February XX, 2021

Dear County Commissioner:

Located in the heart of Downtown Tallahassee, LeMoyne has been the heartbeat of Tallahassee’s visual arts community for nearly 60 years. It has nurtured and encouraged the creative experience throughout our community, promoted and supported the work of local artists, and generated millions of dollars for our local economy through its events and exhibitions.

Who among us has not admired a beautiful artwork acquired at *Chain of Parks Art Festival*, heard a friend’s fond remembrance of summer art classes at LeMoyne, or decorated their home for the holidays with items found at LeMoyne’s annual Holiday Show? Personally, LeMoyne Arts is important to me because

An exciting new opportunity has recently emerged for LeMoyne. The adjacent commercial property to the south of the gallery is available, and if purchased, would enable LeMoyne to create modern classrooms for arts education and invest in our area’s youth, particularly disadvantaged and at-risk students.

As arts funding in schools continues to be diminished, it is even more vital that art education programs, such as LeMoyne’s, meet this critical need. The fate of this project lies with the County Commission. Your targeted investment in LeMoyne will enable it to accomplish this vision of the future.

LeMoyne Arts is a cherished and esteemed partner in Tallahassee’s cultural life. I support its efforts to better serve our community, and I ask that you support it as well by approving the LeMoyne’s $1.8 million CRA Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,