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RE: Florida Art in Public Places Trust – City of Gainesville, 1% for Art Ordinance.

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Completed Projects.

Greetings:

My name is James Lasley. I'm an artist and I own and operate, J. Lasley Designs, a custom metal studio here in Gainesville.

I attended last Monday's City Commission meeting to learn more about the Community Redevelopment Agency's plans for public art. Unfortunately, I left the meeting without any information regarding compliance with the City of Gainesville's 1% for Art Ordinance.

Ms. Kelly Fisher, the CRA's Director, has offered to schedule a meeting for me with her Project Coordinator to discuss their plans. I appreciate Ms. Fisher's help, but I feel that it would benefit our local artists if the City Commissioners would clarify the exact dollar amount that will be available for the acquisition of public art.

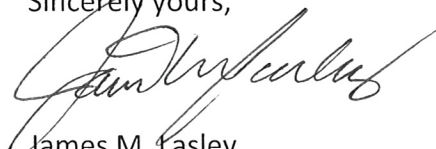
To date, the CRA has spent \$8.1 million dollars on twenty-four completed projects. Only one, the South West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pocket Park project, has an art work installed. One-percent of \$8.1 million dollars is \$81,000, which if available, would be a nice economic boost to our local artists.

Thankfully, sculptures, mosaics and many other forms of art can be installed after the completion of a construction project, and still add the touch of local history and magic so often missing in public developments.

I would appreciate any information you can provide, and I am at your service if I can help in any way.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



James M. Lasley