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Name: Katherine Kaufmann
Department to Contact: City Council - Lodge a Public Comment to the City Council (publiccomments@somervillema.gov)
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Message: I am writing with respect to the future of the Armory building, with emphatic support for maintaining its vital role as a container for diverse arts activities and community-building.

I encourage the city to continue renting spaces to chosen artists or arts organizations, similar to how the Armory has existed for over 20 years.

My family and I have benefitted from this space >40 times per year for the last decade through many means. Primarily, we have been students at Angels Leidig's studio, and spent as many as 3 hours each week in lessons and enjoying the cafe. We have also attended Moth events, shopped on the sheet music store, shopped in the cafe and enjoyed the farm share.

WE HAVE OBSERVED THE SPACE AND ITS ARTS TENANTS BUILDING RICH COMMUNITY THAT IS RARE IN CITIES AND HARD TO CREATE.

We have also observed the community-building impact of cafe concerts and family music classes.

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