

Sample emails to Councilmembers

Dear Councilmember _____,

I just heard about the Doors Open legislation, and I couldn't support it more. Art saves lives. I truly believe that, and I know that these funds will transform communities in our district and help connect kids and seniors with art and heritage programs that they need and deserve!

Please be a champion for arts and culture and vote yes on this bill!

Dear Councilmember _____,

I'm so excited that King County may finally get a Cultural Access program. A yes vote on Doors Open would show great foresight. We need elected officials who understand the connection between arts and heritage organizations and our economy. Small businesses rely on these organizations to drive tourism and foot traffic to their stores, restaurants, etc. Without a robust arts and culture scene, we have no shot at restoring downtown Seattle and jump-starting cultural centers outside of Seattle!

Please vote in favor of Doors Open.

Sincerely,

Dear Councilmember _____,

Please support the Doors Open legislation. While programs are being cut to balance school budgets, *Doors Open* will direct funds to partnerships with schools, and connect kids with science, heritage, and the arts. In many cases, it may be the only exposure to arts programs that under-resourced schools get. So important!

Thank you for your consideration on this.

Best,

Dear Councilmember _____,

I'm imagining thousands of kids going on field trips, enjoying before and after school arts programs, being visited by arts and science outreach teams, and getting free or reduced cost

tickets to amazing shows and exhibits. Doors Open will make this possible and I encourage you to vote in favor of it!

Thank you,

Dear Councilmember _____,

I'm so glad you have an opportunity to create a Cultural Access program to benefit every district in King County. We need it so badly. The pandemic forced cuts and closures throughout the arts and culture sector and disproportionately impacted already-disadvantaged communities. These funds will offer a lifeline to science, heritage, and arts organizations that have taken hit after hit in recent years.

I encourage you to vote yes on Doors Open and I thank you in advance for your kindness and your vision.

Sincerely,

Hello Councilmember _____,

Please support arts, science, and culture for all King County residents. We know from study after study, that exposing kids to arts-and-culture education translates into positive outcomes for young people. From mental health and self-esteem to overall school performance, improved graduation rates, and greater civic participation, art changes lives for the better. Please vote yes on Doors Open and give hope to under-served communities throughout the county.

With thanks,

Dear Councilmember _____,

A vote for Doors Open is a vote that tells small arts, science, and heritage organizations outside of metropolitan centers that they matter too! Our work is essential to our communities, provides field trip opportunities for local kids, and adds to the richness of our town. We're often overlooked, but not in this bill! Please give us the resources that can help us change lives in our district.

Please vote yes on Doors Open.

Best,