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## Editorial: 1 percent and more for public art

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MADISON, Wis. - Our first reaction to the recent proposal by Mayor Paul Soglin and five city alders to set aside 1 percent of certain big projects for public arts purchases is, "What took so long?"

This editorial board has long advocated for public investment in public art and Madison remains one of the few, most livable award-winning and growing cities in the country to lack such an ordinance. If nothing else, it's about time.

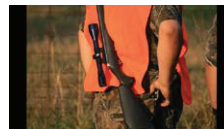
But acknowledging the importance of public art and supporting the creation and placement of art in public places is also an important component in making Madison, and every city, a welcoming place for all. It's a statement that the urban environment includes sculptures, paintings and other artistic installations that speak to something deeper in us, that inspire us, that touch something within that we all share, and that are accessible to everyone.

The details can be refined, but let's get started. Get this ordinance on the books and give public art 1 percent, and more.

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