



OFFICE OF MAYOR TED WHEELER
CITY OF PORTLAND

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Madame Auditor,

The Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC) is an independent non-profit agency that acts as the City of Portland's cultural arm. In each of the last five years the City has invested more than \$5,000,000 in the organization, supporting programs like art in our schools, public art installations, public events, fundraising efforts like "Work for Art," and operational support for dozens of non-profit groups and individual artists.

Your office has previously audited the Percent for Art program administered by RACC, and has provided thoughtful recommendations to improve its administration. However, to date the City has not undertaken a larger review of the organization.

After 30 years of public service, RACC Executive Director Eloise Damrosch will step down this summer. This transition provides a valuable opportunity to conduct a broad review of the various activities associated with the City's contractual agreement with RACC.

We therefore request your review of the agency's operations pursuant to its agreement with the City. This information will help ensure efficient and effective delivery of services to our community, and will provide both the Council and the agency's leadership a roadmap for their next chapter.

We look forward to further discussion of this request, and thank you for your consideration.

Ted Wheeler
Mayor

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Commissioner