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Submitted on Monday, November 27, 2023 - 15:55

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Monday, November 27, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): La Troupe du Jour

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Budget Agenda item 7.2.10

Comments:

As the Artistic Director of La Troupe du Jour, I am writing to encourage you to reconsider the decision to have an overall funding freeze under Community Support for grant funding. Our organization receives funding through the Culture Grant Program; this grant program is included under Community Support and will be negatively impacted by a funding freeze.

The arts sector has been particularly hard hit by the pandemic, and costs to produce arts programming have since risen exponentially. It is also becoming difficult to maintain suitable salaries and work opportunities to retain staff in the arts sector in Saskatoon. People simply go elsewhere – either leaving the arts sector or moving away from the city entirely.

The support our organization receives from the City of Saskatoon is valued and appreciated. Any increase to arts funding will have a positive impact on the community.

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No