

Impacts of Third Street Gallery Closing:

<https://thehum.online/2017/12/30/hsu-third-street-gallery-closing/>

In December 2017, a letter writing campaign was initiated by community members to voice their strong support of the Third Street Gallery, and their concerns over the proposed closure. To date, the URPC has received over 30 letters from prominent local artists, Alumni, and current students urging the University to find a way to keep the gallery open, both for the sake of the community as well as future students who would benefit from the gallery. The consistent theme of the community input is that this particular space allows upcoming artists graduating from Humboldt State to get in contact with the vibrant art community that exists in Arcata and Eureka. The Third Street Gallery allows students, graduates, and established artists to connect with not only each other, but the general public. Removing HSU's only gallery space in Eureka as well as from the Arts Alive nights would negatively impact the public presence HSU has in the Eureka community. In contrast, there has been one letter urging the closure of the gallery in which the author questioned the historical rationale for creating the gallery and its costs.