

June 30, 2107

From: North Village Arts District Board of Directors

To: City of Columbia City Council

Re: Gateways Project

Dear Council Members,

The North Village Arts District Board of Directors would like to express support, and ask for your commitment for the proposed Downtown Community Improvement District's Gateways Project.

This important project will welcome visitors to Columbia's historic downtown with a combination of decorative public art, street beautification, and enhanced pedestrian safety. The Downtown CID is taking the lead in creating a unique visual identity for Columbia, a project that represents the largest public/private art initiative in city history.

As business owners, community volunteers, and citizens of Columbia, we believe in the Gateways project, and look forward to working with the Downtown CID to make it a reality.

North Village Arts District Board