witness the City of Lynnwood and the outsized influence of the arts. In the past 2 years, the Lynnwood Chamber of Commerce has chosen to use photos of public art projects for their business directories.



The Lynnwood public art wraps of traffic signal boxes, since 2016 to the present, have garnered positive local, regional, and even national news coverage. And the delight of community members.



I also want to commend the work that the Snohomish County Arts Commission and staff are doing. They are hosting monthly Cultural Arts Network meetings, an arts roundtable. They are going above and beyond to serve as a hub for community, for connection, and for information.

Thank you for listening,

Handwritten signature of Fred Wong in blue ink.

Fred Wong
Resident and arts professional

Photo captions:

LOVE Lynnwood sculpture, "Love Your New Neighbor" by BK Choi
South Lynnwood Park Mural, "Grateful Steward" by Gabrielle Abbott
Signal Box Art, "Thank you to Essential Workers"
Signal Box Art, "ALL Are Welcome"
Signal Box Art, "Big Hair & Blue Eye Shadow"