

TO: Project DTO Task Force

C/O: Thomas C. Chatmon, Jr., Executive Director
Downtown Development Board and
Community Redevelopment Agency

FROM: Public Art Advisory Board

DATE: March 10, 2015

RE: Project DTO Arts & Culture Letter of Support

Mr. Chatmon:

The Public Art Advisory Board (PAAB) is a City of Orlando Board established under Article 23 of the Orlando City Code. The PAAB has followed the work of Project DTO with great interest. We have reviewed the Arts and Cultural "Findings of Need" vision element and applaud the creativity and hard work that led to this report. We are aware that the findings of need are still being reviewed. We write to encourage this fine work to continue, and we anxiously await the final report.

We do wish to offer a thought for consideration by you and, eventually, by Orlando's City Council. We think that the three items listed on page 19 of the "Findings" are well-stated and well-conceived. Expanding the cultural corridor/arts district and the downtown arts district boundaries strike us as doable and appropriate in the near term.

We also whole heartedly support the creation of a new City of Orlando Arts and Culture Department, also in the near term, so that implementation of the rest of the vision can begin sooner.

Thank you all for your hard work.

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