

Legislation Text

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Calling for Hearings on the *Art in City Hall* and the *1% for Art* Programs to Explore how these Programs can be Made to Better Serve the Citizens of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia consists of a diverse population including citizens of every age, ethnicity, religious background, income and education level; and

WHEREAS, City Hall and its public spaces are a resource that every citizen should have a right to access and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, The *Art in City Hall* program includes the use of art-exhibit display cases that occupy the common areas and hallways on the 2nd and 4th floors of City Hall; and

WHEREAS, The display cases are not available for use by all members of the public; and

WHEREAS, It would be reasonable and appropriate to allow art created by high school students and inmates to be displayed as part of the *Art in City Hall* program on an equal basis with other artists; and

WHEREAS, The *1% for Art Program* has in recent years been allowed to languish and frequently is not enforced; and

WHEREAS, The City's *Mural Arts Program* has received national and international recognition for its success in beautifying neighborhoods and giving at-risk youth constructive alternatives to destructive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Bringing the City's *Art in City Hall* and *1% for Art* programs under the stewardship of the *Mural Arts Program* could make each program more accessible to all members of the public; now therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That the City Council of Philadelphia Calls for Hearings on the *Art in City Hall* and the *1% for Art* Programs to Explore How These Programs can be Made to Better Serve the Citizens of Philadelphia.