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The arts continue to play a significant role in our region with the creative economy supporting one in eight jobs in LA County. In 2013 LA County was recognized on the global stage as part of the world cities culture report, which found that Los Angeles topped a range of indicators in its first year, with more museums, live music venues and, of course, cinema screens than any of the other major metropolitan centers. So naturally, LA County is incredibly aligned around how creativity can drive economic prosperity while also serving the needs of residents.

The Arts Commission, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, provides services that enable creativity to thrive and job opportunities to grow. More than 360 LA County based arts organizations received grants supporting the 62,000 jobs within the County's cultural sector, and ensuring cultural services for all the diverse communities that make LA vibrant.

But access to the arts, and the jobs the creative economy provides, has to begin with our kids. Many of our school districts recognize that the arts can play a key role in preparing students for long-term success. Arts for All, LA County's arts education initiative, supports and connects fifty-six school districts to bring creativity into every classroom.

The arts also contribute significantly to our environment and quality of life. Eighteen new civic art projects, all with significant with public engagement activities, were completed in 2013. And we began work on major upgrades to the historic Ford Amphitheatre. More than 40,000 people attended one of the sixty events that took place during the summer season.

All of these activities work together to strengthen the thriving arts ecology in Los Angeles County.