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Subject: [EXTERNAL] A letter in support of "Alameda-Haunt Your House!"
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Dear Alameda Public Art Commission:

I am writing to advocate for the support and return of the wonderful *Alameda-Haunt Your House!* art event.

As a long-time advocate for local, community-based, and inclusive art, I can state unequivocally that the residents from all over the Alameda who enter the *Alameda-Haunt Your House!* contest are most certainly artists!

In attending this event in past years, I was always impressed with the level of creativity, innovation, and pride that went into decorating the homes. These were homes of all shapes and sizes in nearly every neighborhood. Several years back, I was lucky enough to be a judge of this community-based art event, and I believe I counted nearly thirty entries in that year alone.

Alameda-Haunt Your House! is a city-wide, cultural art event not unlike a street fair or any other art happening in town. This event brings the wider community together and brings joy to all who participate - whether you're an artist, decorating your home, or a participant in the food drive and contest -- touring the city enjoying the wonderful entries and donating canned goods along the way.

Please bring back this popular, all-inclusive, cultural art event to the city and support the Alameda Food Bank during one of its busiest seasons.

I thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Regards,

Jill Mountjoy