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Regarding: RESTORATION OF MOCA BUDGET CUTS

Dear Budget Chair Nestor Garcia, Council Chair Todd Apo and Finance Committee members:

It is my understanding that the proposed budget will result in a decrease in support for arts and culture by 50%. On a percentage and dollar basis, this is a drastic cut. The benefits to the City and County of Honolulu in supporting arts and culture goes far beyond aesthetics.

Consequently, while recognizing that some cut may be necessary in tough economic times, I would like to go on record in SUPPORT of restoring the MOCA budget cuts.

Mahalo,  
Eric Wong

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