

Victoria Arts Promotion and Preservation Society

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To whom it may concern,

VAPPS is the **Victoria Arts Preservation & Promotion Society**, and our mission is to increase access to Victoria's artistic output, today and for future generations. We maintain Victoria's largest local arts database and calendar at www.artsvictoria.ca.

We couldn't agree more when we look to the Create Victoria Masterplan and see "culture and creativity are essential aspects for vibrant and sustainable cities". Homes of course, are a vital piece of that equation.

Councilor Loveday's motion resonates with us deeply, knowing that a city without artists is a city without heart. As we look to the arts-rich cities to the south of us including San Francisco, San Diego, Portland and others... we can see the very real and current difficulties that arts organizations and individuals are having maintaining spaces, and homes, within their respective cities. To see our local council taking action to address this emerging phenomenon is appropriate, timely and inspiring.

While the operations of HOW this would be managed and implemented remains to be seen, the core spirit and intent of this motion resonates with VAPPS deeply. Maintaining access to homes for artists in the core of the city, is a vital piece of maintaining the creativity, diversity, richness, music and LIFE that animates and beautifies our city.

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