

## Statement for the Arts

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As a mother, a community leader, and a proud supporter of the arts, I believe that creativity is essential to the health and vitality of our city.

I have cherished the time I spent teaching and exploring art with my children. For example, I was a theater PTA mom who successfully helped bring the MET theater program to Lincoln Elementary school - we created a free after school program. During the Pandemic and when I was homeschooling — visual art gave us moments that reminded me how powerful and healing creative expression can be. One of my greatest joys has been watching my son grow into a talented young artist. His passion and perspective have deepened my understanding of how important it is to nurture artistic talent in all its forms.

Supporting the arts is not just about visual or music or theater — it's about investing in imagination, empathy, and identity. That's why I will continue to prioritize arts education, public art, and creative opportunities for all ages in our city. I am passionate about the arts in our schools and view our role as one to supplement resources to broaden access.

Placemaking is essential to preserve the character of our neighborhoods. Art is an essential key tenet of this work. I will work to support public art in every city legislative district for the upcoming term. We should set aggressive goals for achieving placemaking with input from residents.

Finally, the City plays a critical backbone support role in supporting the performing arts. I have and will continue to support the funding of programs and capital projects to ensure we are nurturing tomorrow's artists as well as creating safe spaces for those who seek to create.