

**Rodriguez, Charlotte**

**From:** Elmer, Linda  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 13, 2009 1:10 PM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Charlotte  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Mural Ordinance

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**From:** Kovac, Nik  
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**Cc:** Horn, Sarah  
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**To:** Hamilton, Ashanti; Davis Sr., Joe; Kovac, Nik; Bauman, Robert; Bohl, James; Coggs, Milele; Wade, Willie; Donovan, Robert; Puente, Robert; Murphy, Michael; Dudzik, Joseph; Witkowiak, James; Witkowski, Terry; Zielinski, Tony; Hines Jr., Willie  
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My name is Hannah Medrow, and I am a homeowner at 3029 N Booth St., in Milele Coggs' district. A large part of my neighborhood is also in Nik Kovac's district.

I am opposed to the proposed city ordinance to restrict the painting of murals on private property. As a homeowner and a taxpayer I see no reason why I need city approval or a paid permit to paint my own property, as long as the content isn't indecent or profane.

I and 16 of my neighbors participated this past summer in a wonderful project called Art in the Alleys. A number of local artists worked with homeowners to design murals which were painted on garage doors and fences. Each mural was approved by the homeowner in advance and the artists did beautiful work. Public response has been overwhelmingly positive and more homeowners are inquiring about participating in the next wave.

This project was initiated to beautify our urban environment and to bring the community together. It was a success on both fronts. The artists and homeowners/residents got to meet one another and work together. People walked through the neighborhoods to see all the completed murals and to talk with the artists. The biggest plus for me came when my neighbor across the alley was so motivated by the new and improved look that he cleaned up his yard and picked up the garbage. He seems really proud of our alley and I've seen him showing people some of the murals.

I can appreciate that the city might be looking for revenue-builders, but to propose to tax and/or fine people for decorating their private property is an outrage.

Thank you.

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