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Honorable Katherine Feinstein
Superior Court of California
County of San Francisco
Grand Jury
400 McAllister St, Room 008
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: DCYF's Responses to the 2011-2012 Civil Grand Jury of San Francisco Report titled "Where There's Smoke...The Need to Strengthen the Arts Commission's Stewardship of San Francisco's Cultural Legacy"

Dear Judge Feinstein:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the report entitled, "Where There's Smoke...The Need to Strengthen the Arts Commission's Stewardship of San Francisco's Cultural Identity" which was released on July 26, 2012. The report highlighted the need for stronger oversight in the operations and governance of the Commission, while being mindful of all the complicated requirements and limitations that it has. In this difficult economic climate it is even more important for us to ensure that our limited funds are used effectively and to provide the most impact for the children, youth and families of San Francisco.

Section III. Neighborhood Cultural Centers

Recommendation #15: *SFAC hold public hearings about the Cultural Centers and their short- and long-term funding (for programs and facility maintenance), facility, and safety needs to develop an action plan to secure the Cultural Centers.*

DCYF **supports** the recommendation for SFAC to hold public hearings on ways City departments and other key stakeholders can participate in the development of short- and long-term sustainability plans for these valuable Cultural Centers and the programs they implement. DCYF currently provide funding support to several Cultural Centers in the City for afterschool and youth services as well as summer programming.

Once again thank you for your focus on this very important topic. I hope that this report will result in improvements that will benefit the community. If you have any questions regarding DCYF's responses please do not hesitate to contract me.

Sincerely,

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