

Kitchen, Ann**Late Backup****Subject:** RE: Bond item for Acquisition of Creative Spaces**From:** John Riedie [mailto:john@austincreativealliance.org]**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2018 2:02 PM

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Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members,

On behalf of our 550 members from arts and music, I am writing to ask you to support Council Member Kitchens proposal for \$15 million in bond allocation for acquisition of creative spaces.

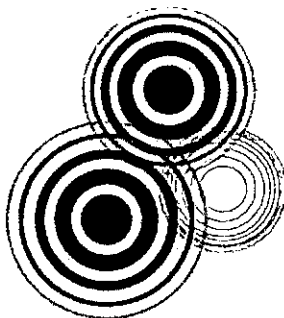
Besides the dozens of studios and venues that have closed in the past two years, our community surveys show that over 100 additional arts and music spaces will close over the next few years unless we can find resources to help non-profit arts and music organization avoid displacement.

Many of these organizations have plans to buy their spaces or stabilize their leases for the long term. A bond allocation to support those efforts would have a huge multiplier effect, saving hundreds of artists jobs and preserving the unique culture that has placed Austin among the worlds greatest cities.

Without an intervention soon, we risk the hollowing out of our grassroots culture as we have seen in San Francisco. Artists will begin leaving Austin if they have no places to work.

Thank you for your work and consideration

Sincerely yours,



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