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Re: Support for SBCAST

Dear Alan:

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I am writing to express The Arts Fund's enthusiastic support for your Santa Barbara Center for Art, Science, and Technology project (SBCAST-revision K) as presented to me earlier this month.

Since its founding in 1983, The Arts Fund has been dedicated to fostering the arts in Santa Barbara. During my three-year tenure as the organization's executive director, one of my central concerns has been the need to keep artists and other creative professionals living and working in our community. I believe the location and timing of your "arts incubator" proposal could not be better for downtown Santa Barbara.

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Your site plan strategically locates SBCAST along a growing corridor of nonprofits and creative businesses easily accessible by mass transit. Engaging artists with Santa Barbara's existing science and technology resources invites bold experimentation and cross-disciplinary problem solving. Finally, providing affordable housing and workspace for these innovators increases the opportunity that they will continue to work and create business in our community.

As a near-by grass-roots arts organization and exhibition space, The Arts Fund welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with SBCAST in promoting and exhibiting projects developed by your artist residents. I look forward to future updates on the progress of this wonderful idea.

Sincerely,

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