



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA

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Dear Colleagues:

We have received many calls and e-mails today regarding the proposal by the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to eliminate the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA). We want to be very clear: the document titled, "Current and Future Opportunities to Strengthen City Government," recommending the elimination of DCA was authored by the CAO -- who is an independent entity -- **not** by the Mayor's Office. Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa understands the power and importance of the arts and opposes the elimination of the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Sincerely yours,

Aileen Adams, Deputy Mayor, Office of Strategic Partnerships

Olga Garay, Executive Director, Department of Cultural Affairs