

To City Council:

I'm writing this letter in support of the Public Art and Activation Program. It is to my understanding there are funds that may be reallocated to the Arts Commission so they can retain the conservation group that was brought on a year or so ago to help with public art installation projects.

The city has taken great strides in its public artworks over the past two years and it is clear not only the Commission but the hired conservation specialists have been crucial to the continued success. As an Allentown resident and artist, I'd advocate strongly to ensure these groups get the funds to continue programming, otherwise, I'd fear a stall in the public art works which would be devastating to the art community and to the neighborhood's overall being affected and beautified by these works.

Sincerely,  
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