

Dear Mayor and Council:

My name is Scott Gurney, I am the Executive Director of 17 Black Events, in Langford, BC.

Today I am writing to you on behalf of 24 signatories and 100's of Festival and Event Organizers across British Columbia who wrote an open letter to Premier David Eby and Minister Spencer Chandra Herbert.

We are calling on these officials to continue their support of festivals and events throughout BC. Some, or many, of these events and festivals take place in your community and have a profound impact on the mental, physical and economic health and well-being of your constituency. We are asking for your support too.

Below, you will see the open letter that was sent to the Minister and Premier on Wednesday February 19th. We are asking that you forward the same letter to them, on behalf of your community. Our towns and cities need arts & culture and we need your voice to encourage ongoing support from the NDP. Without it, we are sure to lose many of the gatherings and celebrations that bring happiness to your constituency, economic impact to local businesses and vibrancy to your community.

Thank you for taking the time to share this letter. I have included the email addresses and suggested subject line here for your convenience. There are two documents attached to make the letter easy to send. One is a PDF and one is a JPEG. Alternately, you can cut and paste the text from this email and send.