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MOTION ON NOTICE

2. Provincial and Federal Government Arts Cuts

MOVER: Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

SECONDER: Councillor Heather Deal

WHEREAS:

1. The February 2009 BC Provincial Budget announcement contains cuts of nearly 50% to the annual Arts and Culture Budget.
2. Whereas one-time funding does not adequately replace ongoing funding and the planning it allows.
3. The Federal Government cut several arts programs in 2008 including programs which support cultural tourism.
4. Investing in the arts provides a disproportionate economic stimulus to local communities - over twelve dollars generated for every dollar invested.
5. Whereas Vancouver is a livable city in large part because of the involvement and investment of artists.
6. Whereas Vancouver's economic development has been aided by the city's vibrant creative sector and creative economy.
7. Eliminating support for the arts will have a measurable negative effect on the creative sector, especially small arts companies.
8. Negative impacts on the creative sector will have a resulting negative impact on the economies of Vancouver and Metro Vancouver in a time of economic challenges.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. THAT Vancouver City Council urges the Provincial and Federal Governments to reinstate full funding to the creative sector and related programs and further consider additional investment as part of economic stimulus programs.
2. THAT this motion be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for consideration of endorsement.

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