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Dear Council

I am unable to attend the council meeting this evening.

Regarding this agenda item, I appreciate that the "whereas" speak to my concerns on the issue, those being primarily that the District Hall is a public place, and therefore its environment, including displays of any kind, must be a welcoming and suitable environment for all residents. I do not find it to be so right now, and in fact, every person I've talked to, whether staff or a member of the public, sees the concern I have, especially in my role as the parent of a young child.

As far as the recommendation at the end of the motion, I do not necessarily think a committee needs to be struck to address this issue. I firmly believe the arts council, in the situation we find ourselves in now, expected their choice of artwork may provoke a reaction. Everyone involved, from the arts council to District management, merely needs to show respect and consideration for all our residents, and make their choices accordingly. This is the only time there has been any controversy over the artwork on display at District Hall.

If council does decide to strike a committee for the purposes of making recommendations on the choice of artwork at the hall, I think it should not only be members of the art community who are represented on it. I believe there should also be representation from professionals who are atuned to the needs of all residents on such matters.

Sincerely,
Cathy Adams