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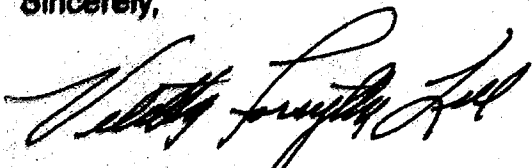
Dear Mr. Irvine,

I am writing to express my personal support for the Flora Lofts project, which would provide artist residences in the Dallas Arts District. The inclusion of artist housing in the nation's largest Arts District has long been a part of the strategic plan. Over the last 16 years I have played the role of City Councilmember for and Executive Director of the Dallas Arts District. I retired on October 31, 2012.

The City of Dallas has been working since the mid-1990's to develop a critical mass of housing in the downtown area. Housing in this particular area of downtown is minimal and affordable housing is non-existent. The inclusion of affordable artist housing will add depth to the market and diversity to the community.

I believe that artist housing is an important component part of the full development of this neighborhood, as well as the city as a whole, and hope you will consider awarding the project the requested tax credits, allowing the project to be financially viable.

Sincerely,



Veletta Forsythe Lill