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It is with great pleasure that I add Oil and Cotton's enthusiastic support for the Flora Street Lofts project in the Dallas Arts District.

The creation of affordable housing for artists is important for the city of Dallas for many reasons.

We at Oil and Cotton, like most people, want to live in a city that has an advanced quality of life and significantly contributes to the well-being of our society through the support of a vibrant arts community, cultural resources, reliable public transportation, beautiful parks, and excellent educational institutions. Dallas is struggling to meet these needs so that it no longer has to rely on tax incentives to attract business and innovators.

-Artists improve the quality of our lives through the acts of creating.

-Rising housing costs are driving artists away. Affordable living space will encourage creatives to stay in our city.

-While the Dallas Arts District provides space for patrons and performers, it does not have space for artists and in particular emerging artists and their families to live and develop in it's creative environment.

-The addition of the Flora Street Lofts will nurture the already growing Arts District, economically as well as culturally, since the development will enhance Arts District ambiance by replacing a block-long surface parking lot with a thoughtfully designed building and landscape that also adds more public parking spaces and retail services to the District.

-The lofts will bring pedestrian life to downtown Dallas, which is now a predominately financial district by establishing an arts-friendly identity.

This is the development the Dallas Arts District, downtown Dallas and the Dallas arts community has needed for many years. La Reunion TX is the ideal steward of this project, as this established organization has already successfully created thoughtful art education outreach that connects working artists with the Dallas community.

Oil and Cotton is strongly in support of Flora Lofts and requests that you put it at the top of your action list and move it forward to become a reality as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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