

May 1, 2018

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
California State Assembly
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 94249

Position: SUPPORT

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Re: AB 1984 (E. Garcia) Museums: California Museums for All (As Introduced January 31, 2018)

Dear Assemblymember Garcia:

On behalf of the California Alliance for Arts Education I am writing to express our support for AB 1984, California Museums For All.

We appreciate your leadership in authoring this bill and supporting the California museum field. We support the bill's intent to create a California-based program that will offer individuals and families with Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards free or very low cost admission to museums and provide a modest grant to participating California museums.

The California Alliance for Arts Education is in its fourth 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.

We value the State of California's support in broadening museum audiences and helping museums serve all Californians, regardless of socioeconomic status.

If you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at (916) 443-0202.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc: Ms. Melinda Grant, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor's Office
Ms. Lisa Murawski, Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Mr. Cameron Leavitt, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus
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