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Dear Members of the Alameda Public Art Commission,

On behalf of my friend, Patti Cary, I am writing to encourage you to consider the grant request for the Alameda Haunt Your House contest to hopefully be held in the fall of 2020. This is a wonderful enterprise that Patti started in 2006 and continued for nearly ten years. For those who celebrate Halloween, and it is most of the island, it became a fun and creative endeavor to decorate their homes in the spirit of the holiday. As we are seeing so many of our annual celebrations being canceled due to Covid 19, this is one holiday that we can still enjoy without the concerns of social distancing or crowds.

For many, this is a cultural event that allows them to haunt their homes in an individual and artistic manner. All one has to do is walk or drive the streets of Alameda during October to see how seriously the islanders take this. The contest simply adds to the fun and creativity of it all.

The canned food drive for the Food Bank in conjunction with the contest is one more reason to embrace AHYH. With so many in need, this is an added benefit for all of us to contribute to.

Patti Cary's creative ideas and hard work made AHYH one of the most popular events to kick off the holiday season. Please consider extending the grant so that she can once again offer this unique contest to all of those 'haunt your house' devotees and also support our local food bank.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,
Shari Cox