

April 15, 2013

Flora Lofts
1925 San Jacinto, Suite 300
Dallas, TX 75201

To All Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Flora Lofts project, which would provide long-needed artist residences in the Dallas Arts District.

The proposed development deserves support, for several reasons.

The Arts District is a physically attractive but sterile place. What's missing is the humanizing energy and vitality that brings places to life. Flora Lofts will add that missing component, finally helping realize the district's potential.

Flora Lofts will also fulfill the need to provide an affordable way for artists to live and develop in the creative environment of the Dallas Arts District, infusing downtown with more activity, zest and excitement, attracting more of the same.

By increasing the number of residents downtown, especially in such a visible way, Flora Lofts can help continue the renaissance of downtown as a residential neighborhood.

An infusion of life and vitality on the streets of downtown Dallas is thoroughly consistent with the mission of the **Congress for the New Urbanism**, and members of its local chapter, **CNU-North Texas**, will find much to recommend the Flora Lofts project.

I strongly support the Flora Lofts project, and believe I reflect the support of many other members of the Congress for New Urbanism with my endorsement.

Sincerely,



Russell Sikes
Board President, CNU-North Texas