

## **Bobbie Walthall**

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**From:** headhoncho@jillensley.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2016 12:56 PM  
**To:** Lisa Larsen; Matthew Herbert; Stuart Boley; Leslie Soden; Mike Amyx; Bobbie Walthall  
**Subject:** Yet Another Budget/Arts Email

Greetings,

No, this isn't a boiler plate SAVE THE ARTS, knee-jerk response, because I fully understand the issue is more complicated than that, and, it seems, has sadly been misinterpreted by a good portion the general public who are now on a witch hunt? So I'm grateful we still have someone at the local paper who can break things down and explain the facts (see: Lawhorn's Town Talk piece today). Getting people to read it, that's another story.

In short, Art will still exist in Lawrence. That's the beauty of it. You can ART (yes, verb) anywhere. We, as citizens, can support it directly if our state/city won't, or simply can't. I'm not saying the government shouldn't fund the arts, far from it. In a perfect world, we're all given grants to create, right? I'm an artist myself, and a KU Fine Arts grad at that, so don't think I don't have a dog in this race. But I don't think that's actually what's being proposed here either.

While it is a shame that the Director of Arts and Culture's position is being proposed for elimination (has been eliminated?), I don't see that as a death knell for arts in Lawrence. If that's the case, we're delusional that this is an Arts Town. It's the artists and the people that, to use a favorite phrase from the last meeting, "choose to live here", that make up arts in Lawrence. And it certainly doesn't hinge on the Arts Center getting even more money. The Arts Center CANNOT be the only face of art in this community. It cannot. That's not diversity or inclusivity. That's giving face. Don't get me wrong, again, it's an important place for many people and should be supported, but when you start telling people, THIS IS THE PLACE TO ART, it starts feeling like a manufactured space, a Freedom Zone, a Ministry of Culture. Sanctioned and sanitized. I'd argue the beauty of Lawrence lies in its diversity of opinions and culture, its alleyways and yards filled with a people's art, a place where you can see creativity in a gallery AS WELL as on the street, a multi-faceted approach rather than a lazy, single-stream funnel. You can't define and constrict what art means, or define it as "something that happens here, and only here." The Arts Center is necessary and vital, but it does not represent everyone.

**Which brings me to my main point.** If you REALLY want to support artists, support basic city services. Artists don't exist in a vacuum. We need groceries and healthcare (mental and physical) and affordable housing, just like the rest of the citizens, who also shouldn't be ignored for the sake of image. If you need a way to frame it to avoid considerable backlash, there you go. You're welcome. But framing this as a massive cut to the arts is false and grossly misleading. I mean, I get it. I get why it was done. It rallies the troops into a foamy rage. But what about Bert Nash, city roads and infrastructure, education, *the Shelter*. The Shelter receives less than half of what the Arts Center does. The Humane Society receives more than the Shelter. I mean, I love animals too. I give my time to save wildlife every week. But come on. We can't have everything, not in Kansas right now anyway, and we need to start taking better care of the less fortunate in this city rather than making it a playground for the well-to-do. As an artist, but as a HUMAN BEING first, I sort of think we should do better taking care of people of lesser means rather than pretending we're supporting them through organizations with strong development and money-making ties. And frankly, I'm getting sick of seeing

art used as a carrot for unbridled greed and neighborhood destruction (yeah, you know I had to get East Ninth in there).

And I know this can't be an easy time for all of you, so I want to thank you for listening and giving your time trying to make this city better. Gonna be a fun one tonight.

-Jill Ensley

1225 New Jersey St (until I move next month for a cheaper apartment further East. see what I did there?)

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"We are each other's business; we are each other's harvest; we are each other's magnitude and bond."

-- Gwendolyn Brooks

**Bobbie Walthall**

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**From:** Dave Loewenstein <dloewenstein@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2016 12:11 PM  
**To:** Mike Amyx  
**Cc:** Bobbie Walthall; Tom Markus; Porter Arneill  
**Subject:** East 9th Street and Director of Arts and Culture

Dear Mayor Amyx,

As an East Lawrence resident and artist, who's studio has been on East 9<sup>th</sup> St. for eighteen years, I support a compromise for the East 9<sup>th</sup> St. project that limits it to general street and sidewalk repair from New Hampshire to Pennsylvania, and the continued engagement of ArtPlace funded artists in a way that acknowledges and adapts to the reduced scope of the project. This compromise will address not only budgetary issues, but also real concerns about the negative impacts rapid development can have in our neighborhood.

Before we consider any future "placemaking" type projects, the City should support and follow through on the creation of a Conservation Overlay District for the area in and around East 9<sup>th</sup> St. This will put in place a process for evaluating future development proposals that respects economic and social equity, history, and culture, and helps to conserve and sustain this beloved part of our City's original town site.

Moving forward with the implementation of the City's first Cultural Plan, as I believe we should, we will need a Director of Arts and Culture. Many of the issues we face in our arts and cultural community, including equitable funding allocation across the whole of Lawrence, are addressed in the plan, but it will take experienced leadership to move those recommendations into policy. I encourage you to continue to support this position.

Sincerely,  
Dave Loewenstein

## Aliza Caldwell

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**To:** Tom Markus  
**Subject:** RE: Vision for Lawrence and the 9th Street Corridor

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**From:** Hans.Carttar [<mailto:Hans.Carttar@target.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2016 5:28 PM  
**To:** Tom Markus  
**Cc:** Hans.Carttar  
**Subject:** Vision for Lawrence and the 9th Street Corridor

Mr. Markus-

Welcome to Lawrence. I hope that part of your decision to take the job of City Manager was an appreciation for how special Lawrence is and that it can be even better.

I was born and raised in Lawrence. I have always loved Lawrence, but over the last 20 years or so, Lawrence has grown into a very special community; a vibrant oasis of diversity, entertainment, the arts and culture.

I'm concerned about recent developments and fear that our great community is losing sight of what makes us special; what makes us Lawrence. I fear we're losing momentum or worse; reversing course that will in time make us indistinguishable from other towns across Kansas. I am looking to you and the other members of the City Commission to stay true to a longer term vision of what Lawrence should stand for. I have two specific concerns I ask you to champion:

- Help drive revisions to the current budget proposal. The current budget proposal does not demonstrate any appreciation for the heart and soul of Lawrence. To paraphrase Kevin Wilmot, "Lawrence is the hope of Kansas". The current budget resembles something I'd expect to come from the Kansas statehouse, not Lawrence City Hall. I implore you to support revisions to the budget that align with the hope and promise of an even greater Lawrence; even if some taxes must increase. We should all learn from the poor example of our state legislators. Great communities aren't measured by how little they spend, they're measured by a broader quality of life. Some things are worth paying for.
- Support the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor. It aligns with the vision of Lawrence as a vibrant community grounded in arts and culture. Support it! If the current plan needs some revisions, create an environment that supports collaborative problem solving. Get it done! East Lawrence is a wonderful and historic part of our great community. The City Commission now has an opportunity sitting right in front of it that would breathe life into East Lawrence for decades. Seize the opportunity in front of you to leave a lasting legacy. Don't be remembered for squandering it.

Thank you for your service to our community.  
Hans Carttar

## Aliza Caldwell

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**To:** Tom Markus  
**Subject:** RE: budget, support for Arneill, Library

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**From:** lora jost [mailto:[lorajost@hotmail.com](mailto:lorajost@hotmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2016 10:02 AM  
**To:** Mike Amyx; Leslie Soden; Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen; Tom Markus  
**Cc:** Porter Arneill  
**Subject:** budget, support for Arneill, Library

Dear City Commissioners and City Manager,

I am a Lawrence resident and an artist. I support Porter Arneill's position as our city's director of arts and culture and I support raises for the staff of the Lawrence Public Library. I urge you to make these changes in the city's budget.

Lawrence has needed a director of arts and culture for many years -- certainly since I was on the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission in 2007-2008. The Lawrence Arts Center receives city dollars and plays an important role, but as a private sector organization is not accountable to the taxpayers nor is in the service of the public as a whole in the same way that the city itself must be. The city needs a knowledgeable director of arts and culture to help city commissioners evaluate and understand proposals in light of broad public interest, navigate interests (ie important neighborhood concerns versus those of developers), and to run an open public process. We also need a director of arts and culture to propose initiatives, support the work of local artists, develop and run programs, and coordinate events throughout the entire city.

We need to fund Arneill's position and our library staff adequately because they contribute to the health and well-being of our residents and help make our community an interesting and engaging place to live. Arneill and our library staff are custodians of our community's cultural life. (To understand the multifaceted cultural life of Lawrence, please take a look at the enclosed attachment to find a long list of arts and culture organizations and businesses.)

The Cultural Plan makes clear that supporting the immense *diversity* of cultural organizations throughout our community is of utmost importance, and we need a cultural arts director to usher along this important work.

Sincerely,

Lora Jost

cc. Porter Arneill

## ARTS AND CULTURE IN LAWRENCE, KANSAS

### MULTIDISCIPLINARY-CULTURAL ARTS

- Dole Institute of Politics (events, speakers, and exhibits linked to culture and politics) [http://www.lawrence.com/places/dole\\_institute\\_of\\_politics/](http://www.lawrence.com/places/dole_institute_of_politics/)
- Haskell Indian Nations University (Departments related to arts, culture, humanities; cultural center/museum; library; public art (see *Kansas Murals: A Traveler's Guide* for mural listings at Haskell) <http://www.haskell.edu/>
- Lawrence Arts Center (galleries; full programming art classes for all ages; performance and concert venue) <http://lawrenceartscenter.org/>
- Lawrence Creates Makerspace (hacker space, workshops, exhibits, events) <http://lawrencecreates.info/>
- Lawrence Parks and Recreation (classes in arts and culture for all ages) <http://www.lawrenceks.org/lprd/>
- Lawrence Public Library (books, exhibits, all ages programming) <http://www.lawrence.lib.ks.us/>
- Liberty Hall (historic theater hosting film, concerts, performances, events) <http://www.libertyhall.net/>
- Lied Center of Kansas (performance venue booking world class artists) <http://lied.ku.edu/>
- Spooner Hall, The Commons (cultural education/events) [http://www.lawrence.com/places/commons\\_spooner\\_hall/](http://www.lawrence.com/places/commons_spooner_hall/)
- University of Kansas (Departments related to arts, culture, humanities; continuing education; libraries; museums; speakers) <http://www.ku.edu/>
- USD 497 Lawrence Public Schools (includes education in arts, culture, humanities; programs for English Language Learners) <http://www.usd497.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=1>
- Private Schools in Lawrence: Bishop Seabury Academy, Prairie Moon Waldorf School, Veritas Christian School, Century School, Raintree Montessori School, St. John's School (include preschool, grade school and high school level education in arts, culture, humanities) <https://www.google.com/search?q=private+schools%2C+lawrence%2C+ks&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8>
- Preschools in Lawrence, KS (include some arts and culture programming) <http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/categories/education/preschools/>

### ARTS EDUCATION (CAMPS/CLASSES/WORKSHOPS)

(See "Textile Arts" for classes in the textile arts)

#### **General/Multidisciplinary**

- Continuing Education at the University of Kansas (general, adults) <http://kuce.ku.edu/>
- Lawrence Arts Center (general; preschool, children, adults) <http://lawrenceartscenter.org/>
- Lawrence Creates Makerspace (general; adults/families; hackerspace, workshops) <http://lawrencecreates.info/>
- Lawrence Parks and Rec/Nature Center (general; children, adults) <http://www.lawrenceks.org/lprd>
- Spencer Art Museum (general; children and family programming) <http://www.spencerart.ku.edu/programs/family.shtml> Arts/Culture/Humanities education associated with University of Kansas, Haskell Indian Nations University, and public and private schools

**Specialized Classes (music, African-American quilting, dance, theatre, circus, glass, sculpture, ceramics, drawing/painting, youth arts. See classes for Fiber Arts under that section)**

- Americana Music Academy <http://www.americanamusicacademy.com/>
- African American History Quilting (quilting; youth) contact Marla Jackson, <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2014/mar/29/lawrence-quilter-area-students-hope-follow-mandela/>, <http://www.marlaquilts.com/>, Marla Jackson on Facebook
- Brave Voice (Caryn Mirrium-Goldberg and Kelly Hunt lead writing and songwriting workshops; adults) <http://bravevoice.com/>
- Dazzlers Christian Dance (classes) <http://www.lawrencedazzlers.com/>
- Dance Because (classes) <http://www.dancebecause.com/>
- Girls Rock Camp (music, week-long summer camp for youth girls) <http://girlsrocklawrence.com/>
- Illuminated Glass (glass and bead-making classes, adults) <http://www.illuminatedglass.com/pages/1-classes>
- KU Community Music School <http://music.ku.edu/piano/cms>
- KU School of Music <http://music.ku.edu/>
- KU Department of Dance (education, performances) <http://dance.ku.edu/>
- Lawrence Dance Gallery (classes) <http://www.lawrencedancegallery.com/>
- Meadowlark Music Together <http://www.meadowlarkmusictogether.com/>
- Middle Eastern Dance (performance/instruction) <http://www.azadeahbellydance.com/>
- Midwestern Music Camp (at KU) <http://music.ku.edu/mmc>
- Muddy Waters Studio (ceramics; children, adults) <http://www.muddywatersstudio.com/>
- Music Clubhouse (preschool music education, youth piano lessons) <http://www.musicclubhouse.com/>
- Music and free play (preschoolers) at LOL Family Zone [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FD\\_AayEAqCKiZvBdk45oyu0Iy88iMbW5plsEh1AnNo4/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FD_AayEAqCKiZvBdk45oyu0Iy88iMbW5plsEh1AnNo4/viewform)
- Myles Mountain Stone Carving Symposiums / Sculpture Workshops (sculpture; adults) <http://www.2sculpt.com/sample-page/workshop/>
- Painted Canvas (painting; children, adults) <http://www.paintedkanvas.com/>
- Point B Dance (lessons) <http://pointbdance.com/>
- The Last Carnival (circus arts school) <http://sihkaanndestroy.com/>
- Theatre Lawrence (theatre; children's camps) <http://www.lawrence.com/events/2015/feb/26/schools-out-theatres/?et=86054>
- Van Go, Inc. (visual arts; youth) <http://www.van-go.org/>
- Writing Workshops by Caryn Mirrium-Goldberg <http://carynmirriamgoldberg.com/readings-workshops-talks/>
- Open Model Drawing at KU (open to adult community members) <http://art.ku.edu/opendrawing>
- Music Teachers Directory (website) <http://musicteachersdirectory.org/USA/KS/Lawrence-Music-Teachers-Kansas-Music-Lessons>
- Take (Music) Lessons in Lawrence (website) <https://takelessons.com/lawrence-ks/singing-lessons>

**ART THERAPY (ART, MUSIC, THEATRE)**

- Art Therapy Therapists in Lawrence, KS  
[https://therapists.psychologytoday.com/rms/prof\\_results.php?city=Lawrence&state=KS&spec=489](https://therapists.psychologytoday.com/rms/prof_results.php?city=Lawrence&state=KS&spec=489)
- Christi Dobson (registered drama therapist) <http://lawrenceartscenter.org/christi-dobson/>
- GaDuGi Safecenter (use arts in programming) <http://www.gadugisafecenter.org/>
- Music Education and Music Therapy program at University of Kansas  
<http://music.ku.edu/memt>
- Nicole Martin (art therapist and author of book “Art as an Early Intervention Tool for Children with Autism”) [http://www.amazon.com/Nicole-Martin/e/B001O5OQCI/ref=dp\\_byline\\_cont\\_book\\_1](http://www.amazon.com/Nicole-Martin/e/B001O5OQCI/ref=dp_byline_cont_book_1)
- The Willow Domestic Violence Center (check if use arts in programming)  
<http://www.willowdvcenter.org/>
- Sunflower Music Therapy, a class where children sing, read and make music with board certified music therapist <https://www.facebook.com/SunflowerMusicTherapy>
- Transformative Language Arts Network/Power of Words Conference (significant Lawrence involvement in this) <http://tblog.org/>

## **HACKERSPACE/MAKERSPACE**

- Lawrence Creates Makerspace (general; adults/families; hackerspace, workshops)  
<http://lawrencecreates.info/>

## **VISUAL ARTS**

### **Drawing / Comics / Graphic Novels / Illustration**

- Astrokitty Comics <https://www.facebook.com/AstroKittyComics>
- Comic artists and networks (contact Dale Martin,  
<https://watusithetalkingdog.wordpress.com>)
- Comic Cons in Lawrence (includes past Kansas Free State Comic Con in Lawrence)  
[http://www.amigoman.com/html/visits/state\\_comic\\_con\\_2012.html](http://www.amigoman.com/html/visits/state_comic_con_2012.html)
- Comic Market (check on) <http://www.yellowpages.com/lawrence-ks/mip/comic-market-8623332?lid=8623332>
- Illustrators/Design networks (some contacts include Stephen Johnson  
<http://www.stephentjohnson.com/>, Christy Schneider,  
<http://www.yellowpencilstudio.com/>, Barry Fitzgerald  
<http://www.barryfitzgeraldillustration.com/>)
- Kquality Comics [http://www.kansascitycomics.com/?page\\_id=1501](http://www.kansascitycomics.com/?page_id=1501)
- Open Model Drawing at KU (open to community members) <http://art.ku.edu/opendrawing>
- Second Sunday Sketching with Smitty  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/649571148487912>
- Thieves Guild <https://www.facebook.com/thievesguildarts> and  
[https://www.facebook.com/events/573590612785868/?ref\\_newsfeed\\_story\\_type=regular](https://www.facebook.com/events/573590612785868/?ref_newsfeed_story_type=regular)

### **General Resources for the Visual Arts Education (classes/camps)**

- See listings under “Multidisciplinary/Cultural-Arts” and “Arts Education”

### **Jewelry / Beadwork**

- Goldmakers <http://goldmakersjewelry.com/>
- Made <http://madeonmass.com/>

### **Murals**

- Public murals in Lawrence (see book [Kansas Murals: A Traveler's Guide](#) for listings through 2005 (additional murals not in book include Dave Loewenstein downtown, Lora Jost at the Free State Brewery, KT Walsh at New York School, and more)

### Photography

- Atomic Photography (retro pinup photography) <http://www.atomicphotographyonline.com/>
- Bombshell Pin Up Productions <https://www.facebook.com/bombshellpinup/photos/.../57316691604772>
- Google-search “photography Lawrence, KS” <https://www.google.com/search?q=photography%2C+lawrence%2C+ks&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8>
- Lawrence Inside Out <http://www.lawrenceinsideout.com/>
- Oh Snap! Photography [www.ohsnaphoto.com/](http://www.ohsnaphoto.com/)
- Photojournalists, Lawrence Journal World <http://www2.ljworld.com/>
- Pinhole photography, Amanda Monaghan, contact through <https://www.facebook.com/lawrenceartguild>

### Sculpture/Ceramics

- 2sculpt (sculpture tools , materials, workshops) <http://www.2sculpt.com/>
- Downtown Outdoor Sculpture Program <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/lawrence-cultural-arts-commission/publicart/sculpture>
- Heartland Art Bronze (foundry) Inc. <http://www.essensualsculpture.com/hab/>
- Lawrence Potters Guild <http://www2.ljworld.com/events/2014/may/10/lawrence-potters-guild-sale/?et=79927>
- Public Sculpture (there are many public sculptures around Lawrence)
- Sunfire Ceramics <http://www.sunfire-ceramics.com/>

### Textile Arts (see separate “Textile Arts” listing)

#### Galleries

- Art Stuff Gallery (check on) [http://www.lawrence.com/places/artstuff\\_gallery/](http://www.lawrence.com/places/artstuff_gallery/)
- Cider Gallery <http://cidergallery.com/>
- Diane’s Artisan Gallery (check on) [http://www.lawrence.com/places/dianes\\_artisan\\_gallery/](http://www.lawrence.com/places/dianes_artisan_gallery/)
- Kansas Union Gallery [http://www.lawrence.com/places/kansas\\_union\\_gallery/](http://www.lawrence.com/places/kansas_union_gallery/)
- KU Art and Design Gallery <http://art.ku.edu/art-design-gallery>
- Lawrence Percolator <http://lawrence-percolator.blogspot.com/>
- Phoenix Gallery and Phoenix Underground <http://phoenixgalleryart.com/>
- Prairie Hills Art Gallery (check on) <http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/businesses/prairie-hills-art-gallery/>
- Seed Co. Studios (galleries and studios) <http://www.seedcostudios.com/>
- Signs of Life <http://signsoflifegallery.com/>
- Spencer Art Museum <http://www.spencerart.ku.edu/>
- Wonder Fair <http://www.wonderfair.com/>
- List of Galleries on Lawrence.com <http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/categories/arts-and-entertainment/museums-galleries/>

#### Exhibit Spaces

- Aimee’s Coffee House, <http://www.aimeescoffeehouse.com/>
- Bourgeois Pig <http://bourgeoisigny.com/about.php>
- Do’s Deluxe, contact Marty Olson <http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/businesses/dos-deluxe/>

- Douglas County Law Library <http://www.lawrence.com/places/douglas-county-law-library/>
- Emprise Bank <http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/businesses/emprise-bank-6387/>
- Extra Virgin [www.extravirginoilsvinegars.com/](http://www.extravirginoilsvinegars.com/)
- Final Fridays <http://www.lawrence.com/news/finalfridays/>
- Five Bar <http://fivebarandtables.com/>
- Framewoods Gallery (prints) <http://www.framewoodslawrence.com/index.php>
- Hashinger Hall Creative Arts Dormitory (KU) <http://housing.ku.edu/learning-communities>
- Lawrence Public Library <http://www.lawrence.lib.ks.us/>
- Theatre Lawrence art exhibits <http://www.theatrelawrence.com/>
- URU (repurposed things) <https://www.facebook.com/pages/URU-Lawrence/609125379109846?sk=info&tab=overview>
- Wheatfields <http://www.wheatfieldsbakery.com/>
- Wink Eyewear [http://www.lawrence.com/places/wink\\_eyewear/](http://www.lawrence.com/places/wink_eyewear/)
- Z's Downtown, Z's on 23<sup>rd</sup> <http://www.zsdivine.com/>

### **Arts and Craft Fairs**

- Art In The Park <https://www.facebook.com/lawrenceartguild>
- Bizarre Bazaar <https://www.facebook.com/BizBazArt>
- City listing (Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, Summerfest, Fall Arts and Crafts Fair) <http://www.lawrenceks.org/lprd/specialevents/artsandcrafts>
- Haskell Indian Art Market <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Haskell-Indian-Art-Market/142168955796288>
- Holiday Art Fair sponsored by the Lawrence Art Guild <https://www.facebook.com/lawrenceartguild>

### **Studios**

- additional listings at <https://finalfridayslawrence.wordpress.com/>
- Lawrence Creates Makerspace (hacker space, workshops, exhibits, events) <http://lawrencecreates.info/>
- 313 Studios (East 8th, art business start ups: ex., JJ's Glassworks)
- SeedCo Studios (720 E. 9th Street #7) <https://www.facebook.com/SeedCoStudios>
- The Beacon (647 Maple, two studios)

### **Groups, Associations, Organizations**

- Fresh Produce Art Collective <http://www.freshproduceartcollective.com/#>
- Haskell Student Organizations (groups include arts, film, photography, Anime, cultural) <http://www.haskell.edu/student-senate/clubs.php>
- Lawrence Art Guild <https://www.facebook.com/lawrenceartguild>
- Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/lawrence-cultural-arts-commission>
- LOLA <http://ladiesoflawrence.blogspot.com/>, <https://www.facebook.com/lola.lawrence>
- South Mass Art Guild (SMAG) <https://www.facebook.com/southmassart>
- Van Go Mobile Arts (youth arts) <http://www.van-go.org/>

**[Additional categories might include: Bookmaking, Body Art (see “Fashion” section), Chalk Art, Crafting, Digital Arts, Doodle Art, Face Painting, Graffiti, Graphic Design, Lego groups, Installations, Video, Public Art, Puppet makers, Toy makers, Woodworkers, and more]**

### **ARTS ACTIVISM (SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, CULTURAL, MEDIA)**

- Kaw Area Watershed Council <https://kawcouncil.wordpress.com/>

- Lawrence Percolator <http://lawrence-percolator.blogspot.com/>
- Live TV Live, media satire/look at arts and culture [4livetvlive@gmail.com](mailto:4livetvlive@gmail.com)
- USDAC Lawrence Field Office <https://www.facebook.com/imagininglawrence>

## **FILM (FILMMAKERS, PROGRAMMING, VENUES)**

- Moon Drunk films, contact Chris Snipes (filmmaker) <http://www.moondrunkfilms.com/>
- Films for Action (programming) <http://www.filmsforaction.org/Lawrence>
- Free State Festival (film and arts festival) <http://freestatefilmfest.com/>
- Kevin Willmott (filmmaker) <http://www.millermeiers.com/kevinwillmott/>
- Lawrence Arts Center, contact Marlo Angel (film education, events) <http://lawrenceartscenter.org/>
- Liberty Hall (film venue, show independent films) <http://www.libertyhall.net/>
- Queen Alidore Films, contact Amber Hansen and Nicholas Ward (filmmakers) <http://queenalidore.wix.com/queenalidore>
- Women of Lawrence Film (Wolf) (filmmakers) <https://www.facebook.com/womenoflawrencefilm>

## **THEATRE ARTS / PERFORMANCE / PUPPETS / CIRCUS / COMEDY**

### **Theatre groups/companies**

- Card Table Theatre, contact Will Averill, <http://www.cardtabletheatre.com/>
- Chameleon Productions (anything from an all verse show, a themed monologue show, mixed media show, left of center variety show, etc.), contact Robert Baker [bakerbop@sunflower.com](mailto:bakerbop@sunflower.com)
- EMU Theatre, contacts Dan Born, Andy Stowers (@gmail.com) or Todd Swartz [https://www.facebook.com/EMUTheatreKS?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/EMUTheatreKS?ref=br_tf), @EMU Theatre
- Orange Mouse Theatricals (aka Orange Mouse Productions), founders are Cynthia Evans (44 Winona 66046) and Andy Brown (contact at Headquarters) <https://www.facebook.com/OrangeMouseTheatricals>
- StormDoor Productions, contact Christie Scanlin Dobson <https://www.facebook.com/stormdoorproductions>
- Theatre Lawrence <http://www.theatrelawrence.com/>
- The University Theatre <http://www.kutheatre.com/>
- Thunderbird Theatre, Haskell Indian Nations University <http://www.haskell.edu/student-senate/clubs.php#> and <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Thunderbird-Theater/170941762920872>

### **Circus**

- The Last Carnival (circus arts school) <http://sihkaanndestroy.com/>

### **Comedy**

- Comedy night at Conroy's pub <http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/lawrence/businesses/conroys-pub/>
- Harpoon <https://www.facebook.com/harpoonpresents>

### **Mime**

- Dot the Mime [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dot-the-Mime/296711253836975?sk=info&tab=page\\_info](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dot-the-Mime/296711253836975?sk=info&tab=page_info)

### **Puppetry/Puppet Makers**

- The Felt Show (puppets/puppet show for adults) [https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Felt-Show/23372947642?sk=info&tab=page\\_info](https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Felt-Show/23372947642?sk=info&tab=page_info)

- Palace Puppets (puppet maker)  
<https://plus.google.com/114519521958731972009/about?gl=us&hl=en>

### **Theatre camps (also listed under “Arts Education”)**

- Kids camps at Theatre Lawrence <http://www.lawrence.com/events/2015/feb/26/schools-out-theatres/?et=86054>
- Lawrence Arts Center (theater camps) <http://lawrenceartscenter.org/>

### **Theaters**

- List of theatres on Lawrence.com <http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/categories/arts-and-entertainment/theatre/>

## **TEXTILE ARTS**

### **Basket Weavers**

- Kansas Sunflower Basket Weaving Guild (sunflowerweavers@basketweavers.org,  
[http://basketweavers.org/link-docs/2015\\_March\\_21-22\\_Sunflower\\_Weave\\_Event\\_Info.pdf](http://basketweavers.org/link-docs/2015_March_21-22_Sunflower_Weave_Event_Info.pdf))

### **Fiber Arts / Local Fiber Arts Suppliers**

- Kaw Valley Guild [http://fiberarts.org/directories/guilds/Kaw\\_Valley\\_Guild](http://fiberarts.org/directories/guilds/Kaw_Valley_Guild)
- Maggie’s Farm <http://www.maggiesfarm-ks.com/>
- Pinwheel Farm <http://www.pinwheelfarm.org/>
- Yarn Barn <http://www.yarnbarn-ks.com/>

### **Knitters**

- Ravelry <https://www.ravelry.com/account/login>
- Knit Lawrence <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Knit-Lawrence/550664845046230?ref=hl>
- Stitch n Bitch <http://yarnplaces.com/places/knitting-clubs/12028221/stitch-n-bitch-lawrence-ks/and> <http://stitchnbitch.org/Kansas/638-Lawrence/View-details.html>
- Knitting classes and reviews <http://www.yellowpages.com/lawrence-ks/knitting-classes>

### **Quilters**

- Kaw Valley Quilters Guild  
[http://fiberarts.org/directories/guilds/Kaw\\_Valley\\_Quilters\\_Guild](http://fiberarts.org/directories/guilds/Kaw_Valley_Quilters_Guild)
- Marla Jackson, African American history quilts, <http://www.marlaquilts.com/>

### **Weavers**

- Kansas Alliance for Weavers and Spinners <http://www.kansasweavers.com/board.htm>

## **LITERARY ARTS/SPOKEN WORD**

### **Literary Arts - General**

- Burroughs 100 The Official Website <http://www.burroughs100.com/>
- Cultural Center, Haskell Indian Nations University (includes museum)
- Parcel Magazine <http://www.parcelmag.org/>
- Raven Book Store (books, readings, book signings, publications)  
<http://www.ravenbookstore.com/>
- The Big Tent Series, Raven Bookstore <http://www.ravenbookstore.com/big-tent-events>
- Transformative Language Arts Network/Power of Words Conference (significant Lawrence involvement in this) <http://tlablog.org/>

### **Poetry**

- Langston Hughes Hometown of Lawrence, KS (webpage) <http://www.poets.org/poetsorg/listing/langston-hughess-hometown-lawrence-ks>
- Poetry Fair (annual event; meet poets, poetry readings, book sales) contact Elizabeth Schultz [eschultz@ku.edu](mailto:eschultz@ku.edu)
- Poetry groups /Writing Groups (list here)
- Taproom Poetry Series <http://taproompoetry.blogspot.com>
- Voice of Lawrence Poets <https://www.facebook.com/events/1449702575266314>

### **Publishing**

- Allen Press <http://allenpress.com/>
- Mammoth Publications <http://mammothpublications.net/>
- Sunflower Publishing, <http://www.sunflowerpub.com/>
- University Press of Kansas <http://www.kansaspress.ku.edu/>

### **Storytelling**

- Priscilla Howe (now in KC but good contact for more info about Lawrence storytellers) <http://www.priscillahowe.com/>
- Free State Story Slam (adults) <http://lawrenceartscenter.org/story-slam/>
- Nature Storytelling (preschoolers) at the Nature Center <http://www.lawrence.com/events/ongoing/nature-story-times-for-preschoolers/>
- Story and activity groups (children, youth) at the Lawrence Public Library <http://www.lawrence.lib.ks.us/>

### **Classes/Workshops (also listed under Arts Education)**

- Brave Voice (Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg and Kelly Hunt) <http://bravevoice.com/>
- Lawrence Arts Center [lawrenceartscenter.org](http://lawrenceartscenter.org)
- Writing workshops, Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg <http://carynmirriamgoldberg.com/readings-workshops-talks/>
- Classes at Universities and schools in Lawrence

## **MUSIC ARTS**

### **Americana**

- Americana Music Academy <http://www.americanamusicacademy.com/>
- Jasper [https://www.facebook.com/Jasperinlawrence/info?tab=page\\_info](https://www.facebook.com/Jasperinlawrence/info?tab=page_info)

### **Audio Equipment/Record Sale**

- KU Audio Reader annual fundraiser sale <http://reader.ku.edu/> and <http://reader.ku.edu/fyeo.shtml>

### **Bands (Symphonic), Orchestras, Pep/Marching**

- Haskell Band at Haskell Indian Nations University, <https://www.facebook.com/HaskellBand>
- Free State High School Band <https://www.facebook.com/FSHSBand>
- Lawrence City Band [http://www.lawrenceks.org/lprd/news\\_releases/feature\\_stories/band](http://www.lawrenceks.org/lprd/news_releases/feature_stories/band)
- Lawrence Community Orchestra (Lawrence Chamber Orchestra) <http://www.lawrenceorchestra.org/>
- Lawrence High Band <http://lawrencehighband.com/>
- Firebirds Marching Band <http://freestatebandboosters.com/>
- Marching Jayhawks, University of Kansas <http://music.ku.edu/marchingjayhawks>
- Additional bands associated with music departments at Haskell, KU, middle schools, high schools

### **Bands Listing (Misc.)**

- Local bands info on “I Heart Local Music” <http://iheartlocalmusic.com/>
- List of bands on Lawrence.com <http://www.lawrence.com/bands/>

### **Blues/JumpBlues/Rockabilly**

- The House Jumpers <http://www.reverbnation.com/HouseJumpersBand>

### **Choirs and Chorales**

- KU Youth Chorus (grades 4 - 8) <http://music.ku.edu/ku-youth-chorus-begins-tenth-season>
- Lawrence Civic Choir <http://www.lawrencecivicchoir.org/>
- Lawrence Children's Choir <http://lawrencechildrenschoir.org/>
- Church choirs
- Additional choirs associated with Haskell, KU, middle schools, high schools

### **Drumming (some of these also listed in “Arts Education”)**

- Lawrence Drum Circle Community <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lawrence-Drum-Circle-Community/132390270134694>
- African Drum Ensemble at KU <http://kasc.ku.edu/african-drum-ensemble-ku>
- Native American Drumming (contact Gracie B. Dunning on Facebook, Haskell student)

### **Instrument Makers, Sellers, Rentals, and Repair**

- Band-Aid Instrument Repair (repair) <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Band-Aide-Instrument-Repair-Company/155839297789493?v=info>
- Beautiful Music (sales, repair) <http://www.beautifulmusicviolinshop.com/>
- Marples Violins (handmade concert violins/violas/cellos in the classic Italian tradition) <http://marplesviolins.com/>
- Mass St. Music (sales, repair) <http://massstreetmusic.com/>
- Paul Morgenroth, Wind Instrument Repair, [info@windinstrumentrepair.com](mailto:info@windinstrumentrepair.com)
- Richard’s Music Company (sales, instrument repair) <http://www.richardsmusicstore.com/>
- Supersonic Music (sales, services) <http://www.supersonicmusic.com/>
- The Reuter Organ Company <http://www.reuterorgan.com/>
- The Steve Mason Luthiers (makes, sales, repair) <http://www.ask-a-luthier.com/>

### **Jazz**

- KU Jazz Festival <http://music.ku.edu/jazzfestival>
- The Five Bar <https://www.facebook.com/FiveBarAndTables>
- Blueprint (band) [https://www.facebook.com/events/611890355579194/?ref=3&ref\\_newsfeed\\_story\\_type=regular](https://www.facebook.com/events/611890355579194/?ref=3&ref_newsfeed_story_type=regular)
- Key West Jazz (band) <http://www.wedding.com/pro/reviews/musicians/key-west-jazz/183491>
- Junkyard Jazz Band every week at The American Legion <http://www.lawrence.com/events/ongoing/the-junkyard-jazz-band/>
- Jazz bands associated with Lawrence schools and universities

### **Karaoke**

- Set’em up Jack’s (check on Karaoke) [http://www.lawrence.com/places/setem\\_up\\_jacks/](http://www.lawrence.com/places/setem_up_jacks/)
- Karaoke Night at Jackpot <https://www.facebook.com/pages/KARAOKE-KINGDOM-at-the-JACKPOT/358864362020>
- Bullwinkles <http://www.bullwinklesbar.com/>
- Slow Ride Roadhouse <http://slowrideroadhouse.net/live-music-calendar/2650784>

### **Music Venues**

- Additional music venues listing on Lawrence.com <http://www.lawrence.com/places/venues/>, <http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/categories/arts-and-entertainment/venues/>

- Dillon's on 23<sup>rd</sup> (check for live music) <https://www.dillons.com/>
- Gaslight Gardens <http://www.lawrence.com/places/gaslight/>
- Granada (former movie theater) <http://thegranada.com/>
- Hashinger Hall Creative Arts Dormitory (KU) <http://housing.ku.edu/learning-communities>
- Jackpot Salloon <https://plus.google.com/105391479797441928155/about?gl=us&hl=en>
- John Brown Underground (speakeasy) 7 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
[http://www.kansan.com/arts\\_and\\_features/new-speakeasy-opens-in-downtown-lawrence-brings-back-the-s/article\\_15a11e5a-37d1-11e4-934d-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.kansan.com/arts_and_features/new-speakeasy-opens-in-downtown-lawrence-brings-back-the-s/article_15a11e5a-37d1-11e4-934d-001a4bcf887a.html) and  
[http://www2.ljworld.com/weblogs/town\\_talk/tags/john-brown-underground/](http://www2.ljworld.com/weblogs/town_talk/tags/john-brown-underground/)
- Lawrence Arts Center <http://lawrenceartscenter.org/>
- Lied Center <http://lied.ku.edu/>
- Panera Bread (check for live music)  
<http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/lawrence/businesses/panera-bread/>
- Replay Lounge <http://www.lawrence.com/places/replay/>, <http://www.replaylounge.com/>
- Slow Ride Roadhouse <http://slowrideroadhouse.net/>
- The 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Roadhouse <http://www.lawrence.com/places/23rdstreetroadhouse/>
- The Barrel House (check, jazz/blues) <http://www.yelp.com/biz/the-barrel-house-lawrence>
- The Bottleneck <http://thebottlenecklive.com/>
- The Jazzhaus <http://www.jazzhaus.com/>
- Wilde's Chateau [http://www.lawrence.com/places/wildes\\_chateau\\_24/](http://www.lawrence.com/places/wildes_chateau_24/)

#### **Music series/Concert series**

- Cajun Night, Johnny's Tavern <http://www.johnnystavern.com/locations/lawrence/>  
<http://www.usd497.org/lhs>
- Lawrence Irish Music Session, Henry's Coffee Shop (weekly Irish music)  
<http://www.lawrenceession.com/>
- LCarter Enterprises/Lawrence Old Guard Productions, sponsors a number of music series (ie. Tuesday Night Series, Chanting by Lamplight, Lawrence Bhakti Festival, Annual Dylan Fest, Annual Ukulele Festival, Annual Candle Mass Celebration, Lawrence Scottish Festival)  
<http://www.tuesdayconcert.com/>
- Music events at KU School of Music <http://music.ku.edu/events>
- Music events at Lawrence Arts Center <http://lawrenceartscenter.org/>
- Music events at Lawrence High School and Free State High School  
<http://www.usd497.org/fshs>
- Signs of Life, Thursdays "Bluegrass Gospel Jam"  
<http://www.lawrence.com/events/ongoing/signs-of-life-bluegrass-gospel-jam/>
- West Side Folk <http://www.westsidefolk.org/>

#### **Rock/Garage/Rock and Roll**

- The Cave Girls (a Lawrence-person as member?)  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheCaveGirlsKC>, <http://www.reverbnation.com/thecavegirls>
- Volition (old-time rock-n-roll)

#### **Rap/Hip-hop**

- Local Hip-Hop/Rap bands listing in Lawrence.com  
[http://www.lawrence.com/music/hiphop\\_rap/](http://www.lawrence.com/music/hiphop_rap/)
- The Winner's Circle <http://www.reverbnation.com/thewinners785>
- Sav-N85ers
- Bochamp <http://www.reverbnation.com/bochamp>
- ACriss <http://www.soundclick.com/bands/default.cfm?bandID=849415>

#### **Recording Studios**

- Recording Studios Listing on Lawrence.com  
<http://www.2ljworld.com/marketplace/categories/arts-and-entertainment/recording-studios/>

### **Songwriting/Composing**

- Brave Voice (led by Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg and Kelly Hunt) <http://bravevoice.com/>
- KU School of Music (music composition) <http://music.ku.edu/>
- Lawrence Songwriters Circle <http://www.oldsodshanty.com/LawrenceSongwriters.htm>

### **Music classes/camps** (also listed in “Arts Education” section)

- Americana Music Academy <http://www.americanamusicacademy.com/>
- Brave Voice (Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg and Kelly Hunt) <http://bravevoice.com/>
- Girls Rock Camp <http://girlsrocklawrence.com/>
- KU Community Music School <http://music.ku.edu/piano/cms>
- KU School of Music <http://music.ku.edu/>
- Meadowlark Music Together <http://www.meadowlarkmusictogether.com/>
- Midwestern Music Camp (at KU) <http://music.ku.edu/mmc>
- Music Clubhouse (preschool music education, youth piano lessons)  
<http://www.musicclubhouse.com/>
- Music Teachers Directory (website) <http://musicteachersdirectory.org/USA/KS/Lawrence-Music-Teachers-Kansas-Music-Lessons>
- Take Lessons in Lawrence (website) <https://takelessons.com/lawrence-ks/singing-lessons>

### **DANCE (CLASSES/TROUPES)**

- Argentine Tango Club (club) <http://www.2ljworld.com/marketplace/businesses/lawrence-tango-dancers/>
- Competitive Ballroom Dancing Club, KU (club)  
<https://rockchalkcentral.ku.edu/organization/dancesportku/about>
- Dance Because (classes) <http://www.dancebecause.com/>
- Dazzlers Christian Dance (classes) <http://www.lawrencedazzlers.com/>
- Haskell Indian Nations University pow-wows  
<http://www.haskell.edu/results.html?cx=012122472046420747082%3Asu16lh2iu54&cof=F%3AORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=pow-wow&sa.x=0&sa.y=0#results>
- International Folk Dance in Lawrence, KS (dances/instruction)  
<http://www.kansasfolk.org/folkdance/>
- Kansas Folk Music and Dance Resource Center <http://www.kansasfolk.org/nowhome.htm>
- KU Department of Dance (education, performances) <http://dance.ku.edu/>
- KU Swing Society (club) <https://rockchalkcentral.ku.edu/organization/kuss>
- Lawrence Arts Center (dance programs/classes) <http://lawrenceartscenter.org/>
- Lawrence Contra Dance Association (dances)  
<http://www.lawrencebardance.org/calendar.html>
- Lawrence Dance Gallery (classes) <http://www.lawrencedancegallery.com/>
- Lawrence Parks and Rec (classes) <http://www.lawrenceks.org/lprd>
- Middle Eastern Dance (performance/instruction) <http://www.azadeahbellydance.com/>
- Point B Dance (lessons) <http://pointbdance.com/>
- University Dance Company (troupe) KU <https://www.facebook.com/pages/University-Dance-Company/117161808298969>
- Uptown Hoedown (contra and square dances) <http://www.uptownhoedown.org/>

## **FASHION/STYLE/PIERCING/BODY ART**

- Awava (selling fairly traded clothes to help women in Uganda) [https://www.facebook.com/awavamarket/info?tab=page\\_info](https://www.facebook.com/awavamarket/info?tab=page_info)
- google search “Tattoo Artists in Lawrence, KS” <https://www.google.com/search?q=tattoo+artists%2C+lawrence%2C+ks&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8>
- Style Scout, Lawrence.com [http://www.lawrence.com/news/community/style\\_scout/](http://www.lawrence.com/news/community/style_scout/)
- Yellow Pages listing for “Body Piercing in Lawrence, KS” <http://www.yellowpages.com/lawrence-ks/body-piercing>

## **FOOD/CULINARY/BARS/CLUBS**

- Restaurant/bar listing on Lawrence.com <http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/categories/food-and-dining/restaurants/>
- Restaurant/bar listing of Lawrence Chamber <http://members.lawrencechamber.com/list/ql/restaurants-food-beverages-22>
- “Culinary” on Lawrence.com <http://www.lawrence.com/events/search/?category=Culinary>

## **GARDENING/FARMERS MARKETS/FLOWERS**

- Area growers guide (check if up to date) [http://lawrencewelcome.com/pdfs/lawrence\\_growers\\_guide.pdf](http://lawrencewelcome.com/pdfs/lawrence_growers_guide.pdf)
- Common Ground Program (community garden/urban agriculture) [http://www.lawrenceks.org/common\\_ground](http://www.lawrenceks.org/common_ground)
- Douglas County Extension <http://www.douglas.ksu.edu/p.aspx>
- Douglas County Master Gardeners (club) <https://www.facebook.com/douglascountymastergardeners>
- Lawrence Farmers Markets (listing) <http://www.lawrencefarmersmarket.com/>
- Lawrence Flower Club (club) <http://www.lawrenceks.org/lprd/parks/sesquicentennialpoint/steps/1925flowerclub>
- Lawrence Food Garden Tour (event) <https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceFoodGardenTour>
- Lawrence Fruit Tree Project / Lawrence Community Orchard <https://lawrencefruittreeproject.wordpress.com/lawrence-community-orchard/>
- Local Growers Guild (growers) <http://www.localgrowers.org>
- Sunrise Project (Using the vehicles of food and environment to create social change and equity) [https://www.facebook.com/sunriseprojectks?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/sunriseprojectks?ref=br_tf)

## **ARCHITECTURE**

- Dennis Domer (vernacular architecture) <https://www.facebook.com/dennis.domer>
- Google search “architects in Lawrence, KS” <https://www.google.com/search?q=architects+in+lawrence,+ks&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8>
- KU School of Architecture <http://sadb.ku.edu/>
- Lawrence Preservation Alliance (historic preservation) <http://www.lawrencepreservation.org>
- Tom Harper (realtor, knowledge of unique and mid-century architecture) <http://www.tom-harper.com/>

## **HISTORY**

- “A Long History in a Long Hot Summer, July 1970” (KU freshman Rick Dowdell, an African American youth, was killed while fleeing police, sparked 5 days of violence) (<http://kuhistory.com/articles/a-long-weekend-in-a-long-hot-summer/>)
- Burroughs 100 The Official Website <http://www.burroughs100.com/>
- Cultural Center, Haskell Indian Nations University (includes museum) <http://www.haskell.edu/cultural-center/index.php>
- Dole Institute for Politics (lecture/events) <http://doleinstitute.org/>
- Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage (national heritage area) <http://www.freedomfrontier.org/>
- Kansas Historical Society website (includes Lawrence/Douglas County history) <http://www.kshs.org/kansapedia/douglas-county-kansas/15278>
- Kenneth Spencer Research Library (historical archives include Lawrence archive) <http://spencer.lib.ku.edu/collections/university-archives>
- Lawrence Amtrak Station (historic building) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawrence\\_%28Amtrak\\_station%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawrence_%28Amtrak_station%29)
- Lawrence Preservation Alliance (historic preservation) <http://lawrencepreservation.org/>
- Lawrence Visitor's Center (list of sites, programs; historic building) <http://www.visitlawrence.com/>
- Museums (see under “Museums”)
- New Perspective on the West: The Lawrence Massacre (webpage) <http://www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/resources/archives/four/lawrence.htm>
- “Sisters Act” (about the February Sisters, webpage) <http://kuhistory.com/articles/sisters-act/>
- The Watkins Museum of History (history museum) <http://www.watkinsmuseum.org/>
- Tommaney Library (library at Haskell Indian Nations University) <http://www.haskell.edu/library/library.php>
- Tours in Lawrence, KS <http://www.visitlawrence.com/tours>

## **RADIO**

- The not-so Late Show <http://6lawrence.com/shows-on-6/the-not-so-late-show>
- KJHK: <http://kjhk.org/web/>
- KPR (Kansas Public Radio) <http://tunein.com/radio/Kansas-Public-Radio-915-s31453/> and <http://kansaspublicradio.org/>
- KU Audio Reader (radio for the blind and print disabled) <http://reader.ku.edu/>
- List of radio stations in and around Lawrence <http://radio-locator.com/cgi-bin/locate?select=city&city=Lawrence&state=KS>

## **MULTICULTURAL / DIVERSITY / ANTICISCRIMINATION**

### **Deaf/Blind**

- Audio Reader (radio for the blind and print impaired) <http://reader.ku.edu/>
- Kansas Deaf/Blind Project (KU Beach Center on Diversity) [http://www.beachcenter.org/kansas\\_technical\\_assistance\\_projects/kansas\\_deaf-blind\\_project.aspx?JScript=1](http://www.beachcenter.org/kansas_technical_assistance_projects/kansas_deaf-blind_project.aspx?JScript=1)

### **Eliminate discrimination in employment, housing, and in general**

- Human Relations Commission of the City of Lawrence (work to eliminate discrimination in employment, public accommodations, and housing) <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/human-relations-commission>
- Lawrence Alliance (an Advisory Board to the Lawrence City Commission, advocate for a discrimination-free environment, supports the Festival of Cultures) <http://www.lawrencealliance.org/>
- Fair Housing Poster and Art Contest, sponsored by City of Lawrence Human Relations Commission and other partners <http://www.lawrenceks.org/attorney/fairhousing/art-poster-contest>

### **LBGTQ**

- Center for Sexuality and Gender Diversity, Univ. of KS <http://silc.ku.edu/sgd>
- Gay bars in Lawrence <http://gaytravel.about.com/od/gaynightlifegallerie1/ig/Plains-Gay-Bars/Teller-s.htm>
- Gay cities webpage for Lawrence <http://lawrence.gaycities.com/>
- Gay cities webpage for gay bars in Lawrence <http://lawrence.gaycities.com/bars/>
- KU Queers and Allies <http://kuqanda.yolasite.com/more-history.php>
- Lawrence Queer Youth Voice (youth-led trans and queer organization) <http://www.lawrencequeeryouthvoice.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lawrence-Queer-Youth-Voice/541696185888529?sk=info&tab=overview>
- NetworQ: Where Pride and Party Meet (events) <https://lawrencenetworq.wordpress.com/>
- Simply Equal (history: Simply Equal is a grassroots coalition that formed to petition the city of Lawrence, to add the words "sexual orientation" to its Human Relations Ordinance) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simply\\_Equal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simply_Equal)
- Wildes Chateau (pride night/dance club) <http://wildeschateau.com/>

### **Multicultural (race/ethnicity/sister cities/Learning Languages)**

- African Hair Braiding <http://usplaces.com/others/lawrence-ks/chez-sira-african-hair-braiding>
- Centro Hispano <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Centro-Hispano-Resource-Center-of-Lawrence/149717718388518>
- Ethnic Grocers (need to locate these)
- Four Winds Native Center and Foundation <https://www.fundraise.com/non-profit/lawrence-ks-four-winds-native-center-and-foundation> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2o1Pv4kQpA>
- Kansas Paraguay Committee (KU), contact John Poertner [jpoertner@sunflower.com](mailto:jpoertner@sunflower.com) <https://kansasparaguaypartners.wordpress.com/>
- Lawrence Community Nursery School (aka The Little Red School House; founded in 1928 by a coalition of parents striving to provide cooperative, interracial, low-cost preschool education) <http://www.lcnsweb.com/>
- Lawrence Sister Cities <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/sister-cities-advisory-board>
- Lowrider clubs/events, contact Ben Chappel [cultcrit@gmail.com](mailto:cultcrit@gmail.com) <http://archive.news.ku.edu/2012/november/28/lowrider.shtml>
- NAACP in Lawrence <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lawrence-Kansas-Branch-Naacp/233740373312653>
- Plymouth Congregational Church Language Program <http://plymouthlawrence.com/>
- Small World, Inc. <http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/businesses/small-world/>
- See all other listings for additional Multicultural organizations and events

## **NEIGHBORHOOD CULTURAL EVENTS**

- Memorial Day Parade, Barker Neighborhood, contact David Thiele
- East Lawrence Block Party <https://www.facebook.com/eastlawrence>
- Yart Sale <http://www.eastlawrence.com/elna-yart-sale-2015/>
- Martin Luther King Chili Feed (New York School)  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1769359286622676>

## **CULTURAL-FAITH**

- Listing churches and places of faith in Lawrence  
<http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/categories/community-organizations/churches-places-of-worship/>
- Christian Churches-Cultural (some specific churches include St. Luke AME  
<http://www.yellowpages.com/lawrence-ks/mip/st-luke-ame-church-4486888?lid=4486888>,  
Peace Mennonite <http://peacemennonite.org/>, St. Johns <http://www.saint-johns.net/>  
(Octoberfest, Fiesta), Lawrence Indian United Methodist Church  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lawrence-Indian-United-Methodist-Church/115566458472683>)
- Lawrence Jewish Community Center <http://lawrencejcc.org/>
- Islamic Center [http://islamicsocietylawrence.org/wp3/?page\\_id=67](http://islamicsocietylawrence.org/wp3/?page_id=67)
- Ecumenical Campus Ministries (nondenominational) <http://ecmku.org/>
- Haskell Catholic Campus Center  
<https://plus.google.com/107522128058188401910/about?gl=us&chl=en>

## **MUSEUMS**

- Dole Institute of Politics <http://doleinstitute.org/>
- Haskell Cultural Center and Museum <http://www.haskell.edu/cultural-center/about.php>
- KU Natural History Museum <http://naturalhistory.ku.edu/>
- Spencer Museum of Art , KU, <http://www.spencerart.ku.edu/>)
- Spencer Research Library (KU ) <http://spencer.lib.ku.edu/>
- Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum <http://www.wakarusamuseum.org/>
- Watkins Museum of History <http://www.watkinsmuseum.org/>

## **LIBRARIES**

- Anschutz <http://lib.ku.edu/locations/anschutz>
- Kenneth Spencer Research Library <http://spencer.lib.ku.edu/>
- Lawrence Public Library <http://www.lawrence.lib.ks.us/>
- Libraries at the University of Kansas (general/locations) <http://www.lawrence.lib.ks.us/>
- Little Free Libraries (found around town) <http://littlefreelibrary.org/>
- Murphy Art and Architecture Library <http://lib.ku.edu/locations/art-and-architecture>
- Spahr Engineering Library <http://lib.ku.edu/locations/spahr>
- Tommaney Library <http://www.haskell.edu/library/library.php>
- Thomas Gorton Music and Dance Library <http://lib.ku.edu/locations/music-and-dance>
- Watson Library <http://lib.ku.edu/locations/Watson>
- Wheat Law Library <http://law.ku.edu/library/>

## **CLUBS/HOBBIES**

### **Antique Cars**

- Antique Auto Club of America, Lawrence region <http://www.yellowpages.com/lawrence-ks/mip/antique-auto-club-of-america-lawrence-region-4536132?lid=4536132>

### **Beer**

- Kansas Craft Brewers Expo <http://kscraftbrewfest.com/>
- Lawrence Brewers Guild <https://twitter.com/LawrenceBrewers>

### **Bingo**

- American Legion Bingo <http://www.lawrence.com/events/ongoing/american-legion-bingo/>
- Bingo Night at Eagles Lodge <http://www.lawrence.com/events/ongoing/bingo-night-1/>

### **Chess**

- Lawrence Chess Club <http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/businesses/lawrence-chess-club/>
- Shitty Chess Club (Decade Coffee Shop) <https://www.facebook.com/decade.lfk>

### **Bowling Leagues**

- <http://www.yellowpages.com/lawrence-ks/bowling-leagues>

### **Skaters Associations (skateboard)**

- [Heeps.com](http://Heeps.com)
- contact JP Redman <https://www.facebook.com/jp.redmon>
- Lawrence Skaters Association <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lawrence-Skaters-Association/212121132177733>

### **Fitness**

- Red Dog's Dog Days <http://reddogsdogdays.org/>

### **Ham Radio Club**

- <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2011/jan/03/lawrence-has-active-ham-radio-club/?print>
- ACT volunteer group <http://www.douglascountyks.org/services/residents/auxiliary-communications-team-act>

### **4-H Groups**

- 4-H in Douglas County <https://www.facebook.com/DouglasCountyKansas4H>

### **Running**

- Larryville Hash House Harriers <http://www.lawrence.com/events/ongoing/larryville-hash-house-harriers-1/>
- Run Lawrence <http://www.runlawrence.org/index.html>

### **Stamp Collecting**

- Lawrence Stamp Collectors Club  
[http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/businesses/lawrence-stamp-collectors-club/4-H in Douglas County](http://www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/businesses/lawrence-stamp-collectors-club/4-H%20in%20Douglas%20County) <https://www.facebook.com/DouglasCountyKansas4H>

### **Games (board games, card games, roleplaying games)**

- Topeka/Lawrence Gamers <http://www.meetup.com/Topeka-Lawrence-Gamers/>

### **Trivia**

- Trivia Night at Applebee's <http://www.lawrence.com/events/ongoing/trivia-night/>
- Trivia Lovers, Watkins Museum of History,  
<http://www.lawrence.com/events/2015/feb/26/the-trivia-lovers-13f6db44/?et=85902>
- Johnny's West Trivia <http://www.johnnystavern.com/events/>

## **LECTURE SERIES/DISCUSSIONS**

- Dole Institute of Politics <http://doleinstitute.org/>
- Drinking Liberally <http://livingliberally.org/chapter/blog/5690?page=1>
- Nerd Night, Lawrence, KS <http://lawrence.nerdnite.com/>
- Science on Tap, Free State Brewery <http://www.freestatebrewing.com/events/science-on-tap/>
- TedX events, Lawrence Public Library,,  
<https://www.facebook.com/tedxlawrencepubliclibrary>
- University of Kansas Lectures (Humanities Lecture Series <http://hallcenter.ku.edu/calendar/hls>, Bold Aspirations <http://provost.ku.edu/strategic-plan/visitor-lecture-series>, Jana Macky Lecture Series <http://janamackeyseries.ku.edu/>, Last Lecture Series <http://kupa.ku.edu/portillo-first-speaker-last-lecture-series>, School of Business Lectures <http://www2.ku.edu/~business/events/lecture/> and <http://business.ku.edu/guest-speakers-school-business>, Libraries Lecture Series <http://lib.ku.edu/libraries-lecture-series>, Galloway Lecture Series <http://sadp.ku.edu/galloway-lecture-series-feature-founders-work-architecture-co>, Smisson Lectures <http://medchem.ku.edu/edward-e-smisson-memorial-lecture-series> and more)
- Veggie Lunch at ECM <https://www.facebook.com/events/1546500655612150>

## **ARTS BLOGS/SOCIAL MEDIA/MEDIA**

- Downtown Lawrence <http://www.downtownlawrence.com/>
- Haskell Indian Leader <https://www.facebook.com/haskell.indianleader>
- I Heart Local Music <http://iheartlocalmusic.com/>
- Jason Barr- artist, blogger, comedian and creates pod-casts: <https://twitter.com/BARRR>
- Larryville artists art blog, contact Karen Mathies <http://larryvilleartists.blogspot.com/>
- Lawrence Artists Network on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lawrence.artists.network/>
- Lawrence Arts on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LawrenceArts/>
- Lawrence Creates Makerspace on Facebook  
[https://www.facebook.com/search/str/lawrence%20creates/keywords\\_top](https://www.facebook.com/search/str/lawrence%20creates/keywords_top)
- Lawrence Journal World [www.ljworld.com](http://www.ljworld.com)
- Lawrence Kids Calendar (kids activities/classes/camps) <http://lawrencekids.net/classes/>
- Lawrence Magazine <https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceMag>
- Lawrence Welcome <http://lawrencewelcome.com/community.html>
- Lawrence.com <http://www.lawrence.com/>
- LFK Magazine <http://lfkmag.com/>
- The Larryville Chronicles: <http://larryvillechronicles.blogspot.com/>
- University Daily Kansan <http://www.kansan.com/>
- Voice of Lawrence Poetry <https://www.facebook.com/events/1449702575266314>
- Additional blogs/social media/media are scattered throughout this document

## **CULTURAL-MISCELLANEOUS (Misc./City Sponsored/Grants and Awards)**

- The Burroughs House, contact Tom King <https://myeducationofagardener.wordpress.com/>
- City Arts Grants in Lawrence, KS <http://www.lawrenceks.org/lists/archive.php?x=6190>
- Environmental Groups (contact Thad Holcombe for full list)

- Fair Housing Poster and Art Contest, sponsored by City of Lawrence Human Relations Commission and other partners <http://www.lawrenceks.org/attorney/fairhousing/art-poster-contest>
- Hidden Valley Girl Scout Camp <http://www.lawrencehiddenvalley.org/>
- Human Relations Commission of the City of Lawrence (work to eliminate discrimination in employment, public accommodations, and housing) <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/human-relations-commission>
- Lawrence Alliance (an Advisory Board to the Lawrence City Commission, advocate for a discrimination-free environment, supports the Festival of Cultures) <http://www.lawrencealliance.org/>
- Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods <https://lawrenceneighborhoods.wordpress.com/>
- Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/lawrence-cultural-arts-commission>
- Lawrence Inside Out <https://www.facebook.com/lawrenceinsideout?fref=nf>
- Lawrence Little Free Libraries <http://www.lawrence.com/news/2012/jun/21/little-libraries-put-books-sharing/>
- Percent for Art program in Lawrence <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/lawrence-cultural-arts-commission/publicart>
- Phoenix Awards (Lawrence community arts award) <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/lawrence-cultural-arts-commission/phoenix>
- Rocket Grant (Spencer Museum is a collaborator, available to Lawrence artists) <http://www.spencerart.ku.edu/programs/rocket-grants.shtml>
- Tours in Lawrence, KS <http://www.visitlawrence.com/tours>

## **EVENTS (ANNUAL)**

- Art Car Parade <http://arttougau.org/>
- Art In The Park <http://visitlawrence.com/events/3628/annual-art-in-the-park>
- Art Walk <https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceArtWalk>
- Arts and Crafts Fairs (Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, Summerfest, Fall Arts and Crafts Fair) <http://www.lawrenceks.org/lprd/specialevents/artsandcrafts>
- Center <http://www.visitlawrence.com/events/>
- Banff Mt Film Festival <http://sunfloweroutdoorandbike.com/>
- Busker Festival [lawrencebuskerfest.com](http://lawrencebuskerfest.com)
- Dog Frisbee Championships (coincides with Art in the Park, South Park)
- Douglas County Fair <http://dgcountyfair.com/>
- Earth Day Celebration <http://www.lawrenceks.org/swm/earthday>
- Events Listings, Lawrence.com <http://www.lawrence.com/>
- Farmesian <http://whatevertapes.bandcamp.com/>
- Festival of Cultures <http://www.lawrencealliance.org/festival-of-cultures>
- Final Fridays <http://www.lawrence.com/news/finalfridays/>
- Free State Festival <http://lawrenceartscenter.org/free-state-festival/>
- Haskell Indian Art Market and Powwow <http://www.haskell.edu/>
- Kansas Flatpickers and Fiddlers Contest <http://www.fidpick.com/>
- Kaw Valley Eagles Day <http://www.kawvalleyeaglesday.com/>
- KU Band Day <http://music.ku.edu/marchingjayhawks/bandday>
- KU Jazz Festival <http://music.ku.edu/jazzfestival>

- Langston Hughes Book Awards <http://lawrenceartscenter.org/langston-hughes-creative-writing-awards/>
- LCarter Enterprises/Lawrence Old Guard Productions (Lawrence Bhakti Festival, Lawrence Scottish Festival, Annual Dylan Fest and Ukulele Fest as part of Tuesday Night Series) <http://www.lcarter.com/>
- Lawrence Jewish Community Center Annual Blintz Brunch <http://lawrencejcc.org/>
- Lawrence Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade [lawrencechristmasparade.org, http://www.kansastravel.org/lawrence/lawrencechristmasparade.htm](http://www.kansastravel.org/lawrence/lawrencechristmasparade.htm)
- Mardi Gras Parade <https://www.facebook.com/events/353252114693393>
- Martin Luther King Day activities
- Monarch Watch (butterfly banding, activities) <https://www.facebook.com/monarchwatch> Shamrock Shuffle (fun run) <http://lawrencestpatricksdayparade.com/5Krun.html>
- Oktoberfest <http://www.saint-johns.net/oktoberfest/>
- Read Across Lawrence, Lawrence Public Library <http://www.lawrence.lib.ks.us/>
- Read Out, Speak Out, Sing Out, Dance Out, Act Out for Earthcare, annual literary event for earth care on Earth Day, sponsored by Oread Friends Meeting, contact Elizabeth Schultz [eschultz@ku.edu](mailto:eschultz@ku.edu)
- St. John's Fiesta <http://www.stjohnsfiesta.com/>
- St. Patrick's Day Parade <http://www.lawrence.lib.ks.us/>
- Zombie Walk <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lawrence-Zombie-Walk/140598426116>

## **ARTS AND CULTURE RESOURCES/LOCAL EXPERTISE**

- Local History (Bill Tuttle <http://americanstudies.ku.edu/bill-tuttle>, Tim Miller <http://religiousstudies.ku.edu/timothy-miller>, Chuck Magerl for quirky local history <http://www.freestatebrewing.com/the-story-of-the-Free-State-Brewing-Co/crew/>, KT Walsh, Mary Lynn Stewart)
- Caryn Mirriam Goldberg (poetry and writing) <http://carynmirriamgoldberg.com/>
- Julia Goodfox (acting dean at Haskell Indian Nations University, professor of American Indian Studies) <http://www.haskell.edu/directory/>
- Dave Loewenstein (murals, arts activism) <http://www.davidloewenstein.com/>
- Daniel Wildcat (professor at Haskell Indian Nations University, HINU/culture/environment) <http://www.haskell.edu/sponsored-programs/hers.php>
- Dixie Lubin, Nancy Hubble (local poets) [https://www.facebook.com/dixie.lubin?fref=ts&ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/dixie.lubin?fref=ts&ref=br_tf), <https://www.facebook.com/nancy.hubble?fref=ts>
- Elizabeth Schultz (poetry, literary arts) [eschultz@ku.edu](mailto:eschultz@ku.edu)
- Heidi Raak (literary arts), Raven bookstore <http://www.ravenbookstore.com/>
- Laura Moriarty (author, writing) <http://www.lauramoriarty.net/>
- Sara Smarsh (creative nonfiction/journalism) <http://www.sarahsmarsh.com/>
- Saralyn Reece Hardy (Spencer Art Museum Director) <http://www.spencerart.ku.edu/about/staff.shtml>
- Tom Harper (mid century architecture) <http://www.tom-harper.com/>
- Christie Scanlin Dobson (film/drama/drama therapy) <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm3300154/>
- Rachael Perry (Lawrence Inside Out project, she's met hundreds of Lawrence artists over the past year, must interview) <https://www.facebook.com/lawrenceinsideout>

- Illustrators/Design scene (Barry Fitzgerald <http://www.barryfitzgeraldillustration.com/>)
- Storytelling (info from Priscilla Howe <http://www.priscillahowe.com/>, Mike Rundle <https://mercarchives.wordpress.com/portraits-of-members-and-staff/scan0351e/>)
- Ben Alvers (ceramics, local artists) <http://lawrenceartscenter.org/>
- Sue Shoemaker-Shea (local fine crafts, artists) <http://phoenixgalleryart.com/>
- Molly Murphy (local artists/venues) <https://www.facebook.com/molly.murphy.779?fref=ts>
- Eric Kirkendal (local artists/hackers) <http://lawrencecreates.info/>
- Jon Niccum (film) <https://www.facebook.com/jon.niccum>
- Yuri Zupancic (art/music scene, William Burroughs art) <http://www.yuri-z.com/>

## Aliza Caldwell

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**To:** Tom Markus  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Elimination of the City Auditor's Position

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**From:** Jones, DavidG [<mailto:DavidG.Jones@seattle.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2016 2:21 PM  
**To:** Mike Amyx; Leslie Soden; Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen  
**Cc:** Michael Eglinski; David Givans ([David.Givans@DESCHUTES.ORG](mailto:David.Givans@DESCHUTES.ORG)); Tom Markus  
**Subject:** Proposed Elimination of the City Auditor's Position

To the Mayor Amyx and Lawrence Commission Members: I am sending the attached letter on behalf of the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) concerning the proposed elimination of the position of the Lawrence City Auditor.

Thank you for your consideration of our letter.

David G. Jones, Chair  
ALGA Advocacy Committee



# Association of Local Government Auditors

July 14, 2016

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Mike Amyx, Mayor, City of Lawrence, KS  
City Commissioners, City of Lawrence, KS  
City Hall  
6 E 6th Street PO Box 708  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mayor Amyx and City Commissioners:

The Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) is a professional organization representing over 300 member government audit organizations across the United States and Canada, including 24 school districts. ALGA is committed to supporting independent auditing within local governments and related organizations. ALGA believes that an independent local auditing function, operating under applicable professional auditing standards, plays a key role in effective governance and public accountability. It provides assurance to citizens and elected officials that scarce resources are protected by strong management controls and practices.

We recently learned about a proposal to eliminate the position of Lawrence's City Auditor. We are writing to you to express our concerns about this proposal. It is our understanding that the Lawrence City Auditor has produced reports that led to budget savings, more efficient city operations, and improved services to Lawrence's citizens. This is evidence of an effective audit function.

From ALGA's perspective, Lawrence's Office of City Auditor is a high quality performance audit office headed by an experienced government auditor. We note that the Lawrence City Auditor successfully passed two rigorous external quality control reviews conducted by ALGA in 2011 and 2015 that demonstrated his office's compliance with the demanding U.S. Comptroller General's Government Auditing Standards. The office has also won ALGA's Knighton Award for the high quality of its report on financial indicators. These accomplishments are notable, particularly because Lawrence has an audit office staffed by only one person.

I have first-hand knowledge of the office's professionalism as I led the external quality control review in 2011. It is outstanding for an internal audit organization of one person to go through all it takes to adhere to professional standards. I recall discussing with City officials, at the time, about how the Lawrence Office of City Auditor provides value and benefit to the City. I know from the work we reviewed then and from what I have seen since, that the internal audit reports continue to contribute to important discussions and decision making in the City of Lawrence.

On behalf of ALGA, I would like to thank the Lawrence City Commissioners for their role in establishing and maintaining an effective independent audit function. We ask that you strongly consider retaining this important role in your government's structure.

If you have any questions about this letter or any other issues concerning local government auditing, please contact either me at [David.Givans@Deschutes.org](mailto:David.Givans@Deschutes.org) or (541) 330-4674, or the chair of ALGA's Advocacy Committee, David G. Jones, at [davidg.jones@seattle.gov](mailto:davidg.jones@seattle.gov) or (206) 233-1095.

Respectfully,



David Givans, ALGA President

cc: Tom Markus, City Manager, City of Lawrence, KS  
Michael Eglinski, City Auditor, Lawrence, KS  
David G. Jones, Chair, ALGA Advocacy Committee

## Aliza Caldwell

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**To:** Bobbie Walthall  
**Subject:** RE: East Ninth Street

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**From:** Amber Hansen  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2016 9:11:55 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Lisa Larsen; Matthew Herbert; Stuart Boley; Leslie Soden; Mike Amyx  
**Cc:** Bobbie Walthall; Porter Arneill; Tom Markus  
**Subject:** East Ninth Street

Dear Mayor Amyx, Commissioners & City Staff,

I am writing to say that I support a reduced version of the East 9<sup>th</sup> Street project that has minimal impact on the infrastructure of the street and would cover general maintenance & repairs, including new sidewalks that are up to ADA standards, bike lanes, and lighting where it is needed. Also, it is important that the new plan includes parking and access to individuals and businesses that already exist in the neighborhood. I support ArtsPlace funded artists and artwork that is responsive to the people, culture and history of the neighborhood as well as the existing infrastructure of East 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

As a “Wall of Wealth” is being constructed along New Hampshire St., it is imperative that the City implements ways to protect residents from rising property taxes and works to establish more affordable housing. It is not the role of the city to support and subsidize luxury development projects that only serve to benefit our wealthier residents.

Please keep in mind the rich history & culture that exists within the East Lawrence Neighborhood and work to support projects that lift up and celebrate both. Please take immediate action to begin the process of developing a Conservation Overlay for the East Lawrence Neighborhood. Please carefully consider how the neighborhood, churches, schools will be impacted by the rise of new alcohol related businesses within the neighborhood.

Thank you for the thoughtful budget, for supporting the arts, for working to create a more equitable city.

Respectfully,

Amber Hansen

Visual Artist

## Aliza Caldwell

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**To:** Bobbie Walthall  
**Subject:** RE: Library funding and other issues

**From:** DT (Debi Taylor) [<mailto:debidt@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2016 12:14 PM

**To:** Diane Stoddard; Casey Toomay; Mike Amyx; Leslie Soden; Stuart Boley; Matthew Herbert; Lisa Larsen

**Subject:** Library funding and other issues

Good Morning Commissioners,

I am writing you to express my outrage at our City Manager's recommendations in the 2017 budget. Particularly the Library cuts, the arts cuts, and the 1.5 MILLION \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ to STUDY the development of a new LPD building. The later is completely outrageous given we, as a community, voted the idea of a new LPD building down just two years ago.

I hope you will not approve this budget and will instead start by crossing out the 1.5 million for the LPD building study and secondly fund the arts and library in a sensible way.

While I have your attention I would also ask that you take the time to study/read up on the Police Added Addiction Recovery Initiative (PAARI) <http://www.paarius.org/>, which would be a perfect fit for our community. Instead of filling up our jail and then 'farming out' the overflow, we could institute a solution that not only aided our community in dollars saved but also in lives saved from the ravages of substance use disorder/drug addiction. Over 100 Police departments are on board already and the list is long of those waiting to get up and running. Lets be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Thanks you for your time.

Debi Taylor CT (ASCP)  
785-550-9332

## Aliza Caldwell

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**From:** Bobbie Walthall  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 17, 2016 12:08 PM  
**To:** Aliza Caldwell  
**Subject:** FW: East 9th St

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**From:** Sue Ashline  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 17, 2016 12:09:18 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Mike Amyx; Leslie Soden; Bobbie Walthall; Porter Arneill; Tom Markus; [matthewjherbert@lawrenceks.org](mailto:matthewjherbert@lawrenceks.org); Stuart Boley; Lisa Larsen  
**Subject:** East 9th St

Dear City Commission, Manager and Staff Members,

I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed East 9th St Arts Corridor plan and ask that the city withhold support of the plan as presently described.

As a long time city resident and a working artist, I firmly believe that the major support for all the arts does and should continue to come from our local community and not outside **interests** or businesses. I think there are already a lot of quiet artists working in Lawrence and that is what makes this a city of the arts. Many of these artists have gathered in East Lawrence because it is an affordable, livable community. It is obvious to many of us that the proposed corridor is nothing more than a slick attempt to create a safe and inviting entertainment corridor from downtown business to new business interests in the eastern neighborhood. So called 'gathering places' and other artistic points along the street, in no way serve to make a good neighborhood any better.

If we want to improve the community that lives east of Mass. St, then we should create a street program that is available to all the community and that includes safe sidewalks and crossings and bike lanes. After we have done this, then maybe it will be time to have a conversation about the "arts".

Thank you,

Sue **Ashline**

**Aliza Caldwell**

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**From:** Bobbie Walthall  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2016 10:01 PM  
**To:** Aliza Caldwell  
**Subject:** FW: budget

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**From:** Chris Ogle  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2016 10:01:53 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Bobbie Walthall  
**Subject:** budget

**Thank you for your work on our City Budget. I am in favor of cutting expenses to an affordable level, without raising our taxes.**

**Regarding the East 9th Street project: As an owner of commercial real estate in the district, I personally may benefit from the "Arts corridor". However, it is best for the entire community to limit our city expenses to maintain a balanced budget. I am in favor of street, and sidewalk improvements, but we simply can't afford the full blown version of the "Arts Corridor" at this time. It is a great idea, and I will support the concept in the future when, and only when we (the City) can afford the investment.**

**Thank you,**

**Chris Ogle, LB Holdings Inc.**

Subject: 2017 City Budget

July 17, 2016

To: City Commissioners and City Manager

1. Thank you for your public service and careful consideration of my views. I urge the support of the budget proposed by City Manger Markus with a few revisions. ***I am particularly supportive of his proposal to eliminate the position of the director of arts and culture.*** As I will explain below, I find the proposal to eliminate the city auditor position less compelling. I fully support the other proposed personnel reductions.

2. With all due respect to the rent seekers for additional city government funding of the arts, Lawrence has many more pressing problems that remain unaddressed. Artists will continue to create whether or not a city civil servant is paid to address arts and culture planning issues. I challenge you or arts and culture rent seekers to identify a critical cultural or artistic gap that was addressed only because the city established the position and hired a civil servant. This position went unfilled for an interval of time and I detected no decrease in the level of city culture in that time. In fact, Lawrence survived and thrived for well over 150 years without a director of arts and culture! Many in Lawrence disagree with the state government actions that did not view government funding of the arts as a proper function of government. However, other citizens such as myself hold that funds for the arts are better obtained from the charity of those well-off citizens seeking to elevate culture and not by authoritarian taxation.

3. According to news reports, there is a lack of support among many in East Lawrence for the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Arts Corridor Project. I say leave it on the unfunded project list until next year. Only then provide funds if a solid majority of those directly concerned by business or residential ownership in the East Lawrence neighborhood reach consensus to move forward. Such consensus is now absent.

4. The audit function is a useful part of government. Would the city be better served by contracting auditing tasks out on an as-needed basis? Is the current civil servant arrangement actually more cost effective? Could a part-time position, augmented by an advisory board of citizen volunteers be as effective at less cost? Could accounting students from KU serve in an internship role to augment the part-time auditor and citizen volunteer advisors? I suggest all of these alternatives be considered to assure the availability of audit services to measure improvement and shortfalls in future government activity.

5. I urge more support to Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center and in particular the WRAP program. My evidence for this viewpoint is my niece's recent experience. She was a dropout from a Topeka-area school and had not attended school for almost 18 months. I asked her to live with my family and attend Free State HS so she could attempt to graduate. With her hard work and the support of the faculty and staff at Free State she graduated this past May. ***The WRAP counselor at Free State was instrumental in her success*** by helping her overcome crushing anxiety. Her future is much brighter thanks in large part to WRAP. In my view, better mental health service to our community is a far better use of taxpayer funds than an arts and culture civil servant position. Accordingly, I do support funding the

Mental Health Police Squad concept and for further improvements in physical security at the Community Health Building beyond those very limited measures recently installed.

6. Next summer Lawrence will host a huge event, the 2017 USA Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships. Below is a published statement from the host city for the 2016 event:

This event will represent a \$10.1 million direct economic impact to the Sacramento region, with nearly 8,000 athletes, plus families, officials and supporters visiting the capitol city. The championship event is expected to generate approximately 25,000 hotel room nights over the 5-day competition. \*

7. There are several improvements to city infrastructure that must be addressed before the 30,000 or so Junior Olympics visitors arrive. Improvements need to be made to the portion of East 902<sup>nd</sup> Road (just east of K-10) between Rock Chalk Drive and US Highway 40 (Sixth Street.) This pavement is badly eroded and the poor condition will only deteriorate further over the next year. I have already stated this concern to the Director of Public Works and I suggest you ask for his professional engineering opinion of the need to improve that roadway. If nothing else, if East 902<sup>nd</sup> RD remains as-is, it conveys a very poor image.

8. Another infrastructure concern in the northwestern portion of our city is the Queens Road improvement project north of Sixth Street. Of particular concern is the extremely unsafe intersection at Queens Road and Overland Drive. When crossing Queens Road eastbound on Overland Drive, the visibility of oncoming traffic is greatly limited by vegetation and the elevation of Queens Road looking south. This gravel-strewn and high center hazard intersection is on the shortest route between Rock Chalk Park and the Wal-Mart store at 550 Congressional Drive. Undoubtedly, many visitors will be making a Wal-Mart visit for their needs during the Junior Olympics event. If the entire Queens Road improvement project is not fully funded in this budget I suggest that some funds be allocated to paving this intersection before the date of the Junior Olympics. Certainly, we want all of our visitors to be safe in their travels in our city.

9. As you already know, the city's future ability to gain additional property tax revenue will be circumscribed by recently passed state law. This constraint only makes your job more difficult. I appreciate your open minds and sound judgment as the budget process moves forward. For your decisions on these difficult budget tradeoffs, I urge you to focus on the essential public safety and public health interests of our citizens and visitors as your paramount budget priorities, and not support rent seekers for special interests.

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\* <http://www.visitsacramento.com/articles/view/2016-national-junior-olympic-championships-coming-to-sacramento/821/>