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Anne Hill
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RE Murals in HAND

Dear Anne,

On behalf of the Hosford Abernethy Neighborhood District (HAND), I wanted to express the Board's support for the murals in and around our neighborhood. While they serve a functional role in terms of occupying space that might otherwise attract graffiti, they also help establish the unique character of our neighborhood. For example, the "Art Fills the Void" Banana mural at 12th & Division has been a defining landmark for decades, and the several new murals (Hawthorne 7/11, People's Coop, the mural at the bus stop at 11th & Division, and I hope the many projects in HAND's industrial area) will help people feel similarly connected to our neighborhood in a way that only public art can do.

I understand there is a new mural project coming to 24th & Powell, which we are excited about. I pass by that site frequently, and am looking forward to seeing what an artist can do with that space.

Please let me know if there is any way the HAND Board can support more public art in our neighborhood. Because of our central location, many people pass through the neighborhood, so projects here impact an audience much broader than just residents. It is my hope that everyone, residents and non-residents alike, can get some happiness from the murals and other public art projects we are fortunate enough to have in our community.

Thank you,

Chris Eykamp
HAND Chair

Cc Mayor Keith Wilson
Councilor Tiffany Koyama Lane
Councilor Angelita Morillo
Councilor Steve Novick