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Subject: RE: Hello and Question

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Dear Ann Arbor Public Arts Commission and Mr. Cespedes,

My name is Matt Winick from Ann Arbor, Michigan and I wanted to email you about some ideas to improve public art in downtown Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ann Arbor, Michigan has a great downtown to explore different places and it has some history. I thought of having the idea of having a statue of Martin Luther King Jr, John F Kennedy, Gerald Ford, and Kathy Kozachenko along with some quotes or important facts about their life in the downtown Ann Arbor area. The reason I thought of this idea is Martin Luther King Jr. went to University of Michigan back in 1962 to talk to students about civil rights, John F Kennedy delivered a speech in 1960 at the Michigan Union where he proposed the idea of the Peace Corps, Gerald Ford went to University of Michigan where he played football while attending classes, and Kathy Kozachenko made history on becoming the first openly LGBTQ+ to serve in Ann Arbor City Council. Also the reason that there should be a memorial and statue of them is that they all have worked on being strong supportive of civil rights including rights of people with disabilities, heavily advocate for social justice policies to help our country, and many others. Also since Ann Arbor has a history of wanting to advance on human rights issues including social justice I strongly believe that it is important to highlight these people through a statue with some facts including quotes to even help educate many people including children from different generations.

Thanks for taking the time to read my short message even though I'm not great at grammar or it is hard for me to communicate efficiently through email.

I hope that you and this commission will be able to read my thoughts and address the need to improve public arts while addressing the need to build statues to recognize these historical figures for all their hard work to help our society.

Sincerely,

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