

January 11, 2018

City of Colorado Springs
& Members of the Colorado Springs City Council
107 N. Nevada Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

RE: Old Colorado City - City Designated Creative District

Members of Colorado Springs City Council:

On behalf of the Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region, I would like to offer my support for Old Colorado City (OCC) and their proposed resolution from the City of Colorado Springs to be designated as a locally recognized *Creative District*. Although this designation is not State certified, and OCC will not be a part of the State's formal Creative District network, it will support an important effort to develop a "Creative Corridor" extending from downtown Colorado Springs, to Historic Old Colorado City, and out to Manitou Springs. With the support of the Cultural Office, and our new First Friday Shuttle Bus service, I feel confident that this growing collaboration among local creative districts will eventually yield great cultural and economic benefit to area artists, gallery owners, restaurateurs, retailers, area residents, and cultural tourists.

It's a great time for our City, and our local arts and cultural sector is thriving and growing. This Creative Corridor concept, together with the designation of OCC as a local *Creative District*, are two important next steps in building the creative economy here in the City of Colorado Springs and across the Pikes Peak region. Thank you for your leadership and continued support, and please let me know if I may be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Andy Vick
Executive Director