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Rochester City Council and Mayor Ardell Brede
c/o City Hall
201 4th Street SE
Rochester, MN 55904

RE: The Re-use of the Rochester Armory Building

Dear Council members and Mayor Brede:

WHEREAS the city of Rochester is the owner of the Armory building currently housing the Senior Center; and

WHEREAS the Senior Center will be vacating the Armory when it relocates to a new facility currently under construction; and

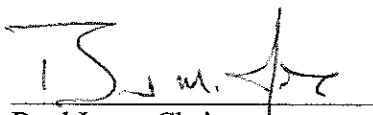
WHEREAS the Greater Rochester Arts and Cultural Trust supports a sustainable model for any future use of the Armory; and

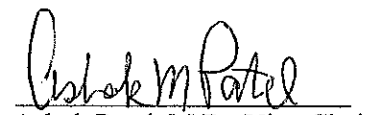
WHEREAS there has been a longstanding desire within the arts and cultural community for a multi-use facility to offer space and service options to arts organizations and individual artists; and

WHEREAS the general public may also benefit from the potential for new educational, retail and social artistic-related offerings; and

WHEREAS Rochester visitors will be positively impacted by access to the artistic offerings of the Armory community;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Greater Rochester Arts and Cultural Trust do hereby recommend that the city of Rochester strongly consider the benefits and sustainability of the arts, culture and humanities for the re-use of the Rochester Armory building.


Brad Jones, Chair


Ashok Patel, M.D., Vice-Chair