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BWDP's mission is to champion the work of founder/choreographer Bruce Wood; cultivate new work; foster high caliber performance opportunities; invigorate the dance profession in Dallas Fort Worth; and contribute to the future of dance across the nation.

We believe that the presence of the Flora Lofts would be instrumental to the growth and prosperity of the Dallas Arts District. Housing opportunities in this area are much needed. The typical pattern is that college graduates leave Dallas for arts centers in New York and Los Angeles. We hope that pattern will shift. We are encouraged by latest trends indicating that seasoned artists – both performing and visual – are returning to live and create in Dallas. This is a vital sign of a growing arts community.

The demand for artist housing in the Dallas Arts District is there. Artists as residents would be a great addition to the synergy of the district. We are very much in favor of the mixed use of the Flora Lofts. The mixed use of retail and dining will stimulate the public to come and spend more time; dine at restaurants; shop at stores; people watch; and attend performances and museums. Growth and prosperity will naturally follow.

The Bruce Wood Dance Project is proud to be in support of this vision. We are in favor of this valuable opportunity because we believe that this opportunity will add another level of engagement in the evolution of the Dallas Arts District.

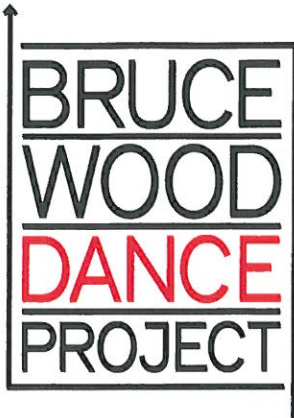
With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gayle Halperin".

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