Cabinet Secretary, Debra Garcia Griego DCA Mary Kershaw, Director, Museum of NM Merry Scully, DCA Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Debra, Mary and Merry,

RE: Gilberto Guzman Guadalupe Mural at Vladem Contemporary Gallery

It is with much respect and honor that we request a <u>re-consideration</u> of moving and/or changing Gilberto Guzman's mural off the current location on Guadalupe St.

We have received over 200+ local Santa Fe citizens as supporters plus many Guadalupe area business owners and recognized community leaders and professionals who want the mural to remain on the exterior of the museum wall (letters and names upon request).

We understand the concern by the Museum of NM for maintenance; however, the Santa Fe Beautiful non-profit has offered to be responsible for yearly and permanent upkeep. In addition, the vision for 'gateway to Santa Fe' museum, the mural shows the historical 'gateway to Santa Fe' plus it will draw more tourists and locals to the museum as it is also contemporary art. It is part of Santa Fe history and should remain. Your vision for international acclaim coincides with the fact that Gilberto Guzman is an international known muralist and now as a Santa Fe Living Treasure.

The size of the new mural can be resized to fit the exterior architecture style of the new museum.

We believe that with your support along with the Vladem family, the local businesses and the citizens of Santa Fe, you will receive and be given high recognition for keeping a beautiful, historical icon in Santa Fe. This state museum is for all citizens and with your support; the request by the citizens for the mural to remain will be recognized and implemented.

Respectfully,

Gilberto Guzman

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