

# Make it an artists' enclave

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I don't believe I've heard the following suggestion for the Fulton Mall. How about turning it into an artists' enclave? I picture lots of small art galleries, an improv theater, studios for music, dance, art, yoga, martial arts and other lessons. Artists could live in housing above the storefronts.

Locally owned and operated restaurants and coffee shops could cater to budding artists, students, parents waiting during their children's classes, as well as visitors to the shops and art galleries. Businesses might feature local foods and products. Visitors would be entertained by street performers and artists. Travelers on Highways 99 and 41 could stop by for a meal or show, and see all that our area has to offer. Some might decide to stay.

We don't need to open the mall to cars and their pollution. Use electric shuttles to quickly ferry visitors to and from parking lots, enabling them to see what's on the mall instead of concentrating on finding a parking spot.

The Fulton Mall could become a destination for locals and out of town visitors, alike. Our area has so much creativity and talent. Let's show it off!

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