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1-Q (ID 23-1009)

Approval Donation Agreement between Olasunkanmi Stephen Fagbule, M.D. and the City of Fresno and Accept Donation of Clement Renzi's "A Day in the Park" Sculpture

Contents of Supplement: Public comment emails

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Bernard Canez

From: Andrew Janz
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 11:38 PM
To: Todd Stermer
Subject: FW: Clem Renzi artwork proposal

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From: Bld Junior
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 10:57 PM
To: Andrew Janz <Andrew.Janz@fresno.gov>
Subject: Clem Renzi artwork proposal

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Hello Mr. Janz,

I hope this finds you well! As much as Fresno gets mocked for various reasons, there are some things that all of us who live here can and should be extremely proud of. One of those things is the artwork around town created by Clem Renzi. How fortunate we were to have him as a resident. I learned just today (hence the late email) about your proposal to relocate the Renzi bas relief mural "A Day in the Park" at the Fresno Airport. I think that is such a fabulous idea! It would be such a beautiful addition there, and maybe more importantly, would be safe from vandals. It would also be such a nice tribute to an important and talented Fresno native.

Best of luck with your proposal! I know of many others who support your idea but may not have contacted you.

Warm regards,
Becky DeMonte Harper

Bernard Canez

From: Andrew Janz
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 10:18 PM
To: Todd Stermer
Subject: FW: Renzi Mural

Another one

From: Jennifer Asleson
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 2:33 PM
To: Andrew Janz <Andrew.Janz@fresno.gov>; Jennifer Renzi
Subject: Renzi Mural

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Dear Mr. Janz,

I do not live in Fresno anymore; when people ask where I am from and I tell them Fresno, California they either have no idea or they roll their eyes like "Oh.....Fresno".

And yes, there are some things about home that are worth rolling of eyes.

BUT

Fresno is also rich and vibrant arts, music, culture, and history. A Day in the Park is just one of many treasures.

One of my earliest memories as a child in elementary school was being able to ride my bike to the Renzi home and wait for Jennifer to ride to Bullard Elementary with me.

I was too young to understand what her father did other than it was art and I remember looking at the various pieces and marveling that someone could make things so beautiful.

As I got older and began to understand and see his works in various locations around the city I was proud; proud because I "knew" a famous artist and because he was here in Fresno and made such beautiful pieces to share with us all.

This is not some far off New York elitist stuff you only see on TV, this is our art and our artist.

When people roll their eyes upon hearing "Fresno" I can say but we have so much, we gifted the world with Audra, we have Margaret Hudson, we have the Philharmonic, we have the Tower district, and we have Clement Renzi. Fresno is vibrant so don't be rolling your eyes at us.

As someone who travels all over the world, I cannot imagine a better place for A Day in the Park than the airport.

When visitors arrive this mural tells it all, sunshine, fruit, trees, and the joy of being outside together.

Please consider this my earnest plea to do the right thing and make sure everyone flying into Fresno sees this mural.

We have a responsibility to keep Clement Renzi's art alive, what a lucky thing for us to have such a gifted artist in our home town.

Thanks for reading, I cannot be there Thursday but I will be anxiously awaiting word on the path forward.

Jennifer Asleson

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Bernard Canez

From: Andrew Janz
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 10:14 PM
To: Todd Stermer
Subject: FW: The Renzi bus relief mural

More RENZI!

From: SARA CONBOY
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 11:44 AM
To: Andrew Janz <Andrew.Janz@fresno.gov>
Subject: The Renzi bus relief mural

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Greetings, Mr. Janz,

First of all, thank you for your successful efforts to secure Clem Renzi's bus relief mural. I am relieved to know that it has been donated to the City of Fresno and I support the proposal to install "A Day in the Park" at the Fresno Airport. It would be safe and secure from vandals and would brighten the days of the traveling public.

Sara Button Conboy