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Seguin Commission on the Arts

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Dear Seguin Commission on the Arts,

I am a local artist that works to promote Education through art in Texas. I do this in several ways first, I spend one day a week teaching after school art classes; these classes are taught either at local HISD schools or at a local studio; I also work with various senior care homes throughout the Houston area to provide cultural activities for senior citizens. Primarily, though, I design and produce murals for businesses, schools, and community projects. I strongly feel that art in the community exemplifies the values of respect, diversity, historical education, and culture because it brings people together, raises self-esteem, and creates a warm, open environment that is conducive for growth amongst people of all ages.

Having grown up in Houston, Texas, I always hope to be able to represent the community spirit that I experienced as a local artist. From the studio I work with sponsoring free art lessons after Harvey so that children have time that is free from worry, to watching the students I teach in art class grow as individuals and as artists, I support local art initiatives. I have been inspired by young and young-at-heart alike; art

brings all ages together to enjoy a common goal, and it allows everyone to feel joy and beauty regardless of age, ethnicity, or anything else. Our city is rich in diversity, and we support each other in the community, and what better way to represent this than through art? This inspiration has enabled me to work with various small businesses and schools. I generally work with a business to promote them locally after I have completed the mural because community support is what makes our city so outstanding. It is the desire to bring art and culture to communities that inspires me to design murals, and bringing the history of Seguin to the public, in artistic form, would be an opportunity like no other.

For the Seguin mural, I plan on utilizing the historical nature of Seguin to portray the spirit of the community accurately. The mural will depict the Texas Rangers at their station celebrating their victory and defense of Seguin, Texas. Livestock, family, and fellow Rangers will all be portrayed in the mural as part of the local history that the Rangers fought for. After the defense of their city, the Rangers are optimistic as to what the future holds for the town and surrounding communities. The direction of the mural then leads to the Rangers working together to build to community together, with a sense of belonging and camaraderie. "Seguin, Texas" will be prominently displayed, centered, at the top of the mural to showcase the pride and accomplishment of those who defended the city for future inhabitants.

Sincerely,
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