

# ARTS OF LA

## Cultural Facilities in the City of Los Angeles

**Purpose:** To maintain cultural facilities where arts & cultural providers working within the City of LA can thrive.

**Goal:** Maintain policies that support neighborhood cultural facilities and affordable rent for non-profit cultural organizations.

**Background:** Since January 2010, City Council has been discussing two interconnected issues that will impact the cultural community.

**City-Owned Cultural Centers:** The City of LA is pursuing a plan to “partner out” cultural centers currently managed by the City of LA’s Department of Cultural Affairs. Hundreds of supporters of each of the Centers wrote to City Council requesting that the Centers remain open during this process. Nonprofits will have the opportunity to submit proposals to manage arts centers that are currently city-controlled. In May 2010, the Arts, Parks, Health & Aging Committee agreed to a 120-day period to construct the Request For Proposals.

**Nonprofit Lease Subsidies:** A \$1 per-year lease of city-owned buildings enables dozens of non-profits - many of them arts organizations - to serve the public. The CAO has proposed the elimination of this long-held agreement, jeopardizing organizations’ ability to provide programs when our communities need them most. This proposal is currently in Committee pending further review.

### Decision-Makers:

#### Los Angeles City Council

CD1: Ed Reyes\*  
CD2: Paul Krekorian  
CD3: Dennis Zine  
CD4: Tom LaBonge\* - Chair of Arts, Parks, Health & Aging  
CD5: Paul Koretz †  
CD6: Tony Cardenas  
CD7: Richard Alarcón  
CD8: Bernard Parks † - Chair of Budget and Finance  
CD9: Jan Perry  
CD10: Herb Wesson\*  
CD11: Bill Rosendahl †  
CD12: Greig Smith †  
CD13: Eric Garcetti - City Council President  
CD14: José Huizar †  
CD15: Janice Hahn

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#### Los Angeles Mayor

Antonio Villaraigosa

#### City Administrative Officer

Miguel A. Santana

#### Executive Director, DCA

Olga Garay

#### Chief Legislative Analyst

Gerry Miller

#### Cultural Facilities

Total Attendance in  
FY09/10, DCA  
Managed Facilities  
(Neighborhood Arts  
and Cultural Centers,  
Theaters, Galleries,  
and Historic Sites, 15  
Total)  
= 257,834

Total Attendance in  
FY 09/10, Public/  
Private Partnership Art  
Facilities  
(Neighborhood Arts  
and Cultural Centers,  
Theaters, Galleries  
and Museums, 11  
total)  
= 244,560

Total Attendance  
= 502,394