



ARLINGTON COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS

WHEREAS, the County Board recognizes:

- (a) the importance of arts and cultural activities to the health and well-being of all citizens;
- (b) that the arts play a major role in defining a community;
- (c) the responsibility of the County government for supporting the cultural life of a community and for encouraging its growth and development; and
- (d) the value of a citizen body which would monitor and facilitate the development of Arlington's artists and arts organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission for the Arts is hereby established. The Commission shall be advisory to the County Board, and in that capacity may make studies, develop recommendations, conduct public meetings and educational programs, hold hearings, prepare reports and appear before public bodies in furthering its objectives.

The Commission shall be comprised of fifteen (15) members, including the Chairman who shall be appointed annually by the County Board. Members shall be appointed for three (3) year terms. The Commission members shall be representative of the Arlington community, with a broad knowledge of and interest in the arts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duties of the Commission shall include:

1. Assisting the County in the development of cultural policy.
2. Undertaking the responsibilities allocated to it in a policy for the support of Arlington's artists, arts organizations and programs as approved by the County Board.
3. Considering alternative means of financing cultural activities and recommending strategies for promoting private funding for the arts.
4. Providing leadership for the continuing growth and development of the cultural life of the County and monitoring and planning for this development.

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