



SOUTHWEST DETROIT

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Dear City of Detroit,

I am writing to formally express my intent to serve as the steward organization for the five culturally significant sculptures in the Mexicantown Mainstreet Streetscape corridor.

Applicant Information

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The Southwest Detroit Business Association is the steward and manager of the Mexicantown Mainstreet. The purpose of this letter is to confirm that we are working closely with the City of Detroit to install five sculptures that were commissioned through funding by the Knight Foundation and created by local artist Elton Monroy Duran, owner of Corpus Art Inc. These sculptures, inspired by Mexican magical realism and in the form of Alebrijes, are designed to enhance the cultural landscape of the Mexicantown Mainstreet.

Project Summary

The sculptures are completed and ready for installation within the Mexicantown Mainstreet streetscape corridor, specifically on Bagley Street between 25th Street and the I-75 service drive. The Southwest Detroit Business Association will assume liability and ownership of the sculptures once installed, continuing its role as the stewards of Mexicantown Mainstreet. These statues carry tremendous cultural importance, embodying the vibrant, diverse, and ever-evolving identity of Southwest Detroit. They represent the rich history, stories, and spirit of the community, capturing the essence of the Latino heritage that thrives in this area. By preserving and showcasing these works of art, we are not only honoring the legacy of Elton Monroy Durán but also fostering a sense of pride and belonging among the residents and visitors of Mexicantown. These statues will serve as a powerful symbol of our community's commitment to celebrating the contributions and culture of all who call this neighborhood home. This project aims to reflect the cultural richness of the community while contributing to the beautification of the area.

We appreciate your consideration of this project and look forward to working together on this exciting initiative. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further details or to discuss any specific requirements necessary for the installation.

Sincerely,

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