

Lisa Clausen

From: Public Council Inbox
To: TMSell@aol.com
Subject: RE: Arts funding

Thank you for writing to the Burien City Council. Your message will be included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming Council meeting.

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City Manager's Office

From: TMSell@aol.com [<mailto:TMSell@aol.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 4:25 PM
To: Public Council Inbox
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Dear folks:

I understand you are considering where to put your money, and I hope you will make room for the arts. The arts bring people and money into the city. Let me give you an example: Breeders Theater. In 10 years of shows at E.B. Foote Winery, we bring in nearly 2,000 people a year to Burien for our January and July productions. We keep close track of our patrons, and only a tiny amount come from Burien. Many of them stop for a meal before or after the show. Without us, they're not coming to B-town. BT has never sought a dime from the public coffers and won't. We've had a fortunate partnership with the winery. But few arts organizations are as lucky as us. While every one tries to pay its way, many require some small amount of help from public funds. My point here is that funding the arts pays dividends for the community, both figuratively and literally. Please don't toss them aside.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Best of luck with your deliberations.

sincerely,

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