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Omar Siddiqi Mgmt. Analyst City of Denton Parks and Recreation Department

Dear Mr. Siddiqi

The Greater Denton Arts Council would like to request a letter of support from the City of Denton for a proposal we plan to make to the TCA's Cultural District grant program. We are seeking \$10,000 to support the development of an exhibition titled 30/30.

For the 2023– 2024 calendar year, we plan to propose "30/30", an art exhibition that features artwork created by artists 30 years of age and younger. Now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year this exhibition has proven to be vital to engaging and cultivating audiences between 20-40 years of age at the Greater Denton Arts Council. Due to the popularity of the exhibit, GDAC has experienced increased participation of this age group and broader diversity in its audiences. Over the years we have witnessed 30/30 artists go on to display their art throughout the DFW region and beyond. The exhibition would be on display in the Meadows Gallery in Fall 2024.

A call for art will be sent out across the state of Texas and entries will be judged by a panel of art experts including GDAC staff, local artists, local art lovers, members of local college staff, and people who have experience collaborating with emerging artists. Artists from across the state would be welcome to apply and attend the exhibition and reception.

Educational programs around the exhibitions theme of changes in technique and artist experience over time would be offered over the span of the exhibition. Exhibition, reception, and selected programing would be free to the public and be held at the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center.

The Greater Denton Arts Council believes this project aligns well with our community's diversity of age and talent and supports intergenerational experiences that connect our community in a new and vibrant way. We would appreciate a letter of support.

Kind regards,

Georgina Ngozi Executive Director

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