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Dear Cultural Arts Commissioners,

I support beautifying Artesia Boulevard with public art that appeals to the broad community. However, I have serious concerns about how the Public Art Fund is being used, specifically the proposal to spend \$32,500 on an LGBTQ+ themed sculpture.

The 1% Public Art Fee paid by our community's real estate developers is ultimately passed on to homebuyers, renters, and business owners. It should be made **voluntary**, not mandatory. Those who choose to contribute (whether developers or residents) should have a meaningful, direct say in what types of art are commissioned.

Right now, the Cultural Arts Commission is deciding these priorities with limited accountability to the people who actually fund the program. This leads to art that reflects niche interests rather than widely shared community values.

I urge the Commission to:

- Recommend making the public art contribution voluntary.
- Give contributors more direct input on project themes and priorities.
- Focus existing funds on broadly appealing, high-quality art that unites rather than divides residents.

Public dollars (even development fees) should prioritize beauty, functionality, and broad community benefit and not identity politics.

Thank you for your service and including all residents of Redondo Beach in your decision making.

Sincerely, Bryan Stone

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