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From: Elmer, Linda
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2009 4:34 PM
To: Rodriguez, Charlotte
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Another one...

From: Mike Chaltry & Diane Bartley [mailto:beermanandcatgirl@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2009 3:51 PM
To: Coggs, Milele; Bauman, Robert; Dudzik, Joseph; Wade, Willie; Donovan, Robert; Puente, Robert; Sura Faraj / SuraForChange.com
Cc: Dantzler, Akuwa; Mayor Tom Barrett; Kovac, Nik; Horn, Sarah
Subject: Re: Art Murals in alleys

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Mike Chaltry and I live at 3010 N. Booth St. My block was one of the lucky ones chosen for the Art in the Alleys project, and I was one of the lucky residences chosen to be part of the project. My excitement during the planning stages of the project has been greatly rewarded with satisfaction for the finished product. I loved it when it was finished and I still love it every time I drive up to my garage.

Sura was a little worried about my door in particular because it was the only garage door painted by what some would consider a "graffiti artist". My understanding was that my artist was an ex-tagger that went legit. He, like the other artists, gave us free art. Most, I would guess, did it to get their names and artworks out in public, which is a hard thing to do for most artists.

I've been tagged in the past so I know the feelings of invasion that most homeowners feel when they get tagged. This, however, is a consenting relationship between homeowner and artist. To this date, I have received absolutely no negative feedback. Tagging is a crime, the painting on my garage door is not and never should be.

If you are in the neighborhood, please check out my garage and the rest of my alley. I am quite proud of them.

Sincerely,
Mike Chaltry