



Resolution in Support of Naming the New County Arts Commission in honor of Larry T. Baza

Sponsor: Ryan Trabuco (AD-77)

Whereas, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors created, defunded, and then eliminated several decades ago the Public Arts Advisory Council which worked to elevate and fund arts and culture non-profits and organizations throughout the County; and

Whereas, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on August 17th, 2021 to elevate arts and culture countywide by providing a more equitable approach towards public funding of arts and culture organizations throughout our region, and to re-establish a new County Arts Commission; and

Whereas, the late Larry T. Baza dedicated much of his life's work cultivating, honoring, and procuring works of art throughout San Diego and across California through his involvement in numerous arts-based organizations, galleries, and museums, including his service as Executive Director of the County's Public Arts Advisory Council in the early 1990s, as Chair of the City of San Diego's Arts and Culture Commission, and as Chair of the California Arts Council;

Therefore be it resolved, that the San Diego County Democratic Party supports naming the new County Arts Commission to honor the memory and legacy of a trailblazing, progressive LGBTQ activist, a regional and statewide leader of arts and culture, a Democratic National Committee delegate, and President Emeritus of San Diego Democrats for Equality, Larry T. Baza;

Be it further resolved, that the San Diego County Democratic Party send a copy of this resolution to the members of our County Board of Supervisors, the County's Chief Administrative Officer, and communicate this position to the public.