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From Listening to Legacy

Special Committee on International Sporting
Events and Joint Committee on the Arts

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 **ARTS_{for}LA**

309 arts leaders shaped these findings



Leaders of LA28, LA County Arts and Culture, and the City of LA Cultural Affairs at the 2024 State of the Arts Summit

309

unique participants

11

convenings, including 10 listening sessions

24

hours of engagement

Hosted by LA County Arts and Culture with our producing and coordinating partners

ARTS FOR LA



CARS
Community Arts Resources

**LA County
ARTS &
CULTURE**



DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
City of Los Angeles

Three takeaways from the sessions



89%

Sustained investment, not a one-time surge

chose investment beyond 2028 as a top outcome.

70%

Culture lives in neighborhoods

say the primary audience should be local residents. Participants want hubs across all 88 cities and 120 unincorporated communities.

53%

A clear way in, and someone coordinating

lack clear information on how to get involved. Participants asked for centralized leadership and one information hub.

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Communities survey respondents said need dedicated support. Larger words were mentioned more often.

88 + 120

cities and unincorporated areas where participants want local organizing

- Neighborhood-level cultural hubs
- Programs that reflect local identities
- Priority for places with limited arts infrastructure

Mosaic LA: Culture Strengthens Community Resilience

A region-wide, multi-year cultural initiative: the connective force that ensures every community authentically shines in 2028 and beyond.

BUILD Now through 2027

Establish the infrastructure that makes everything else possible.

- A dedicated team for coordination, grants, technical assistance, and outreach
- Funding to carry out the work

SURGE 2028

A yearlong celebration across the Los Angeles region.

- One unifying communications, outreach, and storytelling strategy
- Neighborhoods activate their own cultural stories

LEGACY 2029 and beyond

Institutionalize what works.

- Sustain funding mechanisms
- Keep effective practices as durable, long-term civic infrastructure

WHO IS AT THE TABLE

California Community Foundation

City of Los Angeles

LA County

Arts for LA

LA Rising Hubs and Cultural District Network

LA Rising

Arts & Climate CA

Community Arts Resources (CARs)

Festival Trail

Agency Artifact

Little Tokyo Community Council

The Music Center

Cultural districts are a key strategy



Neighborhoods tell their own stories



Long-term infrastructure for local cultural life



Funding to sustain them beyond 2028

Thank you

**to the Legislature and Senator
Smallwood-Cuevas for investing in the
Historic South LA Black Cultural District.**

Continued investment builds cultural infrastructure, reaches neighborhoods and communities, and advances cultural equity in this global moment for Los Angeles.

Creative Jobs Collective and the Games

Goal: place 10,000 young people and adults in living-wage creative jobs by 2030



26

employer partners

607

job placement
commitments

1,000

Games-related
commitments being
secured, 500 for ages
18 to 26



On LA28's Local Hire Working Group for three years

*"Organizations advising on local hire today include: Arts for LA,
Brotherhood Crusade, ..."*

LA28 newsroom

A catalyst, not a finish line

Our ask of the Legislature

Support neighborhood cultural districts as lasting infrastructure

Districts let neighborhoods tell their own stories and make this moment last.

Thank you

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