

Arts Awareness and Advocacy

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Call to Action! The call has gone out to residences of the State of Florida to contact their legislative representatives to support funding for education and the arts. Drastic cuts in funding have forced local School Boards to cut the arts. Non-profit organizations that support community visual and performing arts are losing programming possibilities. Voters are being asked to:

- Register to vote
- Vote (early voting and absentee voting is making it very easy)
- Learn about the candidates
- Contact representatives NOW. Twenty phone calls, letters or e-mail messages get their attention
- Florida Legislators are home on recess. Great time to contact them.
- Contact Information: www.flca.net

I will be sending each local President or A&A local chair a flyer template. I hope that they will secure the information needed for contacting reps through the above website, add it to the back of the flyer, print out copies for their members and distribute at a meeting.

Recently our Governor announced that he would not support funding college programs in the liberal arts as they would not lead to jobs that would support the Florida economy. Voters are asked to express their lack of support for his opinion by contacting him and legislative representatives. Studies show that there are approximately 80,000 art based jobs in our state.

Respectfully submitted by Sonja Rozier, A&A Chair