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Mayor
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Dear Sir:


I am writing with regard to the relationship of an arts council in your city to the general city governmental authority, and the responsibilities and powers of the council itself.

The undersigned is a member of the Art Commission of the City of Memphis, Tennessee. At the present time the duties and responsibilities of this commission relate only to the City Art Academy. The citizens of Memphis have recently voted to change the form of government of this city from a commission form to a mayor-council form. It is the opinion of many that this would be an appropriate time for the Art Commission to be reorganized so that its responsibilities and powers relate to all cultural and artistic activities in the city.

We are writing to you and to the chief executives of other large American cities to ascertain if you have an arts council or commission in your city, what its functions and responsibilities are, under what sort of ordinance it operates, and whether you consider its operation in your community to have been successful.

We should greatly appreciate any suggestions, information or assistance you can give us.

Very truly yours,



John Thomason, Member
Memphis Art Commission

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