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Dear Council persons:

In tough economic times, the arts are vital for the emotional survival.
To experience art is to recognize deep stirrings of unrest
It gives us voice to our own frustrations, fear, anger and
hopelessness.
It allows safe catharsis and opportunity to vent vicariously the
uncomfortable feelings from within
Which once expressed, allows one to reach for hope, meaning, and
resolution
Yes like therapy
The sweet voices of song and instruments, the visuals of grace and
beauty transports, soothes, inspires
And helps us to see GOD.

Please do not cut the Arts budget-everyone needs vicarial voices and
inspiration.
and an alternative to acting out violence.

Aloha,

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