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## FAX TO SEN. WM. RAGGIO



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February 2, 2003

Senate Finance Committee c/o Senator William Raggio

Dear Senator Raggio and the Senate Finance Committee:

As the chairman of the City of Reno's Arts & Culture Commission, I am writing in support of the Nevada Arts Council's budget request to your committee. The funds that this state agency supplies are vital to the lifeblood of the state of Nevada because the arts are both good for business and for Nevadans' quality of life.

Arts are proven good for business and this is particularly true in a state that relies on visitors. Thousands of visitors travel to our state to enjoy Nevada's many art events and activities. The Nevada Arts Council funds many of these.

Arts are also good for the quality of life of Nevadans, providing education and entertainment to citizens of all ages. Again, the Nevada Arts Council funds much of the art that Nevada citizens enjoy.

The City of Reno recently completed both a Cultural Master Plan as well as a Public Art Plan. The work of the Nevada Arts Council both complements and enhances these plans and programs that our city commission undertakes.

I urge your support of the Nevada Arts Council's budget request.

Sincerely,

Bob Alessandrelli Chair, Reno Arts & Culture Commission

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