

The art on college campuses never ceases to amaze me. As a student at Cerritos Community College, I relished going to the on-campus museum, where the creativity and edginess of local artists and curators is unparalleled. My appreciation for art started as a child. I grew up on PBS, and my parents would take me to see opera and ballet. I came to appreciate the art I saw all around me as an expression of the community that nurtured me.

I care deeply about the arts because they're an integral part of our lives. Art is much more than a form of expression. It challenges our worldviews and fosters connection, uniting people from all walks of life. Art education has also proven to promote positive academic, social, and emotional outcomes for children. That's why I host several annual arts events in our community.

SELA ARTS FESTIVAL

The Southeast LA (SELA) Arts Festival is a celebration of the vibrant culture of the Southeast region. Hosted on the bed of the LA River, the SELA Arts Festival features local artists from street muralists to musicians to visual artists.

CONFLUENCE ART CENTER

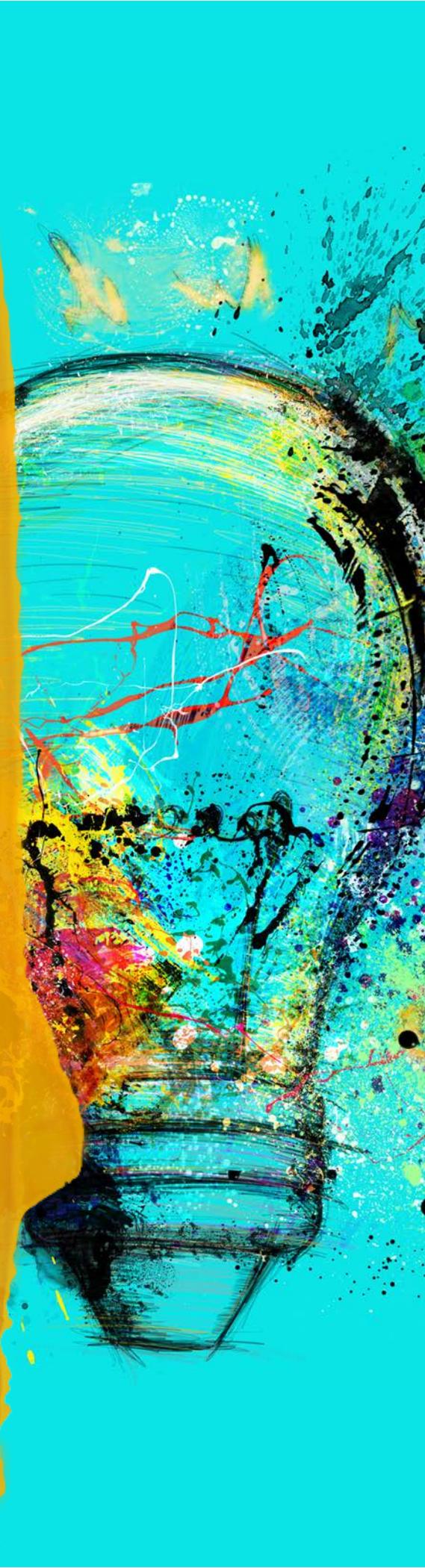
Over the past three years, I've advocated for \$29 million in the state budget to revitalize the LA River and get started on the cultural arts center in the Confluence area on the LA River and the Rio Hondo. The center may include youth arts education facilities, performance spaces, public spaces for community gatherings, museum space, and beautiful green space surrounding the center, connecting to the LA River. The building will be designed by world-renowned architect, Frank Gehry, the designer of Walt Disney Hall.



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MOVIES ON THE RIVER

Part of these revitalization efforts includes Movies on the River. This annual event, also held on the riverbed, brings the community together for family-friendly movies and fun.

TURNAROUND ARTS

In 2018, I led the Legislature in investing one million dollars in Turnaround Arts, a statewide art education initiative, allowing students to learn firsthand from experienced artists. The program serves 27 schools throughout California, including several sites in Southeast LA.

ART COMPETITION

Last year, I started the first annual art competition for high school students in my district. This competition is a chance for young artists to showcase their work. The winning pieces were displayed at the South Gate Art Gallery, the SELA Arts Festival, and the State Capitol.

My goal is to create more opportunities for local artists and to make their work available to all. With the abundance of creative talent in South East LA, my vision is to create a hub of creativity, opportunity, and community pride in Southeast LA.



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