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Hello Erica :

Please add this statement to the Public Record for File 230269.

Mike Farrah
Legislative Aide to Supervisor Myrna Melgar

From: Georgia Connor <georgiaconnor@creativityexplored.org>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 1:19 PM
To: Farrah, Michael (BOS) <michael.farah@sfgov.org>
Subject: Honoring Judy Heumann

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Hello Mr. Farrah,

I would like to formally submit my organization's, Creativity Explored, statement honoring the life and work of Judy Heumann. I will be calling in today as well, but was hoping it wasn't too late to have it as part of the official record. Let me know if there is any more information I can provide. Thank you.

All the best,

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Hello all, my name is Georgia Connor and today I am representing Creativity Explored in San Francisco. Creativity Explored is a studio-based collective that partners with developmentally disabled artists to celebrate and nurture the creative potential in all of us. We are a non-profit day program that serves over 130 neurodiverse artists and is celebrating 40 years as a resource in the community where people can create, exhibit and sell their artwork. Founded in 1983 by Florence and Elias Katz, an artist and a psychologist, CE is part of a trio of Bay Area organizations started by the Katz, with Creative Growth serving Oakland and NIAD (Nurturing Independence through Artistic Development) serving Richmond.

Creativity Explored was created in response to the nationwide deinstitutionalization of disabled people and functions as a source of community empowerment and dignity. Judy Heumann's life-long dedication and radical efforts to advance inclusion in the US have had an extraordinary impact on the daily lives of Creativity Explored artists. Judy Heumann's centering of disabled activists speaks to Creativity Explored's culture of person-centered thinking and our dedication to constant and collaborative growth between the artists and staff who make up our vibrant organization. Following Ms. Heumann's lead in fully integrating those with disabilities into the community, Creativity Explored's artists have had the space to flourish as autonomous and respected disabled change-makers.

Creativity Explored offers its thanks and appreciation to Ms. Heumann and the work of countless San Franciscans who recognized the necessity to end the exclusion of peoples with disabilities from society. We hope to continue in carrying out Ms. Huemann and our shared core values in our community space and honor her revolutionary life's work.