



Agenda item 5A

DRAFT LETTER TO Cloverdale Arts Alliance ET AL

The City of Sebastopol

Public Arts Committee

November 14th, 2023

**To: Peter and Robyn Spencer-Crompton, the Cloverdale Art Trail and Janet Howell,
and the Cloverdale Arts Alliance**

The Sebastopol Public Arts Committee sends you its sympathy and support following the desecration and destruction of your public art sculptures.

We have also experienced vandalism and destruction to our public art in Sebastopol's Community Sculpture Garden in its Ives Park.

We too are heart-broken, baffled and wonder about sanity, sanctity, security and safety of offering art outdoors in the public domain. We do not wonder however about its importance to the spirit, vitality, cohesion, and enrichment of our communities.

We too have discussed video camera security and are requiring even stronger installation materials and greater durability of artwork submitted to us for public display.

Perhaps our West County Public Art organizations can work together to come up with, implement and publicize the importance and security of art in our public places. We hope a dialogue may continue to help our communities enjoy this vital resource into the future.

In Sympathy and Support,

Marghe Mills-Thysen, Chair, Sebastopol Public Arts Committee