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Attn: Gary Watahira
2600 Fresno Street Room 2157
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Dear Mr. Watahira,

I write on behalf of The Fresno Arts Council, Hands on Central California and the Fresno Cultural Arts Rotary Club, a collaborative who has come together to support and manage the operations of the Art Gallery/gift shop and information center in the Historic Water Tower.

The Collaborative, proposes to transfer the current lease agreement between the City of Fresno and Hands on Central California to the Fresno Arts Council who will manage the gallery and daily operations, and work with the many artists who participate in this program. Hands on Central California will continue to recruit volunteers to work in the Water Tower and the Fresno Cultural Arts Rotary club will provide support to help cover the PG&E expense.

The Collaborative will continue to maintain and develop the Visitors Information Center services currently provided to the City of Fresno.

The partners of the Collaborative are working together in the described manner and would appreciate the opportunity to continue, by leasing the building rent free in recognition of our ongoing financial investment in the maintenance and upkeep of the facility. Of further community benefit is the operations of the Historic Water Tower Visitor's Center.

Kindest Regards,

Lilia Gonzales Chavez
Executive Director
Fresno Arts Council