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Dear SLPP Panelists,

On behalf of the County of Napa Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for Arts Council Napa Valley (ACNV), a partner organization of Napa County, in their application for funding to the California Arts Council's State-Local Partnership Program. ACNV has been integral in reinvigorating the arts community. Through its collaborative approach, ACNV has brought together artists, cultural enthusiasts, developers and government to a place where all stakeholders are invested in the arts.

As our County's designated local arts agency for over two decades, ACNV is our primary partner in providing strategies, collaboration, and leadership for the cultural welfare of our community. Since the 1980's, when ACNV first established a state-local partnership to benefit the Napa County Hospital's Arts in Mental Health Program, ACNV has been a key partner in building our arts and culture policies and services.

The Napa County Cultural Plan, which ACNV facilitated, continues to guide our vision for the future of community life in Napa County. The plan provides a framework for our grants and technical assistance for local arts and culture nonprofits. Under the plan's strategies of "Improved Arts Awareness" and "Maximizing and Mining Resources," ACNV has worked with our conference and visitor bureau, Visit Napa Valley, to foster a collaborative environment among the wine and hospitality industries, arts and culture, and government agencies.

ACNV has also played an integral role in helping us to establish our community's first dedicated public funds for arts and culture. ACNV is not only a founding member of the recommending body, the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee, but has the only permanent seat. It continually provides professional resources, industry insights, and liaise with the arts community on our behalf. With ACNV's advice and leadership, the County has built a strong grant program that has provided more than a million dollars in grants to local arts and culture nonprofits.

Thank you for your support of ACNV as our State-Local Partner. I hope this letter illustrates how valuable this support is to Napa County. We greatly appreciate the matching funds the State has provided for the last decade. Thank you, especially to the California Arts Council's dedication to and championing of this cause, so that we all may benefit and improve the quality of life for all Californians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AMBER MANFREE".

Amber Manfree  
Chair, Napa County Board of Supervisors

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