



#19 public comment  
26-0723

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**Public Comment item #19 26-0723 Budget funding for Arts**

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**From** Lexi Boeger <lexi@ouregg.org>

**Date** Thu 4/23/2026 2:45 PM

**To** BOS-Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>; BOS-District V <bosfive@edcgov.us>; BOS-District I <bosone@edcgov.us>; BOS-District II <bostwo@edcgov.us>; BOS-District IV <bosfour@edcgov.us>; BOS-District III <bosthree@edcgov.us>; Brian K. Veerkamp <Brian.Veerkamp@edcgov.us>; George Turnboo <George.Turnboo@edcgov.us>; Brooke Laine <Brooke.Laine@edcgov.us>; Greg P. Ferrero <Greg.Ferrero@edcgov.us>; Lori Parlin <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>

**Cc** Lauren Hernandez <lauren@ouregg.org>

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Good afternoon Clerk of the Board and honorable Supervisors,  
Please see the attached public comment for item #19, 26-0723 being heard on Tuesday, April 28th. With optimism and support, we encourage the consideration of funding for arts and culture activities within the county. The return on investment for our local economy and quality of life is measurable and impactful.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Best,

Lexi Boeger

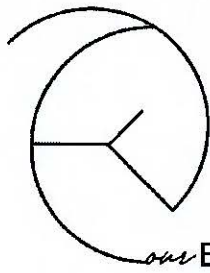
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**Lexi Boeger**

Co-founder [Our EGG](#)

Economic Generator and Germination for El Dorado

People-Powered and Rurally Rooted



# EL DORADO ECONOMIC Generator & Germination

**Dear Honorable El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,**

On behalf of Our EGG (El Dorado Economic Generator & Germination Fund), we are submitting the following briefing regarding the role of arts and culture as a primary driver of El Dorado County's economic resilience. As an organization dedicated to regional economic development, we view the creative economy not as a luxury, but as a mechanical engine for local prosperity.

## **The Economic Engine of Creativity**

Arts and culture are fundamental to the "Working Lands" and tourism sectors that define our county. Our local industries—ranging from the vineyards of the Fair Play Wine Region to our world-renowned river recreation in the Coloma-Lotus valley, to the historic storefronts of our Main Streets—rely on creative professionals to remain competitive. Designers, marketers, writers, and artists are the architects of the brand experiences that draw visitors to Apple Hill, the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, and the Lake Tahoe basin.

Recent data from the *2025 Gold Country Regional Strategic Tourism Plan* underscores this impact:

- **Sector Growth:** Direct travel-generated earnings in the arts, entertainment, and recreation sectors grew by **26.6%** in 2023, totaling **\$650 million** region-wide.
- **Employment:** The travel industry, which is heavily supported by creative professionals like chefs, musicians, designers and social media managers, provided **54,270 jobs** and saw a **6.2%** increase in employment last year.
- **Fiscal Contribution:** Travel spending generated **\$456 million** in tax receipts, with **\$205 million** going directly to local taxes.

## **Preserving Our Competitive Identity**

Cultural tourism accounts for approximately **40% of global tourism revenue**, and El Dorado County is uniquely positioned to capture this market through our rich Gold Rush history and historic preservation efforts. The strategic plan identifies history and culture as the third-highest ratio of regional and national demand drivers, yet notes that these assets are currently under-leveraged due to limited marketing resources.

Investment in our local arts and culture organizations ensures that destination areas like the El Dorado Hills Town Center and our historic small towns can effectively distribute visitor pressure, reducing congestion while increasing overnight stays and local spending.

We respectfully urge the Board to prioritize arts and culture funding as a strategic economic investment. By supporting the professionals who elevate our brand, we ensure that El Dorado County remains a vibrant, relevant, and thriving destination for residents and visitors alike.

*Sincerely,*  
Lexi Boeger and Lauren Hernandez  
Co-Founders, Our EGG

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#19 26-0723

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Written public comment for April 28, Agenda Item 19 26-0723

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From Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>

Date Thu 4/23/2026 2:51 PM

To BOS-Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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To the Clerk of the Board,

Attached please find written public comment from Arts and Culture El Dorado as relates to the meeting agenda for April 28, 2026, item 19, Legistar number 26-0723.

Thank you for your assistance.

Terry

Terry LeMoncheck (she/her)

Executive Director

Arts and Culture El Dorado

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Occupying the indigenous lands of the Nisenan and Miwok people



April 23, 2026

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Supervisors,

Following you will find comments from across El Dorado County, from supporters of culture and art, from folks who care about economic vitality and quality of life, from those who value community dialogue and civic pride, from parents and educators, veterans, artists, business owners, young people, working people and retired people. Your constituents.

Please take time to read them and hear their voices. Each one is asking you to reinstate funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado, the County's cultural organization. We respectfully request funding for 2026-27 in the amount of \$37,500, half of our 2025 allocation, and a fraction of previous County support.

If you grant this request, you will allow El Dorado County to rejoin all the counties across the State of California that value arts, culture, and creativity. This is a powerful statement. It tells residents, visitors, and funding decision-makers who we are and how we want to be. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Terry LeMoncheck  
Executive Director

**From:** [Brenda Quintana](#)  
**To:** ["edc.cob@edcgov.us"](mailto:edc.cob@edcgov.us)  
**Subject:** Reinstate funding request - Arts & Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026 2:16:10 PM

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Dear Chair Laine and Board members,

On behalf of Arts and Culture El Dorado and a Placerville resident I respectfully urge you to reinstate County funding for our organization in the upcoming budget.

As Board Chair, I have seen firsthand the impact that Arts and Culture El Dorado has across our community—and the challenges we have faced since County funding was eliminated last year. Despite significant reductions to programs, staffing, and services, we have remained committed to serving El Dorado County with the same dedication and purpose that has defined our work for decades.

County support for arts councils is not unique to El Dorado—it is standard practice across California. Counties throughout the state recognize that investing in arts and culture is an investment in community vitality, economic development, and quality of life. Restoring this funding would bring El Dorado County back in line with that shared understanding and commitment.

The arts are not only culturally enriching—they are also economically impactful. Arts and Culture El Dorado helps drive local economic activity by supporting artists, activating public spaces, attracting visitors, and contributing to the vibrancy of our local economy. These efforts benefit small businesses, tourism, and the broader economic health of our region.

Equally important, County funding serves as a critical foundation that allows us to leverage additional support. Public investment signals credibility and stability, enabling us to secure state, federal, and private grant funding that multiplies the County's contribution many times over. Without that base level of support, those opportunities become significantly more difficult to access.

Our programs reach deeply into the community—serving veterans, young people, families, local artists, and arts organizations. From educational programming and youth engagement to cultural preservation and community events, our work ensures that the arts remain accessible and inclusive for all residents of El Dorado County.

On a personal level, I have witnessed how the arts enrich lives—bringing people together, fostering creativity, and creating opportunities for expression and connection. These experiences are not abstract; they are real and meaningful for individuals and families throughout our County.

We are requesting a modest investment of \$37,500—a small fraction of the County's budget, and significantly less than prior allocations. Yet the return on that investment is substantial, both in measurable economic impact and in the strength and vibrancy of our community.

I respectfully ask for your consideration in reinstating funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado. Your support will ensure that arts and culture continue to thrive as an essential part of life in our County.

Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your service to the residents of El Dorado County.

Sincerely,

**Brenda Quintana**

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**TOM CUMPSTON**  
**2601 MORRENE DRIVE**  
**PLACERVILLE, CA 95667**

Brooke Laine, Chair and  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: ACED Funding Request

Dear Chair Laine and Boardmembers:

Budget deliberations always involve difficult decisions and trade-offs to maintain fiscal discipline. Last year, the Board found it necessary to suspend its longtime funding support for Arts and Culture El Dorado (ACED). I urge the Board to reconsider that decision in its upcoming Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget.

ACED is requesting an appropriation of \$37,500 – half of the County’s support just two years ago. With last year’s County budget coming in at \$1.11 billion, the request amounts to approximately **three one-thousandths of one percent of the total budget**. Put another way, ACED’s **annual** request represents just over **one percent of one day of County spending**.

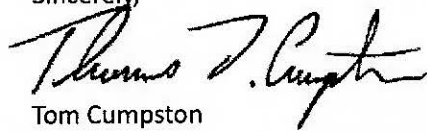
When I was El Dorado Irrigation District’s General Counsel, my General Manager would refer to percentages of this magnitude as “decimal dust.” Surely, your Board and County staff can find a way to provide that minuscule level of support to help sustain the incalculable, vital benefits ACED provides to this community.

Many of us enjoy the free, public art and history exhibitions that ACED provides at the Switchboard Gallery on Placerville’s Main Street. In addition, ACED acts as a clearinghouse and megaphone for information about artistic and cultural happenings year-round, throughout the county, and as an

incubator and fiscal sponsor of numerous organizations and endeavors that enrich and elevate our day-to-day lives.

The making and appreciation of art are not frills, or “nice to haves” – they are fundamental to our humanity and our strength as a community. ACED deserves renewal of the County support it has long relied upon to carry out its mission. If there is a will, there is certainly a way to provide that support in the upcoming County budget. Please see that it happens.

Sincerely,

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Tom Cumpston

**From:** [Pat McCann](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Continued Funding of Arts and Culture El Dorado – Especially Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop  
**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2026 3:06:08 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in strong support of restoring funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado, particularly to ensure the continuation of the Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop.

This workshop has become an important venue for many other veterans and me. It provides a space for camaraderie, where we can connect through shared experiences. More than that, it gives us a meaningful way to use the art of writing for personal expression and as a powerful therapeutic tool to process our stories and emotions.

Programs like Veterans' Voices make a real difference in our community by supporting veterans, fostering creativity, and contributing to the overall cultural and economic health of El Dorado County. I respectfully urge you to reinstate the modest funding requested so these valuable services can continue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Patrick McCann

**From:** [Victoria Kennedy](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Letter of Support for Visual and Performing Arts  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026 9:42:31 PM

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Greetings:

Please restore and continue financial support for Arts and Culture El Dorado.

Arts and Culture El Dorado provides many services to families, artists, art organizations, veterans, and the general public.

The local economy of El Dorado County depends on and thrives because of the wonderful events of the Arts Council. Arts Councils all over the state of California receive funding from their County governments.

Art gives meaning to our lives and helps us understand our world. Art opens our minds to new ideas and experiences.

To support the Arts is a sign of intellectual and emotional health and well being.

Art helps cultures unite and communicate in a unique way. We all experience art, music, dance, and theatre in many different ways. Our daily lives are blessed and inspired by the Arts. As a former Art teacher I have seen the importance of the creative process for all ages. Our society and our village is happier, stronger, healthier, wiser, and more loving when we promote the Arts for all.

Please restore and continue financial support for Arts and Culture El Dorado.

Visual and performing artists are waiting for the chance to show us their talents.

Visitors to El Dorado County are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to take part in planned events by Arts and Culture El Dorado. This is a "WIN WIN" situation by supporting our local economy, supporting the Arts and Artists, and providing a variety of memorable cultural events.

Thank you,  
Victoria Kennedy

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"The joy is in the journey."

**From:** [Chrissie Addison](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 7, 2026 4:17:59 PM

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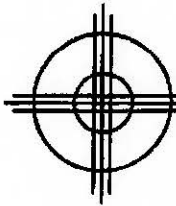
Dear Board of Supervisors,

*We must continue to provide funding for Arts and Culture. Please join other California counties in sharing appropriate funding with arts programs, albeit very minimal, to sustain this important vein of civilization.*

When Winston Churchill was asked to cut arts funding to support the war effort, he replied: "Then what are we fighting for?"

In Gratitude,  
Christine E. Addison  
Roger M. Filippelli

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# art on center

Center for Native, Latino & Indigenous Arts

Dear Members of the County Board of Supervisors,

We, the Board of Art on Center- Center for Native, Latino and Indigenous Arts in Placerville, are writing to express our support for restoring funding to Arts and Culture El Dorado (ACED). ACED is a vital resource in our community, providing essential support for cultural arts that serve as an essential component of access and wellbeing for residents across the region.

The presence of a strong cultural arts sector is not a luxury—it is a necessity. Access to arts and culture fosters community connection, supports education, and provides opportunities for creativity and inclusion across all ages and backgrounds. ACED has consistently demonstrated its ability to meet these needs, particularly in underserved areas where access to arts programming might otherwise be limited.

Without adequate funding, the programs and services provided by ACED are at risk, which would have a lasting negative impact on the cultural fabric of our community. Restoring funding is an investment in the social, cultural, and economic health of El Dorado County.

We respectfully urge you to prioritize and restore funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado so that it can continue its important work supporting artists, organizations, and residents throughout the region. We at Art on Center believe that these programs are imperative to the well being of our communities because they offer opportunity for connections, expression, and provide spaces for culturally specific needs that is not offered in other places in our county. Access to the Arts is a crucial component of any thriving community. Restoring funding to Arts and Culture El Dorado supports the wellbeing of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
James Marquez

  
Melinda Velasco

  
Anita Saxton

  
Cristina Nunez

  
Penny Smart

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** FW: FW: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 3:08:58 PM

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**From:** Heather Beatty <moonshinejunkyard@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2026 9:48 AM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: FW: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

We are concerned residents of Placerville, business owners, and parents who cherish the arts. We recognize the way that artistic expression builds resilience, creativity, and confidence. Therefore, we implore you to show our county's support and value of the arts by resuming funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado so they may continue their vital work in our community.

Arts and Culture offers a platform at Switchboard Gallery for local artists who enrich our world with their contributions. Arts and Culture also consistently supports our local young people and students with inclusive exhibits and programs like Poetry Out Loud and the Young Artist Awards. And of course, Arts and Culture honors indigenous voices and expression across cultures, giving local residents a chance to learn and grow and appreciate the beauty of multicultural expressions at places like Art on Center.

This is the work that our world needs more of, not less! Attention to the arts creates vibrant communities with unifying threads that tie us together in a collective with a proud sense of home.

Our family particularly enjoyed the Sugar Skull Art walk and the Become the River literary festival last year. We are looking forward to so many more opportunities to enjoy the arts this year through the programs of Arts and Culture El Dorado. Please honor their value and the good work they are doing by reinstating funding and thereby showing the community that you care.

Warmly,

Heather Beatty and Darin Coelho Spring  
co-owners, the Bookery

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
**Subject:** Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2026 4:53:21 PM

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**From:** Nicki Bennett <[nickibstudio@gmail.com](mailto:nickibstudio@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026 8:17 AM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <[terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org](mailto:terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Reminder: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors-

I'm writing this from a place that is deeply personal to me. I was born in Placerville, went to El Dorado high school here, and now reside in District 3. This community has shaped who I am, and the arts have always been a meaningful part of that experience.

I grew up in an artist family that has been part of this county for more than four decades. Because of that, I have seen firsthand how important it is to have a strong, supported creative community. The arts are not just an added feature of where we live, they are part of our identity. They help tell our stories, bring people together, and create a sense of belonging that spans generations. As a little girl, I was surrounded by creativity and by people who believed in building something lasting through their work. That kind of environment leaves a lasting impact, and it is something I believe future generations deserve to experience as well.

More recently, I had the privilege of serving on the artist team for the Camino roundabout project. That project didn't just improve infrastructure, it transformed a public space into something that reflects the character and spirit of the community. It showed how art can elevate everyday spaces and strengthen the connection people feel to where they live.

This is why Arts and Culture El Dorado matters.

An arts and culture agency provides the support, advocacy, and structure that artists and community projects depend on. Without it, the cultural landscape risks losing momentum. With it, we create space for growth, creativity, and meaningful community investment. Reinstating ACED funding is not just about funding, it is about recognizing the essential role the arts play in our community's well being, our future, and the connected fabric of our society.

I believe deeply that this is something worth protecting and investing in. Thank you for

your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Nicki Bennett

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2026 4:50:31 PM

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in strong support of Arts & Culture El Dorado and the vital role it plays within our community. I am an artist residing in District 3 of El Dorado County, and through my own work and community involvement, I have seen firsthand the importance of having an arts organization of this caliber in our region.

Two programs I am especially passionate about are the youth and veterans art initiatives. These groups are often underserved, and the opportunities provided through these programs are not only meaningful for the participants, but also enrich our broader community through the creativity and perspective they bring.

I have also had the opportunity to work with Terry LeMoncheck on a recent public art project. Her energy, leadership, and dedication to the arts are truly exceptional. We are incredibly fortunate to have her guiding and elevating the arts and culture of El Dorado County.

I respectfully urge you to continue supporting and restore funding for Arts & Culture El Dorado in the upcoming budget. Investing in the arts is not only valuable, it is essential to the cultural vitality and identity of our community and economy. I would strongly encourage continued growth in this area.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Terrie Bennett

916-367-3662

April 15, 2026

Dear Board of Supervisors,

It is my understanding that the County funding was eliminated for programs in the arts and culture of El Dorado County.

I attend one of those programs, The Veterans Voices Writers Workshop. I have struggled most of my life with maintaining friendships and relationships. I am a disabled Vietnam veteran and a resident of El Dorado County for 47 years. I have volunteered my services to the Youth of El Dorado County for 30 of those years. Some as the President of El Dorado Youth Soccer League for 7 years and community sports for 23 years. After 30 years, I was unable to join any veteran's groups. It was not for me. I joined The Veterans Voices Writers Workshop to help express my frustrations in a positive way and help heal old wounds. My experience with this group of veterans has not only opened my life to healing but has introduced me to others with the same goals. This group has formed a camaraderie that I have not felt since my military service.

It has helped me in my daily life and has brought back my ability to make friends and accept people in my life again.

Can you please help to restore the much-needed funding for programs like this in El Dorado County. Programs like this help so many people. Our group is growing every month as word spreads as to how effective this type of program can help veterans and people like me.

Thank you in advance for your help to keep the funding for programs like The Veterans Voices Writers Workshop.

Respectfully,

Michael C. Bier

Vietnam veteran, U.S. Army



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Lexi Boeger  
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**SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ARTS AND CULTURE EL DORADO**

**4-13-26**

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you today as a lifelong member of our community, a creative professional, and a representative of a family that has been rooted in El Dorado County's agricultural landscape since 1972. I am writing to strongly urge the Board to restore funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado in the upcoming budget.

My family founded the first commercial winery in the county post-Prohibition, and we have always understood that "culture" in El Dorado County is a broad and beautiful tapestry. It isn't just found in galleries; it is found in our soil, our vineyards, our farms, and our Sierra Nevada foothills. Arts and Culture El Dorado understands this unique intersection. They recognize that our local producers—our winemakers and farmers—are as much a part of our cultural identity and "brand" as our painters and musicians.

Through my work with my economic development non-profit, Our EGG (El Dorado Economic Generator & Germination Fund), I see firsthand the challenges our county faces with annual revenue deficits. However, I also see that we cannot cut our way to prosperity. We must invest in the drivers of our economy. Arts and culture are not "extras"—they are essential components of economic development. They strengthen our community fabric, improve our collective wellbeing, and make this a place where people want to live, visit, and invest.

The request of \$37,500—a mere three-thousandths of one percent of the county budget—is a remarkably small investment for the outsized return it provides. This funding is a critical "seed" that allows Arts and Culture El Dorado to leverage additional outside grant money, bringing more resources directly into our local economy.

In a time of fiscal constraints, we must be strategic. Supporting the arts is a small but powerful investment toward a vibrant, resilient, and economically sound future. I ask you to support this funding and, by extension, the producers, artists, and creative professionals who make El Dorado County such a special place to call home.

With passion for our community,

*Lexi Boeger*  
Placerville, CA

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 3:13:04 PM

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**From:** Lester Brown <lesjbrown@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2026 11:17 AM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

To the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

My name is Les Brown. My wife, Alexis, and I reside in the Serrano development in El Dorado Hills. I write in support of restoring funding to Arts and Culture El Dorado in the amount of \$37,500 for the upcoming year. I have personally served on the Board, including as Chair, of Arts and Culture El Dorado and my wife and I are financial supporters of the organization. I have found Executive Director Terry LeMoncheck to be a vigorous and tireless advocate for all things Arts and Culture and providing funds to support the organization will be well spent. I know she will provide you with the many previous accomplishments of the organization, current activities and plans for the future. Thank you for your consideration. Les Brown

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 3:04:33 PM

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**From:** Dan Cattone <dcatrone@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2026 4:25 PM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

**Hi Terry,**

**I am writing to express my concern surrounding the lack of County funding for the Arts in El Dorado County.**

**As you know, Arts Councils throughout the state of California receive supportive funding from their counties. I am shocked that El Dorado County continues to send the message that the arts have no importance in our county!**

**Have been associated with Arts and Culture for many years as a Board member and President, I find it disconcerting that our arts organization must fight for funding when they provide so much value to our county.**

**I can personally attest to this value in having worked with Arts and Culture in cooperation with the El Dorado Community Foundation to establish the Young Artist award program, awarding young artists in our community for their continued education in the arts.**

**I have also been a big supporter of Poetry Out Loud and Veterans voices, both of which have touched the hearts and souls of young and old in our county.**

**I fully support Arts and Culture and their quest for building a Cultural District in Placerville which includes the restoration of two of our most precious historical buildings in downtown Placerville.**

**None of this works without the consistent, forecastable revenue so your organization can sustain and thrive for the benefit of all our constituents!**

**I wish you well in convincing the County that now is the time to restore and retain financial support for Arts and Culture moving forward.**

**Sincerely,**

**Dan Cattone**



Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

Just a little note to let you know that the funding of Arts & Culture El Dorado should be a priority for local governance. Arts and Culture El Dorado provides many important services to veterans, young people, families, artists and arts organizations, and the public at large. From the individual art exhibits to the Veterans Voice program to Poetry Out Loud this organization reaches throughout our county and the local area to give a safe welcoming environment for community art. Also note the public art endeavors of the organization.

We hope that the health of our souls and the quality of Life offer in our community are as important to this body as the tax revenues generated by local Art groups, businesses and organizations. Arts & Culture El Dorado is an important component of those venues and is a very treasured asset of El Dorado County.

County Arts Councils all over the state of California receive funding from their county governments and we in El Dorado expect no less of our county governance.

Please strongly commit to the local Arts Council.

Thank you for your time. I very much look forward to your positive response.

Brian Chapman

**From:** [terry=artsandcultureeldorado.org@mg.artsandcultureeldorado.org](mailto:terry=artsandcultureeldorado.org@mg.artsandcultureeldorado.org) on behalf of Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** Please continue  
**Date:** Saturday, April 11, 2026 11:54:06 AM

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Name: Pamela Crause

Email: [kaelyn95667@yahoo.com](mailto:kaelyn95667@yahoo.com)

Message:

Dear Terry,

I just heard that you may lose some of your valuable funding. I don't consider myself an artist, however, I value what others can do. It was so enlightening last February when you allowed our guild to show our crafts in an artistic setting. It was wonderful.

I think, having an art gallery so close to a high traffic area, and centrally located, is such a great idea. In addition to being convenient, it shows the traveler stopping by on the way to Lake Tahoe, there is more to Placerville than gold pans, antique stores, and pub food. We have Art here!

. Thank you so much for what you do. Sincerely, Pam Crause.

**From:** [terry=artsandcultureeldorado.org@mq.artsandcultureeldorado.org](mailto:terry=artsandcultureeldorado.org@mq.artsandcultureeldorado.org) on behalf of [Arts and Culture El Dorado](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** Arts  
**Date:** Sunday, April 12, 2026 8:27:32 AM

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Name: Susan Kerhoulas Davenport

Email: [skerhoulas@yahoo.com](mailto:skerhoulas@yahoo.com)

Message:

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please continue to fund the arts in El Dorado County as well as the Switchboard gallery.

Honouring the arts is as important as breathing. Creative expression allows free exploration of subjects, ideas, events and imagination. The ability to view and experience these creations ignites inspiration to those who feel "stuck" in their personal life or in relationships.

The arts are a critical part of individual life, a community, and nourishes growth.

Please reconsider funding. In fact, there needs to be more funding so that more people can experience their own hidden gifts.

Sincerely,

Susan Kerhoulas Davenport

916-705-1004

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry LeMoncheck)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry LeMoncheck)  
**Subject:** FW: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 3:11:57 PM

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**From:** Moe Mohanna <moe@mohannadevelopment.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2026 11:00 AM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Cc:** Reissy Danny <danny@westernmanagementcompany.com>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

Dear Terry,

Please accept this message as my strong support for restoring County funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado.

Arts and culture are an essential part of the quality of life in our county. They enrich our community, support local artists and organizations, create opportunities for young people and families, and more importantly contribute to the local economy.

County Arts Councils across California receive support from their County governments because arts funding is not just an expense — it is an investment in community well-being, education, tourism, and economic vitality. Funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado can also be leveraged to bring in additional grant money, multiplying the impact of the County's investment.

We've realized there are economic challenges facing our county. I respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to restore funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado as a money generating engine.

Thank you for your leadership in our county.

Sincerely,

Moe Mohanna

Mohanna Development

**From:** [Sharon Diehl](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors letter in support of Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026 2:36:32 PM

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El Dorado County Board Of Supervisors  
April 15, 2026

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of Arts and Culture El Dorado. I would like to see you reinstate funding for this valuable non-profit that benefits so many artistic groups and individuals in our county. Our local guild, the Hangtown Fibers Guild, was featured in their "Filaments" exhibit in April and May of 2025. Many of our fiber artists participated. We were all impressed with the professionalism and elegance of the displays which also tied into the agricultural and fiber processing history of our county.

Promoting the arts and varied aspects of our local history is educational for our children, the general population of our county and beyond. It also draws in interested tourists desirous of learning about El Dorado County's history and its artistic talent. Arts and Culture El Dorado, Terry LeMoncheck and staff are energetic, capable and fill an important roll in preserving, promoting and presenting our local arts and culture.

Please reconsider and reinstate funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado.

Thank you,

Sharon Diehl  
*President*  
*Hangtown Fibers Guild*  
[sharonmdiehl@gmail.com](mailto:sharonmdiehl@gmail.com)  
(530) 409-5960

**From:** Terry LeMoncheck  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck  
**Subject:** FW: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 3:06:41 PM

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**From:** Maureen <dionperry@att.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2026 5:03 PM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

Dear Board

I am writing you with concern that Arts and Culture El Dorado funding was eliminated. They are such an important part of our community providing respite from our daily work and important services to veterans and young people.

Imagine a community without the arts to nourish us?

I know that it is hard when the budget is tight but please restore funding to Arts and Culture El Dorado!!

Thanks for listening and restoring funding to Arts and Culture El Dorado.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Dion-Perry

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
**Subject:** BOS  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2026 4:54:33 PM

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**From:** Steve Ellenburg Fine Art <[steve@sellenburg.com](mailto:steve@sellenburg.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026 12:39 PM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <[terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org](mailto:terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Reminder -- need your note of support by this Thursday

Dear Supervisors,

While I understand budget constraints and limited funds, the Art and Culture of El Dorado County plays an important role in bringing our diverse and sometimes extreme community together. It creates a neutral environment that allows people to enjoy the arts and grow in a cohesive forum.

Without the ACED. We will not have this forum where these voices can be heard. It can have an effect on your council meetings in giving the community a place to focus. There are strong voices in preserving our gold country heritage as well as the voices of modern art. The council can benefit from assigning these discussions to the ACED and save council time while giving the diverse voices their time.

Please consider funding this organization to foster the art here in El Dorado thus giving a focal point to the diversity in our county

Thank you for listening

Steve Ellenburg

**From:** [Ferriman, Robert](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** ACED  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 7, 2026 7:39:43 PM

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The arts represent one of the key ingredients to any community wishing to thrive and attract tourists. It represents a conscious magnetism for many and even an unconscious draw to even more. In addition to fiscal advantages of attracting outsiders, it is a critical fiber to the people that call this area home. It provides so much to people that can't always be quantified but certainly can be qualified. If we look throughout this state and others, the arts are an essential element to the vibrancy of the community. Please keep Arts and Culture of El Dorado leading this charge by giving them the support they deserve.

Rob Ferriman  
Director  
Private Wealth Management  
Baird

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**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 3:01:48 PM

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**From:** roger Filippelli <rogersslate@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026 4:52 PM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

To Whom It May Concern: This community absolutely needs ongoing funding for Arts and Culture. Remember, this is still a small town and community with a beating heart. It is very crucial that we feed and nourish that heart through community activities and events. Arts and Culture is one of the main forces in nurturing the spirit and heart of our town. Funding the organization has such a very minimal cost for the amount of gain it provides through community efforts and activities to its citizens. Please fully fund this organization. Thank you for your consideration of this needed community resource. Roger Filippelli..A long time resident that appreciates our unique town and its rich culture.

**From:** Tom Fortune  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026 9:13:51 AM

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Hi Terry,

Here is a letter, feel free to make changes and edit as you see fit.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in my capacity as a board member of Arts and Culture El Dorado to respectfully request your continued financial support for our organization.

We recognize that the County faces many competing priorities and that budget decisions are never easy. However, the programs and services we provide play a vital role in the well-being and cohesion of our community. Arts and Culture El Dorado serves veterans, youth, families, artists, arts organizations, and the broader public - offering opportunities that enrich lives, foster connection, and strengthen our local identity. Without County support, it will be difficult to sustain these programs at a meaningful level.

Our current funding request is significantly lower than in previous years, and we would note that arts councils across California continue to receive funding support from their respective counties. Importantly, County investment in our organization delivers a measurable return - stimulating the local economy and helping us leverage additional grant funding that may not otherwise come into the region.

Our work is non-political and non-partisan. It is designed to serve all members of the community equally, bringing people together through shared cultural and historical experiences.

We respectfully ask that you join the other community partners who support our mission by approving funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado

Thank you for your consideration and continued service to our community.

*Tom Fortune*

Retired COO - Heavenly Mountain Resort  
Board Member - Arts and Culture El Dorado  
775-450-0988  
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**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 3:08:09 PM

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**From:** Taylor Graham <poetspiper@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2026 6:34 AM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

Here in El Dorado County we need the arts and culture, and we need to support them with funding. Arts and Culture El Dorado provides services to veterans, young people, families, artists and arts organizations, as well as the general public. Exhibitions and installations at Switchboard Gallery are an example. Art makes discoveries as it's created. Exposure to arts and culture promotes understanding of other peoples, thinking "out of the box," imagining what could be and making it tangible. It fosters self-expression and development. Arts and culture need and deserve funding.

April 13, 2026

To the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Let us support Arts & Culture El Dorado and the valuable programs it provides for our community. The identity of a community expresses its heart and is important for social cohesion, and economic vibrancy. The Arts in our county provide this by highlighting assets such as its gold rush history, outdoor recreation, apple hill, historic Placerville, our wine region, public art, and programs such as *Veteran's Voices*, *Poetry Out Loud*, *Switchboard Gallery*, and others. These community assets are highlighted boldly by Arts & Culture El Dorado for the benefit of local citizenry and to the outside world. For this reason, our community thrives and is more socially cohesive. The arts connect people with each other. Celebrating the expression of common humanity through the arts engages the community and shows that people everywhere share the same innermost values of all cultures and speak to our common humanity. It's about our relationships with one another and taking pride in where we live. Supported by our Arts & Culture El Dorado County programs the arts empower each of us thereby empowering our community.

Lara Gularte

El Dorado County Poet Laureate Emerita 2021-2023

**From:** [Virginia Hakala](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** Reinstatement of El Dorado County Arts and Culture.  
**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2026 12:55:43 PM

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I am a poet/writer member of Lara Gularte's Cameron Park Writer's Group and the GCW of Auburn. Our current U.S. chaos within our borders angers me because the writers of our Constitution gave us a powerful tool which is being ignored/disdained. Our 3-way checks and balance branches have also been ignored/disdained.

Poetry is an art. Mine represents my feelings and love of fellow human beings whose lives are being ignored/disdained. A fellow poet critiqued my submission with these comments: "Fantastic!! Yes! Yes! Thank you! Thank You!!" Apparently, she recognized her own feelings in my work.

James Marquez, Director of the Center Street Gallery, featured a local artist and a personal friend Corina in December 2025. She was present twice to explain her work, answer questions and encourage residents, tourists and students, both Spanish and English. As anyone who saw her work in December will agree, Corina is wonderfully talented. Placerville and El Dorado County are fortunate to have her in residence.

Maybe a Council Member remembers the 60's Kent State Riots against the Vietnam War and the photo of the Kent State student shot by police. Although it's been more than 50 years, I can still remember that black and white newspaper photo. Art is impactful. It stays with you. It allows you to name a feeling through another's work.

If there ever was a time citizens/human beings needed help finding beauty or finding hope, it's now! Please reinstate funding for El Dorado County Arts and Culture.

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 3:05:42 PM

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing as a resident of El Dorado County and South Lake Tahoe to express my strong support for restoring funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado in the upcoming budget.

I understand that funding for this organization was eliminated last year, and the impact of that decision impacted local programs and services. Important offerings have been reduced or put on hold, and the ripple effects are being felt throughout the community. These programs matter to many, and their absence is noticeable.

As a member of the South Lake Tahoe Arts, Culture and Tourism Commission, I know the importance of Arts and culture for the community. They are not luxuries—they are essential to a thriving, connected community. They contribute to our local economy, support tourism, and enhance the quality of life for residents of all ages. I also understand that other County Arts Councils across California receive funding from their local governments, recognizing the important role they play. Providing funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado will go beyond the dollars provided. County support can be leveraged to bring in additional grant funding, multiplying the impact of public funds. With relatively modest support—just \$37,500, a very small fraction of the County’s budget— Arts and Culture El Dorado can continue providing meaningful services to veterans, young people, families, artists, arts organizations, and the broader public.

The Arts Culture and tourism commission has worked with Arts and Culture El Dorado to increase our connections in support for the arts throughout the county. We recently brought the “Sending It: Climbing El Dorado” exhibit from Placerville to the South Tahoe Airport, and we share calls for artists and projects. Arts and Culture El Dorado is the county representative for arts and culture in the basin and with county funding eliminated, our ability to improve and maintain arts and culture in our area has been reduced.

I encourage you to reconsider last year’s decision and restore funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado. Supporting the arts is an investment in the economic vitality, identity, and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

David Hamilton  
South Lake Tahoe

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
**Subject:** Support county funding of Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 4:52:35 PM

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**From:** Greyson Harris <[greysonl.harris@gmail.com](mailto:greysonl.harris@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2026 4:29 PM  
**To:** Loren Christofferson <[loren@artsandcultureeldorado.org](mailto:loren@artsandcultureeldorado.org)>  
**Subject:** Support county funding of Arts and Culture El Dorado

Dear Loren,

I'm writing to you today to express my support of funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado. The benefits of a robust arts program cannot be overstated:

- Arts and culture are what set a community apart to energize the local economy
- It takes money to make money: With resources provided by the County, Arts and Culture El Dorado can better pursue additional grant funding opportunities
- The services in the form of arts programs and public events support youth, families, veterans, and more

It is always a tragedy to see when times get tough the arts are the first programs to get put to the axe. Every decade or so we go through this same song and dance. Why? Arts are incorrectly viewed as "optional" and it's time to flip this tired script.

It is art, culture, and creativity that buoy a community through the hardest times and makes us more resilient in the face disasters. Robust arts programs in schools teach children to think creatively and critically, both desperately needed if we expect our youth to stand a fighting chance in a world driven by AI. Lastly, it is public art, exhibitions, and cultural events which carry an outsized importance in a largely rural county such as ours--the beauty of our public lands is their accessibility to anyone, but why should a visitor choose El Dorado County over Placer or Amador? Investing in a thriving arts community is a great place to start.

Very Respectfully,

Greyson Harris  
Geographer, former emergency manager, and Placerville resident  
[glew.harris@gmail.com](mailto:glew.harris@gmail.com)  
530-410-5659

**From:** [Sheri Hoeger](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** Letter to BoS  
**Date:** Sunday, April 12, 2026 4:19:48 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please restore funding for El Dorado Arts and Culture. As a professional visual artist since 1988 and a local musician since 1990, I have had the opportunity to observe the effects of their contributions to our community and they make our lives richer and provide economic growth through tourism. The shows they offer bring opportunities for exposure to groups that might otherwise be overlooked, but who are part of what makes up a vibrant culture. They have supported the area in becoming a destination for music, enhancing the lives of locals and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

Sheri Hoeger

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 3:03:08 PM

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**From:** Christine Ice <christine.ice55@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2026 3:06 PM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

Good afternoon Terry,

Thank you for reaching out in regard to the opportunity to revisit the county's budget for Arts and Culture El Dorado.

As we have spoken about, showcasing the arts and telling the story of our region's rich history is something I care about deeply.

Many of the programs provided by the organization are what creates community, community pride and can lend to economic prosperity in our region by creating a vibrant environment to attract further reach of tourism. County funding is a critical component to receive other grant money.

Our's is among the most historically significant communities in California and deserves the opportunity to shine. Our elected representatives should recognize the importance of this funding for the future of our community.

Warmest Regards,

Christine Wehr  
Proprietor  
Blue Barn Provisions

**From:** [Audrey Keebler](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026 11:33:55 AM

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Terry-thanks for giving me the opportunity to tell you how EDAC/ACED has impacted many individuals and the county since its inception. I was a regular volunteer and board members in the early 2000s. Our goal was to engage community members and make art present in daily life. We raised funds through music festivals, art sales, wine tastings and other events-in other words, lots of hard work! The organization was evolving and growing, finding its place in the county.

Your hiring set us on a course with a more inclusive vision, offering county-wide events and activities, including Poetry Out Loud, Veterans' Voices, gallery shows and partnerships with American River Conservancy, EDCOE and others. I am especially impressed with the work you have done to engage the SLT community/Tahoe Basin. Your leadership has enabled the Board of Supervisors to see the importance of arts, culture and history as part of the county's economic engine. Our tourism "package" now includes Arts and Culture at every level, including emerging artist shows, art shows in Apple Hill and throughout the county, murals on many walls downtown, Banners on Main, and many school programs which bring all forms of art to children of all ages.

Funding and fund raising have always been the challenge-we always have more ideas than dollars. I was disappointed to hear that the Board of Supervisors is considering reducing/eliminating funding to ACED. This is a short sighted way to save a few dollars at the cost of undermining the arts infrastructure which has taken decades to build. Most County Arts Councils receive funding from county governments because Supervisors recognize the importance of supporting the very functions which bring tourists (and potential residents) into the county. Visitors will not recognize that a sheriff's radio has been updated, but they surely will notice "closed" signs on galleries and "cancelled" signs on events advertising because there was no funding to continue arts related events.

i hope that the Board of Supervisors understands the importance of arts and culture in their overall mission of providing vibrant communities that attract short- and long-term guests in the county. I also hope they understand the large impact of a relatively small line item in their budget. Please let me know how I can help to further this understanding.

Audrey Keebler

**From:** Terry LeMoncheck  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck  
**Subject:** Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2026 4:56:15 PM

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From: Dan Keenan <hatchbackcreative@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 5:18 PM  
To: Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
Subject: Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

April 14, 2026

Dear Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of restoring funding for Arts & Culture El Dorado. As a member of this community, I believe that investing in the arts is an investment in the economic vitality, social well-being, and identity of the county.

Arts & Culture programs help showcase the talent, creativity, and uniqueness of the individuals in our county. Collectively, it creates a movement that adds a layer of depth that wouldn't otherwise exist. Placerville is the hub of Arts & Culture and I believe it adds a lot of color and life to the town. This vibrancy and cultural richness is part of what draws people in to visit the county, while supporting local businesses.

In a world that is increasingly dominated by AI, digital technology, and overwhelming amounts of screen time, we're all looking for way to engage in something real and foster human connection again.

Arts & Culture meets this challenge head-on. The organization reaches all ages and walks of life. It provides meaningful platforms for veterans, young people, families, artists, and the general public across a wide range of art forms. Arts & Culture also helps raise funds for other projects and organizations in the county.

The requested amount — \$37,500 — represents just three-thousandths of one percent of the County budget. It is half of what was allocated in 2024, and yet it would make an enormous difference in restoring vital programs and services. I respectfully urge the Board to approve this modest investment in our community's cultural future.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community. I hope you will choose to support Arts & Culture El Dorado.

Sincerely,  
Dan Keenan  
El Dorado County resident  
CEO, Hatchback Creative Web & Graphic Design

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Reminder--need your note of support by this Thursday  
**Date:** Thursday, April 23, 2026 1:35:49 PM

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**From:** Kris Kiehne <[kkiehne11@gmail.com](mailto:kkiehne11@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2026 1:54 PM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <[terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org](mailto:terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Reminder--need your note of support by this Thursday

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
From: Kris Kiehne  
Re: Funding for ACED

I am a resident of Placerville and am requesting that the County of El Dorado provide funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado (ACED).

ACED has requested a very modest amount of money from the County. However, they will be able to leverage this support with additional grants and will continue providing a wide array of cultural events for our community and visitors to the County. My family and I enjoy these events and we are regular contributors to this worthy non-profit group. ACED has a proven record of success in providing cultural programs that enhance the vibrant life we enjoy in El Dorado County. Please give them your support.

Sincerely,

Kris Kiehne, Placerville, CA

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 3:16:22 PM

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**From:** Michelle Kite <[michellesage@hotmail.com](mailto:michellesage@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 11, 2026 12:14 PM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <[terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org](mailto:terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for addressing the Arts in El Dorado County. The Arts has provided an outlet for young artists, professional artist, an abundance of community work and educational programs which have enhanced this county's outreach. I fully support reinstating the Arts and Culture of El Dorado County. Their programs have made a difference in our children and entire community. Thank you for your time and attention to this valuable asset in our county.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Kite

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**From:** Terry LeMoncheck  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck  
**Subject:** Supporting the Arts in Placerville  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 3:00:29 PM

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**From:** Krystal Laymon <krlaymon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2026 4:25 PM  
**To:** Loren Christofferson <loren@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Supporting the Arts in Placerville

Hello,

I grew up in Placerville and returned after spending about 15 years away. When I came back, I wasn't sure whether I would still have access to the kind of art, theater, and music that had become part of my daily life while living on the East Coast, where there were multiple events to choose from on any given day.

I was genuinely pleased to discover the vibrant work of El Dorado Arts and Culture and the many opportunities to engage with the arts here at home. I regularly attend the 3rd Saturday Placerville Art Walk and opening receptions at the Switchboard Gallery, and I've been consistently impressed. I was especially excited to see a local short film created in our town and screened at Art on Center—an example of the creativity and talent that exists right here in Placerville. For a small town, Placerville truly punches above its weight with a thriving community of artists, musicians, and performers.

What stands out most is the authenticity. The arts here feel deeply rooted in community—they bring people together and create a sense of belonging that is often missing in larger, more commercialized art scenes. Being part of this has made me feel connected to something bigger than myself.

I encourage the Council to continue supporting and investing in the arts. Strengthening our local arts scene not only enriches community life, but also contributes to our local economy and makes Placerville an even more vibrant and livable place. We shouldn't have to rely on driving to larger cities like San Francisco for meaningful cultural experiences—we are already building something special here.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to our community.

Krystal Laymon

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

April 16, 2026

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

-Pablo Picasso

The arts are everywhere. They are an integral part of our everyday life, and a vital part of every community. They enhance our well-being by enriching our homes, workplaces and social events. From hanging pictures and photos to listening to music at home and in the car. We sing, hum or whistle to ourselves when we are alone or in the shower. We watch movies, read books, and dance during joyful occasions. Art is also evident in the clothes and jewelry we wear, as well as the buildings and gardens we create. Each of us engages in the arts in different ways. Moreover, the arts play a crucial role in preserving our history and celebrating the diverse cultures that make up El Dorado County.

Arts & Culture helps bring the arts to life in every corner of our county and every segment of our population, creating a vibrant and engaging environment for residents and visitors alike. Their work significantly contributes to our economy, and we should wholeheartedly celebrate their invaluable contributions to El Dorado County.

We strongly encourage you to commit to finding a way to fund Arts & Culture for the upcoming 2026-27 budget year. Even half of their 2024 funding would be a blessing.

Warm regards,

Steve & Kathi Lishman

"The greatest scientists are artists as well."

-Albert Einstein

Moira Magneson  
3430 Coon Hollow Rd.  
Placerville, CA 95667

April 15, 2026

Dear County Board of Supervisors:

I write to express my strong support for Arts and Culture El Dorado (ACE), a nonprofit that goes the distance in celebrating the arts, people, and businesses of El Dorado County. ACE operates with the understanding that all sectors of the community—business, government, and nonprofits—benefit from interconnectivity. When the arts thrive, tourism thrives. When the arts thrive, business thrives. When the arts thrive, community thrives. Thus, my ardent hope is that the Board of Supervisors will restore funding to ACE so that this little but mighty organization can continue with its mission of bringing the arts to the visitors and community of El Dorado County.

I've lived in El Dorado County for some 30-odd years, and during that time I've experienced and participated in many programs, projects, and activities that ACE (formerly known as EDAC) has either created, sponsored, or promoted. To name just a few off the top of my head, and in no particular order:

- Art in the Orchard
- Coloma Blues Live
- The American River Music Festival
- Poetry Out Loud
- Veterans' Voices
- FIRE/LAND: Knowing the Territory
- ForestSong
- Slope & Basin
- Sugar Skull Art Walk
- Third Saturday Art Walk
- The Switchboard Gallery Exhibitions: Sending It: Climbing El Dorado, High Side: Whitewater El Dorado, Fire + Form, Filaments: Fiber Arts in El Dorado County

I could go on, of course, but I believe the evidence is clear that ACE lifts our community up by contributing consistently and in BIG ways to the visibility and magic of our county. Unfortunately, the perception of the arts as frippery or merely ornamental still persists, but this is an obvious fallacy. The arts sustain and enrich us all. Artists create in order that they—and we—may more fully know ourselves, and in turn honor and celebrate our individual and collective life force, a kind of implicit promise that humans are born with. To echo the words of writer Raymond Carver, the arts allow us to "call ourselves beloved, to feel ourselves beloved on the earth."

So, in the spirit of creativity and uplift, I ask you, the Supervisors, to please allocate \$37,500 of this year's budget to Arts and Culture El Dorado so it may carry on its good and powerful work in our county and community.

Respectfully yours,

Moira Magneson  
El Dorado County Poet Laureate

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** To the BOS  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2026 4:48:14 PM

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**From:** Aidan Maguire <aidanq9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2026 5:06 PM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Reminder -- need your note of support by this Thursday

To the Board of Supervisors

I have lived, worked and raised 3 kids in Placerville since 1992. The county and city have changed enormously over the years. We have seen our economy move from timber, to wine and beyond. One thing that has steadily improved until the last funding cuts has been the arts. People don't often go out of their way to express their view that these need adequate funding, but so many of the people of this fine county live here to enjoy the art, the music, the events on Main street and the culture of people that this brings to our county. Wine is declining, art is not. The people that come to our county to enjoy our culture are generally the same people we would like to live, work and spend here. They are young families and often educated people who understand that a vibrant local art scene means a great place to live and raise a family.

**Restore the full funding to support Arts and Culture El Dorado.**  
**Understand the benefits of a thriving art community for attracting family and businesses.**  
**Lastly, do yourself a favor and swing by the Switchboard and take in the latest exhibit.**

Respectfully, Aidan Maguire

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 2:57:49 PM

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**From:** **Steve March** <[coachmarch1945@gmail.com](mailto:coachmarch1945@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 12, 2026 at 11:09 PM  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**To:** Taylor Graham <[poetspiper@gmail.com](mailto:poetspiper@gmail.com)>

To Taylor Graham, on behalf of citizens of El Dorado County, a residence for thirty-four years, a member of Poetry At Two of Georgetown, a Docent of Marshall Gold Discovery State Historical Park, played in several acting roles at Imagination theater, and have enjoyed artistry of El Dorado County, I strongly recommend the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture in El Dorado County.

At a time when our country is divided, our world is complicated, with war and politics, economics, greed, quality of air and water, traffic, gas, a general loss of principles for humanity. The Arts and Culures give the people hope, that life can be better, and perhaps we the people can get along and appreciate our neighbors.  
Please reinstate the Arts and Culture of El Dorado County.

I know you can do this. Thank you.  
Steve March

**From:** Steve and Karly Meadows  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck  
**Subject:** Culture and Creativity Should Thrive in El Dorado County  
**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2026 2:02:18 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

As residents of El Dorado County for 25 years, let it be known that we support the El Dorado County Arts and Culture program and want to see it continue to provide culture and creativity to our community. They are a major asset in our county.

Thank you,

Stephen and Karlen Meadows

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
**Subject:** FW: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 3:10:05 PM

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**From:** Kathy Miracle <kitmiracle4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2026 9:55 AM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

As a long time El Dorado County resident, educator, and arts lover, I ask that you strongly consider restoring funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado. As you are aware, this amazing organization relies heavily on your support. I have served as a teacher, school principal, superintendent, and now work for our County Office of Education. I understand and greatly appreciate how critically important *arts and culture* programs, activities, and events are to our community and especially to our children. A thriving community MUST include appreciation and celebration of the arts and our culture!!! My personal experience with Arts and Culture of El Dorado has been extremely rewarding. Please help maintain this necessary asset to our wonderful community!!!

Thank you!  
Kathy Miracle

**From:** John & Donna Nelson  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck  
**Subject:** Funding for the Arts in El Dorado County  
**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2026 1:00:55 PM

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Dear Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

As the result of County funding for the arts being eliminated last year, local programs and services have been seriously impacted--to the detriment of our County residents. Some programs have been cut, some have been curtailed, and some are on hold. Difficult decisions, not only by the the El Dorado Arts Council which, in turn have affected others, had to be made, such as laying off staff and make other difficult decisions.

As a property owner and 40-year resident of El Dorado County, and, as a local artist, member of the Placerville Arts Association and the Hangtown Fibers Guild, and, yes, affiliated with the El Dorado Arts Council, I, respectfully ask that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, *revisit that decision and I ask that the Board of Supervisors to turn this decision around.* The Arts Council is asking for a tiny fraction of the County's budget – three-thousandths of one percent! And, that figure (\$37,500) is half of what that organization received in 2024. What a shame.... Many county Arts Councils all over the state of California receive funding from their County governments. This funding can be leveraged to bring in other grant money and provide many important services to veterans, young people, families, artists and arts organizations, and the general public.

I want to see culture and creativity thrive in El Dorado County through organizations that provide education and exhibitions such as those sponsored by the local Arts Council for the benefit of all El Dorado County residents. These activities enhance the well being of not only the many artists who reside and participate in art-related El Dorado County activities, but also those residents who find pleasure and comfort while participating in or viewing the arts, not to mention the rehabilitation effects of these activities. The Supervisors were voted in by the public; please listen to your constituents.

Most, if not all, of us here in El Dorado County want to continue, if not improve, a quality of life. To do this we need the El Dorado Arts Council in full operation. The El Dorado Board of Supervisors can accomplish this by a simple line item on the County's budget!

Respectfully,

Donna Nelson

4271 Yellow Brick Road

Shingle Springs, CA 95681

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

I am writing you to encourage you to allocate funds to Arts and Culture El Dorado in your upcoming budget. For counties like El Dorado, these types of organizations provide a vital gateway for a variety of arts programs that benefit our community.

Arts and Culture El Dorado helped promote a small literary festival I organized last fall in Coloma (Become the River Literary Festival), which was attended by over 80 individuals and featured 8 authors and several environmental non-profit organizations. This festival was free to attend, and I hope to grow it next year as an incubator project under Arts and Culture El Dorado.

I am also teaching a writing workshop for Veterans and first responders in South Lake Tahoe, funded by grants awarded to Arts and Culture El Dorado. In this workshop, I provide a relatively unstructured space for these important members of our community to gather to talk about books, writing, and connection.

A modest amount of county support can sustain organizational stability, empowering Arts and Culture Eldorado to leverage grants from other organizations and business sponsors to provide arts programs that benefit a wide spectrum of communities in El Dorado County.

I urge you to please support Arts and Culture Eldorado in your upcoming budget.

*/s Susan Norman*

Susan Norman, Author

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**From:** [Beatrice Pizer](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** Re: funding of El Dorado Arts & Culture  
**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2026 7:14:13 PM

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To Terry & Funding Decision Makers,

I am writing to request funding for El Dorado Arts & Culture . Art & Culture is the bedrock of who we are as human beings. Art & Culture reaches into the soul of who we are, our humanity, our creative expression our sense of humor and uniqueness of expression. The arts promotes problem solving, and creative thought, skills high on the list of prospective Employers. El Dorado must foster these skills in our children. As adults our quality of life is enriched by celebrating

El Dorado's rainbow of culture and range of high quality art making. The Arts also brings a stream of revenue to our economy and deserves funding. Thank you in advance, Artist & Poet, Beatrice Pizer

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 2:59:46 PM

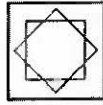
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**From:** Nate Reifke <nreifke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026 9:44 AM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

Hey Terry,

I'm sending my support for the continued funding of Arts and Culture. I find it vital to El Dorado County and its culture that there be a thriving arts community. The opportunities to see and participate in the arts facilitates and elevates communication and thought. I take my children to see many of the exhibits and it never fails to open their minds and encourage them to see the potential in themselves and the people around them. Thank you for all you do and keep fighting to keep our community vibrant and beautiful!

Nate Reifke



## CARL RIBAUDO

Dear Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for continued and enhanced funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado.

As a 41-year resident of El Dorado County and the current Chair of the SEED Committee, I have had the opportunity to be deeply involved in efforts to strengthen our local economy and community. However, I offer these comments today as a private citizen who cares deeply about the future of this place.

Investment in arts and culture is not simply a discretionary expense; it is a foundational element of community vitality. A thriving arts and culture ecosystem directly improves the quality of life for El Dorado County residents by fostering creativity, strengthening community identity, and providing meaningful opportunities for engagement and connection. These experiences contribute to a sense of place that residents value and take pride in.

At the same time, arts and culture play a critical role in the County's broader economic development strategy. In an increasingly competitive landscape, destinations that succeed are those that offer something distinctive and authentic. Arts and culture help define what makes El Dorado County unique, creating experiences that attract visitors, extend stays, and generate economic activity for local businesses. They transform the County from simply a place people pass through into a place they choose to experience.

Supporting Arts and Culture El Dorado is, therefore, an investment in both community well-being and long-term economic resilience. It strengthens our ability to compete, differentiate, and build a place that is not only economically viable but also meaningful and memorable.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued leadership in shaping the future of El Dorado County.

Sincerely,  
Carl Ribaudo

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry LeMoncheck)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry LeMoncheck)  
**Subject:** FW: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 3:14:10 PM

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**From:** Mike Roberts <miker@savethegraveseldorado.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2026 12:21 PM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

To the Board of Supervisors -

I appreciate El Dorado County's perpetual budget crisis, but nonetheless encourage you to reinstate county funding to Arts and Culture. It's a good investment.. The organization adds a lot to the community and the local economy.

Save the Graves began as an incubator project of Arts and Culture. When we incorporated as an independent 501c3 and accidentally ran afoul of the State DOJ (one faulty keystroke!), we were at our wits end. It was an existential threat. The DOJ is completely unresponsive or organizations in default. Terry provided the idea which led to us getting our name cleared.

That is just one small example of a soft benefit that A&CED provides.

We are sitting on a huge baby boomer population that is living comfortably in retirement and likes art and culture. I see participation at events like Golden History Day (Wagon train), Save the Graves, and all these amazing history events (every month!) increasing every year. People are coming here and seeking engagement like never before. Maybe it was the pandemic.

So why have so many of the best people I've worked with post-retirement left the county? These are people who worked hard to create something here, and just walked away. I could name a dozen. El Dorado County is losing some of the best of us to other places that provide more of the things we want.

I firmly believe that arts organizations also provide very "hard" benefits in the county. Art and culture contribute to the social/emotional well-being of the greater community, which in turn leads to all sorts of economic activity: increased visitation, lodging, and participation by the donor community.

Art and culture make this a better place to live. Art and culture connects us. Art and culture makes us better people. Please fund it.

Sincerely,

Mike Roberts  
President, Save the Graves

**From:** [Sharai Smith](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** Support Letter  
**Date:** Saturday, April 11, 2026 9:29:27 AM

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Arts and Culture El Dorado is a very important asset to our county. Their programs serve to accentuate the natural beauty of the area and the people who live here. This is good for tourism as well as maintaining good mental health of our residents. Their work with veterans being one example. I live in Georgetown on the edge of our county. Arts and Culture programs provide ways for me to feel connected countywide. I see county funds that support this organization as a great investment.

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 2:55:21 PM

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**From:** Gavin Sellers-Norman <[gavinsellers9@gmail.com](mailto:gavinsellers9@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2026 7:21 PM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <[terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org](mailto:terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for continued, and increased, funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado. Across California, County Arts Councils play a vital role in strengthening communities, and El Dorado County is no exception. Sustained county investment ensures that arts and culture remain accessible, vibrant, and impactful for all residents.

Arts and culture are not simply “nice to have”, they are powerful economic drivers. They support local jobs, attract tourism, and contribute to the vitality of our small businesses and downtown areas. When the county invests in Arts and Culture El Dorado, it is investing in economic development as much as in community well-being. Arts and Culture El Dorado helped me form a theatre festival in 2017 and 2018 that brought 21 shows from all over the country to Placerville, in that time every one of them said they would return to our charming town.

Importantly, county funding also serves as a catalyst. It allows Arts and Culture El Dorado to leverage additional state, federal, and private grant funding, multiplying the impact of every local dollar. Without this foundational support, many of these outside funding opportunities would not be accessible.

Arts and Culture El Dorado provides essential services to a wide range of community members, including veterans, youth, families, artists, and arts organizations. Programs like Arts Education create meaningful opportunities for connection, expression, and growth. These initiatives foster creativity in young people, provide healing and purpose for veterans, and sustain the local artists who enrich our cultural identity.

On a personal level, I have seen how the arts create connection and meaning in everyday life. Whether through attending local events, supporting student creativity, or simply experiencing the beauty of shared artistic expression, the arts bring people together in ways few other things can. They help us tell our stories, celebrate our diversity, and build a stronger, more connected community.

I urge you to continue prioritizing funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado. This investment pays dividends, not only economically, but socially and culturally, for the entire county.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gavin Sellers

**From:** [Kerry Ann Shields](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 13, 2026 3:32:09 AM

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Went with a friend last year to an Arts and Culture program displaying our guilds examples of creative work plus lots of other kinds of artwork. It inspired me to become more active in creating useful and warm items for friends, family and charity. Makes my day to see the surprise and joy on someone's face when they receive something useful, practical and handmade. Taking the time to say 'you matter' with your effort. Our Community needs more goodness and kindness in such times as this.

**From:** [Mary Smith](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#); [Dan Bolster](#)  
**Subject:** support for Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 10, 2026 9:57:40 AM

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I am writing to support funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado

The Arts and Culture El Dorado services supports programs in our beautiful and diverse community. We learn about the many cultural and educational events and the talented residents in our county, through the support of this program.

I am a board member of the Gold Trail Grange and we rely on this program communicating to the community about our programs and events. We just celebrated the 100th Birthday of the Gold Trail Grange. We appreciate all the communication, effort and the support this program shares to our community, on events with the county. I have also attended many gallery and event presentations in Placerville, which helps highlight the gem that Placerville is! We need this one outpost in our town to show and highlight the Arts, the People, the gold and goodness of El Dorado County!!

Mary Smith  
Placerville, CA.

**From:** [roger thomsen](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** In support of Arts and Culture  
**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2026 1:25:03 PM

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As a disabled veteran writing in support of our Arts and Culture program being defunded. I urge the County to fund these Arts programs that touch many people in a number of ways. First is community interaction. In my experience with a veterans writing group I feel not only a fellowship with other vets but a sense of community that have eluded me in the thirty years I have lived in El Dorado County. I see it in my fellow vets that have suffered the feeling like they don't belong to anything. Many of us have horrific war experiences and as a rule those experiences stay locked away. Every week in our group I see these men open up like never before. The Arts and Culture programs have opened windows to them they never would have experienced . Second if this program can open people to other opportunities and possibilities it's beyond valuable to the community at large. Just a single voice here asking to please consider further funding of this program.

Thank you!  
Roger Thomsen

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Subject:** BOS  
**Date:** Thursday, April 23, 2026 1:30:50 PM

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April 15, 2026

Andie Thrans  
Visual Artist  
PO Box 304  
Coloma, CA 95613

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

I am a Coloma-based visual artist reaching out today regarding funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado. I urge you to support our local arts events, projects, artists, and arts workers by providing the funding that Arts and Culture El Dorado requires to be able to continue to sustain our diverse current arts culture and to foster a thriving future for the arts in our county. It is well documented that the arts enrich communities, particularly rural ones, by energizing hearts, minds, and economies, and connecting diverse groups of people in far flung places. Our arts events bring diverse groups of people of all ages and abilities together to share ideas and enjoy inspiring activities. All arts activities have been proven to stimulate and expand minds, especially in our youth, and provide enriching positive pursuits. The power of the arts is even more important during times of cultural strife and division, allowing us to find common ground and explore ideas that go far beyond politics.

Without adequate funding, these activities and events dwindle and connections are lost.

Please restore and sustain funding to Arts and Culture El Dorado so that our local arts and culture can continue to thrive!

Sincerely yours,  
Andie Thrans

**Subject** Support for Reinstating Funding to Arts and Culture El Dorado



Sugar Skull Art Walk

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of the Sugar Skull Art Walk (SSAW) in Placerville, California, to respectfully urge you to reinstate funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado (ACED).

SSAW is a community-based arts project centered on Día de los Muertos traditions. Our mission is to challenge divisions between communities through engagement in the arts. Day of the Dead “ofrendas,” or altars are the main vehicle for that work.

In 2023, Arts and Culture El Dorado (ACED) welcomed SSAW as an incubator project. SSAW has greatly benefitted from their support. Over the last three years ACED has provided space in the Switchboard Gallery for ofrenda exhibits and SSAW cultural workshops. ACED has also hosted hundreds of third and fourth-grade students on field trips to the ofrenda exhibit at the Switchboard Gallery. During student field trips, ACED arranges tables and chairs for groups of up to 37 students so that children can create paper marigolds to contribute to a student ofrenda. Participating teachers have shared that the SSAW field trip to Switchboard Gallery is the students’ favorite class field trip of the year.

In addition, SSAW has held classes in Mexican folk songs, Catrina face-painting and Mixtec herbal remedies, all conducted in Spanish and English at Switchboard Gallery. Being offered a space, free of charge, to hold SSAW workshops has been crucial in giving a voice to and empowering community members who have not previously had a significant presence in downtown Placerville.

As founding director of the Sugar Skull Art Walk, I urge you to reinstate funding to Arts and Culture El Dorado. ACED provides a critical resource to our community that, through arts, supports the strength, connections and resilience of our community

Thank you for your consideration,

Melinda Velasco

Director

Sugar Skull Art Walk (SSAW)

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
**Subject:** Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2026 4:51:33 PM

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**From:** Michelle Vien <michelle@casaeldorado.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026 10:43 AM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

I wanted to take a moment to personally share my support for restoring funding to Arts and Culture El Dorado.

My name is Michelle Vien, and I'm part of the band The Smokin Violets. We've had the opportunity to play at one of the Arts Council's fundraisers, and I've seen firsthand the kind of community, connection, and joy that their work creates. It's not just about music or events—it's about bringing people together and giving a voice to creativity in our county.

What really stands out to me is how much they do with so little. The amount being requested—\$37,500—is such a tiny fraction of the County's budget, yet the impact is huge. Programs like theirs support artists, families, young people, and even veterans, and they help keep our local culture alive and thriving.

From a musician's perspective, opportunities like the ones they provide matter more than people might realize. They give local artists a place to be seen and heard, and they create experiences that strengthen our community. Events like their fundraisers don't just support the arts—they create meaningful connections that ripple outward.

I also understand that County funding helps unlock additional grants and resources, which means this investment goes even further. It's not just funding programs—it's multiplying opportunities.

I truly hope you will consider restoring funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado. Supporting the arts is supporting the heart of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmly,

Michelle Vien  
The Smokin Violets

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Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, California 95667

Subject: Letter of Support for Reinstating Funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I write to you as a constituent, a board member of Arts and Culture El Dorado, and as an engaged educational leader within El Dorado County to express my dedicated support for the reinstatement of county funding for this vital organization. At a strategic level, this is not merely a funding request. It is an investment in the cultural, educational, and economic infrastructure of El Dorado County. Across the State of California, county arts councils receive public funding as a recognition of their role in strengthening communities. Arts and Culture El Dorado serves as the designated county arts council and fulfills this mandate with measurable impact. The absence of local funding places our county at a structural disadvantage compared to peer counties that have prioritized cultural investment as part of their economic and community development strategies.

The arts are not ancillary. They are a proven economic driver. Cultural programming attracts tourism, supports local businesses, and generates revenue through events, partnerships, and creative industries. More importantly, county funding acts as a catalyst. It enables Arts and Culture El Dorado to leverage additional state, federal, and private grant funding, effectively multiplying the County's initial investment. From a service delivery perspective, Arts and Culture El Dorado provides critical programming that extends well beyond traditional arts engagement. The organization supports veterans through therapeutic arts initiatives, engages youth through educational and enrichment programs, strengthens families through community-centered events, and provides essential infrastructure for artists and arts organizations across the region. These programs contribute directly to community well-being, social cohesion, and quality of life.


In my previous role of serving within an El Dorado County school board governance structure, I have seen firsthand how access to arts education directly supports student engagement, academic success, and social-emotional development. Arts programming is not supplemental. It is a core component of a well-rounded educational experience and a critical lever for student connection and retention. This perspective is further reinforced on a personal level. As a parent of a child currently enrolled in a school within El Dorado County, I have witnessed the direct and meaningful impact that arts exposure has on

creativity, confidence, and overall development. These experiences are foundational in shaping well-rounded, engaged, and capable young people. On a broader level, the arts create pathways for connection, resilience, and shared identity. In an era where communities are increasingly fragmented, arts and culture remain one of the few consistent mechanisms for bringing people together across diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

As elected leaders, you have both the opportunity and the responsibility to reflect the priorities of your constituents. The continued support of arts and culture is not a luxury. It is a foundational component of a thriving, forward-looking community. Reinstating funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado represents a high-impact, high-return decision. It aligns with broader county priorities related to economic development, education, community engagement, and public well-being. I respectfully urge you to reinstate funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado and to position El Dorado County as a leader in supporting cultural vitality and community development.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles M. Ware".

Charles M. Ware, Ed.D.

**From:** [Whalen, Tim](#)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](#)  
**Cc:** [jaralg@aol.com](mailto:jaralg@aol.com)  
**Subject:** Veterans Voices Writing Workshop Support  
**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2026 10:24:20 AM

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Dear Terry and El Dorado County Supervisors & Commissioners,

I write this as a long time Participant/Member of the Veterans Voices Writing Workshop, which has been held consistently throughout the years in various venues in the Placerville area on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. I have actively engaged with veterans throughout and beyond El Dorado County to invite and encourage them to attend by explaining the Mission and Vision of the Workshop, which has been to bring veterans of all demographics together to expand their relationships with the art of the written word.

Many of our members, including myself, have greatly benefited from this program, and for as many personal reasons as there are participants. Some look to the group as their One and Only outlet to socialize with others, while another may have been brought out of deep emotional turmoil of social or personal issues where this group afforded them the opportunity to safely express themselves in a judgement free supportive environment.

I've seen the positive outcomes of battling hardships, illness, and end of life journeys in our group. We've witnessed enormous personal healing, and long lasting bonds of friendship. This is a warm and welcoming group of veterans who openly offer and receive mutual support from one another, and I fully endorse and appreciate the opportunity to keep this program funded and facilitated in this effort to support Veteran Supportive Services in El Dorado County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Tim Whalen CPO, USN (Ret.)  
El Dorado County / Placerville Resident

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
**Subject:** Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 4:58:04 PM

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**From:** Tony Windle @ Bonkers <tony@bonkerstoystore.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2026 4:46 PM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Reminder: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

330 Fair Lane

Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Members of the Board,

My name is Tony Windle, and I own T.W. BONKERS Toy and Candy Emporium on Main Street in Placerville. I spend my days surrounded by candy, toys, laughter, and the occasional sugar rush, so I like to think I have a pretty good read on what makes people happy and what keeps them coming back.

I am writing in support of funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado.

From my little corner of Main Street, I can tell you this: People are not just coming for a quick errand. They are coming for an experience. They want something fun, something memorable, something that makes them say, "let's walk a little farther and see what else is going on." Arts and culture are a big part of that magic.

When there is live music, an art display, a street event, or anything creative happening, the whole town feels more alive. People stay longer. They wander more. They smile more. And yes, they shop more too. That energy lifts every small business on Main Street and beyond.

Across California, County Arts Councils receive funding from their counties because they understand something simple. The arts are not just decoration. They are fuel for local economies and community pride. El Dorado County has the chance to keep that momentum going.

There is also a smart business angle here. County support helps Arts and Culture El Dorado unlock additional grant funding from outside sources. In other words, a local investment brings in more dollars from beyond our county lines.

Arts and Culture El Dorado serves veterans, young people, families, artists, arts organizations, and the general public. They are helping build the kind of community where people want to live, visit, and put down roots.

From behind the toy & candy counter, I can tell you, a town with arts and culture feels a little

more magical. And magical towns tend to do pretty well.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration.

Sincerely,

**TONY WINDLE**

Head Bonker / Proprietor

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From: **shirley woods** <[shirleyjwoods@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyjwoods@gmail.com)>  
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Subject: Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
To: Taylor Graham <[poetspiper@gmail.com](mailto:poetspiper@gmail.com)>

Hello- Thank you for alerting me to this.  
I love the Switchboard Gallery shows.  
I would like to encourage our county supervisors to visit there, allowing ample time to receive inspiration from our local artists.  
Go to an event where poetry is the focus; try your hand at writing poetry.  
Feel the value art brings to our lives.  
Please fund Arts and Culture El Dorado. It's the right action to take.  
Thank you for hearing my request.  
Sincerely,  
Shirley Woods

**From:** Terry LeMoncheck  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck  
**Subject:** FW: Fw: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026 3:17:26 PM

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**From:** Hangtown Fibers Guild <hangtownfibersguild@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 11, 2026 12:19 PM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fw: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

On Sat, Apr 11, 2026 at 12:04 PM Courtney Wright <[wrightcourtneyn@gmail.com](mailto:wrightcourtneyn@gmail.com)> wrote:

To the Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to reconsider reinstating funding for the Arts and Culture El Dorado.

I understand the federal funding has pivoted away from supporting the culturally vital development of arts.

But we know a civilization that progresses, values art.

We value the handprints in caves as being so much more. It reflects the age.

Shakespeare wasn't just a playwright. His art reflected the age. Dorothea Lang did more than take a picture. Art reflects our history and our place in in. Art fuels our imagination and gives us meaning beyond the work that feeds our bodies. Music supports math. Drawing supports language. It's place in our human existence is invaluable.

We've stripped arts from the school curriculum. Kids need to SEE the arts beyond books. The arts unlock the potential in children to become whatever inherent genius they possess to make our world better. The music unlocks the math that potentiates medical school. This is not hyperbolic as it's become common knowledge. And why the generations before mine valued Art and it's funding. Our world is not better for it's diminishment.

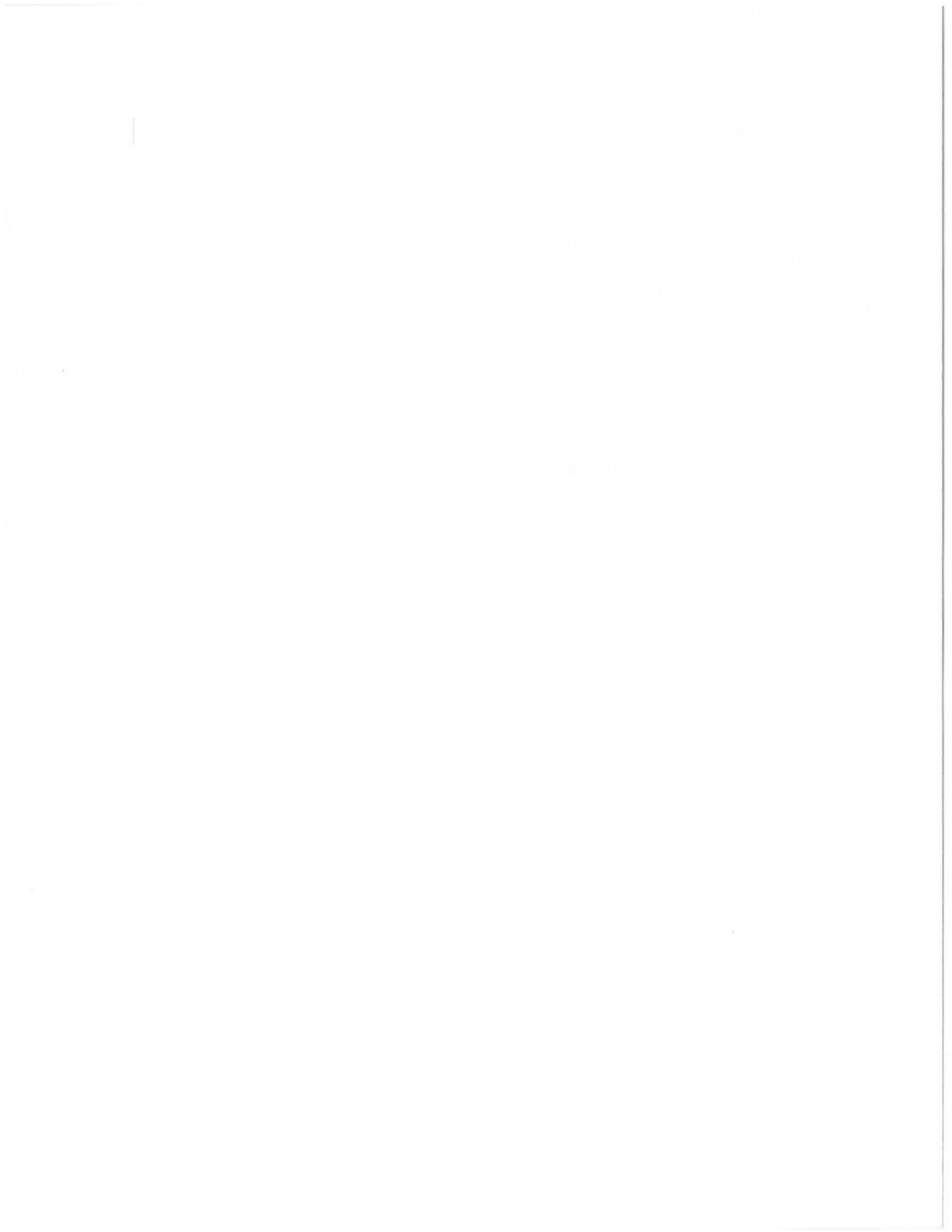
People have pride in our local Art. Have you considered tapping all the local guilds for fundraising and contributions? All of the business that promotes Art may have ideas to contribute. Could you work on supporting this value while cutting 15% funding and asking the community to fund the balance?

I'm asking, how hard have you tried?

Let us help you try harder.

Thank you,

Courtney Wright



**From:** Terry LeMoncheck  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck  
**Subject:** CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
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**From:** Erin Wyner <outoluk@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2026 2:33 AM  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <terry@artsandcultureeldorado.org>  
**Subject:** Re: CRITICAL: Ask the Board of Supervisors to reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado

Dear Terry,

Arts and Culture El Dorado has benefited my life in so many ways. Currently, I'd like to thank you for all you have done for the Black Rock Philharmonic on behalf of Arts and Culture El Dorado. Without Arts and Culture El Dorado, the orchestra would not exist. Arts and Culture El Dorado provides critical services to the orchestra that make performing classical music in the desert possible. I'm also a veteran and live in this community and love being able to see all different kinds of art that is created in and for this community. The programs Art and Culture provide to this town are invaluable. And when I first moved to Placerville I entered an art piece in the exhibit "A Room Of Her Own" and felt so proud to be able to showcase a watercolor piece with other amazing woman artists. Arts and Culture El Dorado is not only a benefit to small art organizations but to this county and Northern California in general.

I have had many conversations with you Terry. Your passion, dedication, and love for art and artists are what make all of this possible. You are what make a small artist and creator like me want to create more, be more. This is why we need Arts and Culture El Dorado to exist- to inspire, educate, uplift, and heal.

Sincerely,  
Erin Wyner

**From:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
**To:** [Terry LeMoncheck](mailto:Terry.LeMoncheck)  
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**From:** **Connie ZELINSKY** <[conniezelinsky@mac.com](mailto:conniezelinsky@mac.com)>  
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**Subject:** Ask the Board of Supervisors to Reinstate Arts and Culture El Dorado  
**To:** Terry LeMoncheck <[terrylemoncheck@gmail.com](mailto:terrylemoncheck@gmail.com)>

Terry,

Because I have lived here for the last fifty years, I am keenly aware of being a beneficiary of what Arts and Culture El Dorado brings to our community. Arts and Culture El Dorado is the medium that explains and demonstrates to me things I knew too little about to appreciate. It makes me aware of much that I would simply not see without it. Sometimes it is art forms that I'd had little knowledge of. Sometimes it is topics and subjects I haven't appreciated that tell their story through photographs, crafts, and other forms of art. Arts and Culture El Dorado has a unique and valuable roll to play in conveying our rich story. I think its value to our community should be supported by El Dorado County and I urge the Board of Supervisors to find a way to do so.

Connie Zelinsky