

April 20, 2017

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Position: Support

Location: Assembly Arts, Entertainment,
Sports, Tourism & Internet Media
Committee

Re: AB 755 (E. Garcia) Museums: California Museums for All (As Amended March 23, 2017)

Dear Assemblymember Garcia:

On behalf of the California Alliance for Arts Education I am writing to express our support for AB 755 (Garcia), legislation that would create a program within the state of California to build on the success of the national initiative, "Museums for All," and would increase funding for the California Cultural and Historic Endowment's Museum and Cultural Resources Program.

This legislation would expand the visitor base for museums by providing deserving individuals and families with reduced or no admission costs to museums during normal hours of operation, within the Museums for All initiative, and would increase the number of participating museums in this project.

By expanding the existing Museums for All program and bolstering CCHE's Museum and Cultural Resources Program, this legislation extends museum access to everyone, regardless of socioeconomic status, and supports museums in serving all Californians.

The California Alliance for Arts Education is in its fifth decade of working to build a brighter future for our state by making the arts a core part of every child's quality education. A statewide leader and convener, the Alliance galvanizes California's abundance of arts and culture experts to advocate for quality visual and performing arts instruction for all students. By collaborating effectively with the state's leading education and parent engagement agencies and providing an anchor for policy expertise at the state and local levels, the Alliance is the leader in promoting the arts in schools and enriching the lives of children, families and communities.

Please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at (916) 443-0202 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Landon", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Joe Landon
Executive Director

cc: Ms. Catalina Hayes-Bautista, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor's Office
Ms. Dana Mitchell, Consultant, Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports,
Tourism, and Internet Media Committee
Ms. Barbara Gausewitz, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus
Ms. Kathryn Lynch, Legislative Advocate
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