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> Dear Councillor Keithley: I am one of the directors of the Burnaby Artists Guild, celebrating their 50th Anniversary as a Burnaby non-profit group for social, and educational opportunities for aspiring artists. We were fortunate to have you open our last show, and thank you.

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> Now we are in the situation of most Burnaby Groups meeting at the Shadbolt Centre (to the renovation of which we contributed funds, along with the Arts Council) of having to pay full rent for one room (Room 106) while because of the CoVid situation, we can only have 12 members per meeting, out of our 65 membership.

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> We understand the importance of this restriction, because of social distancing. However, we still have to pay the full amount of rental. At this same time, new regulations require us to get additional insurance coverage for our meetings and show times, an additional financial burden.

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> Our current fees (which are for 4 gatherings a month with demos), just cover our expenses, but now we feel that some of our members may not be able to pay the full amount for 1/6 of our usual activities, and there is no offer from the Shadbolt to lower the rental during this time.

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> I was a member of the Committee for the renovation of the Art Centre back in the '90's, and one of our requests was that the fees for use of the Centre remain moderate, and somewhat less for Burnaby based organizations.

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> Could the Burnaby Council now consider some assistance to groups to alleviate this situation?

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> Thank you

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