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BERKELEY CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

The Berkeley Civic Arts Commission is committed to ensuring that the citizens of this community have the support to live a creative life, surrounded by a creative environment, with cultural equity for all. In order to achieve this vision, the Commission will strive to provide financial assistance, creative guidance, and arts advocacy through a lense of equity and transparency to advance our community toward a brilliant, creative, equitable future.

Define what cultural equity for all means. (is there a more transparent way of saying or expressing this?)

Notes from meeting:

Current Statement (from City website):

https://www.cityofberkeley.info/City_Manager/Civic_Arts/Mission_Statement.aspx

Mission Statement

The Civic Arts Commission was established to advise the City Council on all matters affecting the beauty and culture of the city. The Civic Arts Program administers and develops projects which accomplish this mission by:

- Encouraging programs for the cultural enrichment of the city and helping to make city resources available to cultural groups
- Providing assistance to groups and individuals wishing to sponsor neighborhood events
- Coordinating and strengthening existing organizations in the arts and developing cooperation with regional organizations

Goals for update:

1. incorporate Cultural Equity Statement within the Mission Statement

Examples & sources of inspiration:

1. SFAC Racial Equity Statement
2. City of Oakland's definition of Cultural Equity
3. Americans for the Arts Statement on Cultural Equity

4. Grantmakers in the Arts - Racial Equity in Arts Philanthropy
 - a. Statement of Purpose
 - b. Definitions
5. Santa Monica Arts Commission Mission Statement
https://www.smgov.net/Portals/Culture/About/Santa_Monica_Arts_Commission/Santa_Monica_Arts_Commission.aspx