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To: Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission (LCAC)

From: East Lawrence Neighborhood Association (ELNA)

Re: Approval of Mural Project at Penn Street Lofts, 8th & Pennsylvania

Date: August 5, 2021

Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission,

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association (ELNA) is very supportive of public art in Lawrence, and especially in East Lawrence. It lends an unmistakable character to our neighborhood. Artist Stephen T. Johnson asked us to review his floral designs for the north and south walls of the Penn Street Lofts. Our Board has reviewed the designs and is very pleased to join several other organizations and local businesses in giving our approval and support. Mr. Johnson's artwork will provide a wonderful enhancement to the Penn Street Lofts project.

Unfortunately, the request for ELNA's review was made shortly after our July meeting, so it took time for many of our Board members to review the designs. We regret any delay this has caused. We are very pleased that Mr. Johnson has asked to attend our August meeting to share his designs with our membership. We have every confidence that ELNA's membership will share the Board's view that these murals will provide a very welcome addition to the growing body of public art which helps define East Lawrence.

ELNA is thankful to Mr. Johnson for sharing his exceptional talents in his own neighborhood, and to LCAC for valuing ELNA's input regarding public art in East Lawrence. ELNA appreciates LCAC's support for public art in Lawrence, your support for community engagement in public art, and for your support of Stephen Johnson's wonderful Penn Street Lofts mural project.

Sincerely,

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