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Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

My name is Johanna Bartels, and I am a proud resident of New Westminster. As an active member of our community, a passionate arts patron, a board member of Arts New West, and a member of the Arts Collective Hijas del Sol, I work, live, and play in this wonderful city. I am writing to express my full support for Councillor Ruby Campbell's motion to create an "Inventory of Municipal Arts and Culture Indoor and Outdoor Spaces."

The arts and culture sector is at the heart of New Westminster's vibrant identity, enhancing our sense of community while contributing to our local economy and promoting tourism. This proposed inventory of arts and culture spaces is vital to ensuring the sustainability and growth of this important sector.

With a comprehensive inventory of indoor and outdoor arts and culture spaces, we can:

- Plan and collaborate more effectively on cultural initiatives.
- Identify gaps in available resources and opportunities for future investment.
- Advocate for our community's needs with accurate and reliable data.

As someone who deeply values the creative and cultural life of New Westminster, I urge you to support this motion. It is a critical step in fostering the thriving arts ecosystem that strengthens the fabric of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

**JOHANNA BARTELS**

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