

1 [Supporting the Arts in California State Assembly Bill AB 2728]

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**Resolution supporting the Arts in California State Assembly Bill AB 2728 to fully fund the California Arts Council.**

WHEREAS, California can claim more arts-related businesses and more people employed in the creative industries than any other state. January 2007 "Creative Industries Study" compiled by the Americans for the Arts found that creative industry businesses provide the essential fuel that drives the information economy, and California, as home to 86,534 arts-related businesses, institutions, and organizations that employ 426,222 people, ranks first in the nation with more firms within this economic sector than any other state; and

WHEREAS, The state's nonprofit arts organizations currently generate nearly \$300 million in state and local taxes; and

WHEREAS, According to the California Arts Council's April 2004 report titled "The Arts: A Competitive Advantage for California," California's nonprofit arts organizations attract an audience of 71.2 million annually and generate a \$5.4 billion impact on California's economy, including the creation of 66,300 full-time and 95,100 part-time jobs; and

WHEREAS, According the National Governors Association, Center for Best Practices report titled "Strengthening Rural Economies through the Arts," arts-based economies and communities with significant arts activities are important to states for two primary reasons: the arts stimulate economic growth and job creation and improve the quality of life; and

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1           WHEREAS, Nonprofit arts organizations contribute to California's ranking as the  
2 most visited state in the nation and are a primary reason for visiting California for six million of  
3 the state's 44 million annual out-of-state tourists; and

4           WHEREAS, A 2002 book entitled The Rise of the Creative Class, by  
5 Richard Florida concludes that today's economy is shifting from an  
6 information economy to an economy powered by human creativity with; and

7           WHEREAS, California, the world's eighth largest economy, has been dead last  
8 among the 50 states in per capita state investment in the arts and culture since 2003; and

9           WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco understands the importance of  
10 the arts in terms of economic prosperity, cultural equity, social cohesion and enhancing the  
11 quality of life for all its residents; and

12           WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco supports the nonprofit arts  
13 community and individual artists in a variety of ways, including Grants for the Arts/Hotel Tax  
14 Fund, the San Francisco Arts Commission and its Cultural Equity Grants, and other programs  
15 totaling more than \$40 million each year, a greater investment per capita than any other city  
16 in the nation; now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco supports full funding for the  
18 California Arts Council, at a level that would bring state investment in the nonprofit arts to at  
19 least the national median of \$1.00 per person; and, be it

20           FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco supports current  
21 legislation being considered in Sacramento, Assembly Bill 2728 (Karnette), that would direct  
22 20% of sales and use tax on works of art and similar items to the California Arts Council to  
23 enhance the agency's grant programs in communities throughout the state, and which  
24 includes certain triggers related to the state's fiscal stability; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco urge the California State Legislature and the Governor to pass and enact said legislation in this legislative session.



City and County of San Francisco

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April 22, 2008 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell,  
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval  
Excused: 1 - McGoldrick

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 22, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

4-30-08

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom