

## RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DUVAL COUNTY COURTHOUSE PLAZA ART PROJECT ART SELECTION PANEL (“ASP”) APPROVING THE PROJECT TEXT RELATED TO THE FINAL DESIGN PACKAGE FOR ARTWORK TITLED “THESE TRUTHS: VOICES OF JACKSONVILLE”, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT ‘A’ WITH CERTAIN REVISIONS; PROVIDING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL (“EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR”) WITH THE AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS TO THE PROJECT TEXT AND APPROVE MINOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO THE ARTWORK BASED UPON FINAL ENGINEERING.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 126.906, Ordinance Code, the Art in Public Places Committee formed the ASP to make recommendations to the Committee on the selection of public art for the Duval County Courthouse Plaza (the “Project”);

**WHEREAS**, Cliff Garten Studio was one of the finalists for the Project and presented a conceptual design to the ASP that was to include text on the face of its proposed artwork for the Project which conceptual design provided that such text was to be approved by the ASP before integration into the Project;

**WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2021, the ASP recommended that Cliff Garten Studio be awarded the public art contract for the Project, subject to future approval by the ASP of the Project text;

**WHEREAS**, the funding and placement of the Project on the Duval County Courthouse Plaza is intended to be a form of government speech, and it is the intention of the ASP to select the Project text in order to present the image that the City wishes to project to visitors to the Duval County Courthouse;

**WHEREAS**, on August 23, 2022, the ASP reconvened to review Cliff Garten Studio’s draft of the proposed Project text, and during that meeting the ASP declined to approve the same and requested Cliff Garten Studio to revise the Project text in accordance with ASP instructions;

**WHEREAS**, on February 7, 2023, the ASP again reconvened to review Cliff Garten Studio’s revised proposed Project text, and during that meeting the ASP declined to approve the same and requested Cliff Garten Studio to revise the Project text in accordance with ASP instructions;

**WHEREAS**, on June 1, 2023, the ASP again reconvened to review Cliff Garten Studio’s revised proposed Project text, and the ASP approved the text with modifications and requested Cliff Garten Studio to review and approve or disapprove the same;

**WHEREAS**, on June 5, 2023, Cliff Garten Studio approved the modifications, namely

changing the key word "EQUITY" in the lightbox to "TRUTH" and modifying the third sentence in the JUSTICE lightbox to delete the word "flags;"

**WHEREAS**, shortly after the June 5, 2023 approval, it was discovered that one of the poems in the approved text that was to be located on the "back porch" section in the FREEDOM lightbox was not an original work as required, and Cliff Garten Studio has submitted for consideration two options to replace such text, which proposed Project texts are attached and incorporated in Exhibit "A" to this Resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Duval County Courthouse Art Project Art Selection Panel:

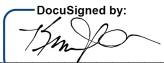
**Section 1.** The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2 (Version 1).** The ASP hereby approves the use and substitution of Project text Option as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and requests final approval of the Artwork by the Art in Public Places Committee.

**Section 3.** The ASP confirms that the shape and dimensions of the overall Project are approved, provided that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to administratively approve minor changes to the structure based upon final engineering of the Project. Further, the Executive Director is authorized to administratively approve grammatical or other typographical errors to the Project text.

**Section 4.** The Effective Date of this Resolution is the date upon the execution of this resolution by the Chair of the ASP.

**COURTHOUSE PLAZA ART  
PROJECT ART SELECTION PANEL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Chairman

Date: 9/13/2023

VOTE: In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0

## **EXHIBIT "A"**

The four scrolls or panels of the sculpture are designated by the keywords "JUSTICE" (facing the street), "FREEDOM" (facing the Courthouse), "EQUALITY" (facing the street), and "TRUTH" (facing the Courthouse). The five parts of each scroll/panel are the Scroll, Foyer, Lightbox, Back Porch, and Tail.

### **OPTION FOR REPLACING "BACK PORCH" SECTION ON "FREEDOM" SCROLL**

***New Poem by Ebony Payne-English (202 Characters w/spaces):***

All political power is inherent in the people  
All wings first pierce skin the lotus begins to bloom  
Grows its roots from a mud defined path  
Stalks boldly into the unknown mire to reach for something higher

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### **Entire Text (Incorporating Option)**

The following is the text that will appear on the sculpture.

**Note, since it takes days to lay out the text, the previously submitted version appears in the images of the text layout on the sculpture in this submission. The look is basically the same. However, the actual text on the sculpture will be the text approved by the ASP.**

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#### **JUSTICE**

Scroll [Foundational Text, Preamble, US Constitution] 238 characters w/spaces

WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION, ESTABLISH JUSTICE... AND SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY, DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Foyer 152 characters w/spaces

JUSTICE is an oak with

many branches and a shelter  
for all. JUSTICE is a mighty  
river that denies no one  
its waters. JUSTICE is what we  
promised ourselves.

Lightbox "JUSTICE"475 characters w/spaces

Because These Truths WE HOLD SELF-EVIDENT, thus must Equity in Justice remain.

If OUR COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE, SWEET LAND OF LIBERTY, then honor seekers of  
America's dream.

Since rivers outlast nations, since land cares not what name we call it, must not These  
Truths transcend ideologies, cults, and factions?

Truth shall sing freedom songs; make wrongs right, shine light across dead pastures.

Let the river wash us. Let the river cleanse us. Let the river heal us. With Justice.

Back porch 164 characters w/spaces

Water bird adrift, drowning. Presumed dead,  
Crane in the crests spies two beacons  
ahead. The one of the world  
tunes itself to the star.  
The other truth keeps burning.

Tail [Foundational Text, The US Constitution] (Article III), Bill of Rights] 176 characters w/spaces

THE JUDICIAL POWER SHALL EXTEND TO  
ALL CASES, IN LAW AND EQUITY, ARISING UNDER THIS CONSTITUTION,  
THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TREATIES  
MADE, OR WHICH SHALL BE MADE

**EQUALITY**

Scroll [Foundational Text, Preamble, Declaration of Independence] 272 Characters  
w/ spaces

Those who care to know will cope and grow together forming a more perfect union in the  
aftermath of our weathered past - tethered one to another by love and service of country -  
these self-evident truths, these unalienable rights - LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF  
HAPPINESS.

Foyer 140 Characters w/spaces

Our Ancestors demand we stand  
Where our roots use to be;  
Our unity is fruitful and fierce—  
It is a secret garden  
Where the tree of life grows.

Lightbox "EQUALITY" 492 Characters w/spaces

We hold These Truths. And we will not let go. That all are equal. Until we all are.

Our legacy is a porcelain cup, brim-filled with atrocities and lovers of liberation.

We the People in order to secure blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity:  
first, immigrant, Enslaved, free, incarcerated—All races, All religions. We the People.

In These Truths, we can resurrect the hope we once believed.

Back Porch 154 Characters w/spaces

As sea cows graze at  
San Juan's knees, and the  
Cosmos radiates beyond  
Stars, why not us, why not  
we?  
Body to body, we are  
Like creatures, rivers, and skies.

Tail 193 [Foundational Text, Declaration of Independence (last paragraph, last sentence)] Characters w/spaces

AND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS  
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,  
WITH A FIRM RELIANCE ON THE PROTECTION  
OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE, WE MUTUALLY  
PLEDGE TO EACH OTHER OUR LIVES, OUR  
FORTUNES, AND OUR SACRED HONOR.

**TRUTH**

Foyer 253 Characters w/spaces

A land not quite yours or mine, still  
somehow ours. At the root of it, we  
are all severed pieces, mending into  
one. We are hands that till. Hands

that sew. Hands that weld; that rock the  
cradle. What our Ancestors wanted:  
We not just live, but live free.

Light Box "Truth" [Foundational Text, Preamble, Declaration of Independence] 253 Characters  
w/spaces

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT,  
THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL,  
THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR  
WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS,  
THAT AMONG THESE ARE, LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

When WORDS and DEEDS meet, there is EQUITY.

Back Porch 116 Characters w/spaces

Like petals on a magnolia  
Not one the same as  
Another, as another  
Yet all are equal together  
The fragrance of equity.

## **FREEDOM**

Foyer [Foundational Text, US Constitution, Amendment I,] 276 Characters w/spaces,

CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION,  
OR PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF; OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF  
SPEECH, OR OF THE PRESS; OR THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO PEACEABLY  
ASSEMBLE, AND TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR A REDRESS OF  
GRIEVANCES.

Lightbox "FREEDOM" 422 Characters w/spaces

We walk a desert with thirst for freedom, not the trick of the mirage, but for faith of a  
song and wildflowers on a mesa.  
When it comes down to it, what are we waiting for? How will we know when  
freedom arrives?  
Music is freedom. Let singing tell These Truths. Some songs arise from joy. Others  
ensure survival. Let freedom sing!  
The same dusty ground can yield flowers or tumbleweeds. The same land can yield  
freedom or deny it

Back Porch 202 Characters w/spaces

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Grows its roots from a mud defined path  
Stalks boldly into the unknown mire to reach for something higher