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PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Mr. Tim Irvine, Executive Director
Texas Department of Housing and community Affairs
221 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2401

Dear Mr. Irvine:

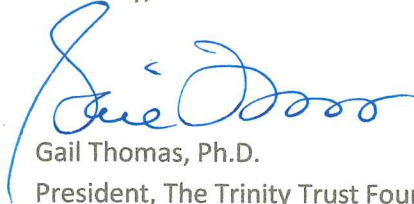
I wholeheartedly support the Flora Street Lofts project in the Dallas Arts District. This project is a long held dream for the Arts District and will make a much needed contribution to this dynamic area of downtown Dallas.

In the 1980's, I was Director of the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture and head of its Center for the City. In this role, I was closely involved with Stuart Dawson and the Sasaki Plan for the Arts District when it was proposed, holding seminars to determine the impact of such a district on Downtown Dallas. The idea of artists living in the Arts District was fundamental to everyone's understanding of what would be required to create a rich and vibrant community devoted to all area of the arts.

By providing 47 residences for artists and additional covered public parking the in area, Flora Lofts will add street level retail, dining, and a much needed human scale vitality to what is becoming our downtown center.

What a welcome opportunity.

Sincerely,



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