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A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

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Dear Mayor Rawlings and members of the Dallas City Council,

On behalf of the more than 2,200 members of the Dallas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, we express our strong support for full bond program funding for the cultural, arts, and historic facility improvement projects identified by the Critical Facilities Sub Committee of the 2017 Bond Task Force; at a minimum at the recommended amount of \$24 million. The architecture community in Dallas knows well the value to our city of these institutions and their associated buildings. Cultural, arts, and historic buildings are cornerstones of Dallas' quality of life and contribute substantially to our own identity as a community. We recognize that this work is essential to the long-term preservation of these buildings and, in some cases, to their priceless and irreplaceable contents. We are aware of the particular budgetary difficulties our city must address now and in the years to come, but are convinced that our future can only be adequately served by meeting this minimum expenditure.

We urge you to review the task force recommendations to balance available resources for these critical facility needs. A significant investment is required to keep these facilities from further deteriorating, especially considering that no long-term facility capital investment has been made since the 2006 bond program.

We are proud to participate with the City of Dallas in creating a more vibrant and livable community for all of our citizens, and we look forward to working with you to build community support for these expenditures.

Sincerely,

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