



The Original Denton District

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Dear Dr. Gibbs:

This letter is to express the full support of the City of Denton Public Art Committee for the Greater Denton Arts Council's (GDAC) request for funding under the Arts Respond – Cultural District program grant. GDAC is asking for \$10,000 in grant funding to support its 30/30 exhibition. This annually produced exhibition, now in its fourth year, showcases art by artists under 30 years of age. The program is critical because it nurtures a younger coterie of artists while also working to bring younger audiences, those between ages 20 and 40, to an appreciation of art produced by their peers.

The exhibition will be mounted in the Meadows Gallery at the GDAC's Patterson-Appleton Arts Center, 400 E. Hickory Street, within the Original Denton District.

The Greater Denton Arts Council supported arts and culture in Denton for over 50 years. The Patterson-Appleton Arts Center was built in 1929 and provides critical gallery space for local artists, in addition to hosting a dance rehearsal hall and sculpture garden. The GDAC has an average annual attendance of over half a million visitors, making it a critical attraction within the Original Denton District with an outsized impact on the district's local economy.

We are honored to support GDAC's present application for funding under the Arts Respond – Cultural District program. We hope the TCA will support GDAC's continued contributions to the Denton art community. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Monet Franklin
Chair, City of Denton Public Art Committee