

Your voice matters!

Please use the letterhead template on the following page to email a letter of support or prepare your public comment for the Downey city council meeting on Tuesday, November 14.

If you are joining us in person at the city council meeting, we recommend bringing a hard copy of your public comment **and** emailing it to Downey City Council, in the instance public comment is limited by council members. Please keep in mind that public comment is limited to 2 minutes per person.

1. Please use the letterhead template on the following page to format your letter of support, or use your organization's letterhead template (if you are representing an organization).
2. Address the following points in your letter or share your own comments:
 - Program, exhibitions and/or events that you have participated in at Stay Gallery and how they have impacted you.
 - Instances that you have partnered with our organization or used Stay Gallery for your program/event.
 - A personal story or positive experience you have had at Stay Gallery and/or with our team.
 - How our programs have helped you grow as an artist, creator, teacher and/or community leader.
 - Why you believe spaces like Stay Gallery are important for the community to have access to.
 - Why you believe the arts are essential and how they have improved your and/or your community's quality of life.
3. **Send an email with your letter attached (PDF format only) anytime before Tuesday, November 14 at 2:00pm: ccpubliccomment@downeyca.org**

Subject Line: **Letter of Support for Stay Gallery's Continued Funding**

Please CC Stay and the city council members:

hello@stayarts.org

cfrometa@downeyca.org

mtrujillo@downeyca.org

hsosa@downeyca.org

thorn@downeyca.org

All letters of support must be emailed before 2:00pm on Tuesday, November 14, 2023!

Today's Date

City of Downey
Attention: Downey City Council
11111 Brookshire Avenue
Downey, CA 90241

Re: Letter of Support for Stay Gallery's Continued Funding

Dear Mayor Frometa and City Council Members,

[Introduce yourself, what you do, and your role in the community and/or arts]. I would like to express my support for the continued funding of Stay Gallery from the City of Downey's Art In Public Places fund.

[Please use this space to address the points below or share your own comments]

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I respectfully request the Downey City Council to include Stay Gallery's continued funding from the Art in Public Places fund on the agenda of a future city council meeting to be publicly voted on. Furthermore, I urge council members to support arts access for Downey artists, youth and families by voting in favor of Stay Gallery's continued funding. Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Your Name & Signature]