



22 July 2019

Councilmember Debora Juarez
PO Box 34025
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Dear Councilmember Juarez,

Coyote Central has committed to creating a new youth arts center in Lake City. We have purchased a property in the heart of Lake City and are in the final stages of acquiring a construction permit to bring it up to code and build out a performance space, gallery space, teaching kitchen, recording studio, and other workshop spaces for courses, fashion, photography, painting, filmmaking, woodworking, digital animation, and countless other creative mediums.

As you know, there is tremendous need for out-of-school programs for the growing population of Lake City youth and almost no opportunities for hands-on arts learning, especially in vocational arts that can start young people on a path to meaningful careers. A Coyote North facility in Lake City will be serving over 1,000 young people a year by 2023 with high-quality programs that Coyote has refined over the past 31 years in the Central District. All of Coyote programs are offered on a pay-what-you-can basis, whereby each family decides what tuition, if any, works for their budget, so money is never a barrier. Equity, inclusion, and respect are Coyote's core values.

We would like to appeal for your help in acquiring a grant from the city of \$150,000 towards the renovation and build-out of 12325 Lake City Way NE in order launch our youth programming. We hope to be able to complete construction by the end of this year so that we can get our youth programs going as soon as possible, but there is some urgency in acquiring the funding if we are to realize the goal of opening our doors as early as February 2020.

Coyote North will be an asset not only to Lake City but to all residents of District Five. When not being used for youth programs, our space will be available at little or no cost for exhibits, performances, dinners, meetings, and any other use that benefits the community. Coyote North will become a welcoming and inclusive community gathering place that celebrates and empowers the youth of Lake City and brings together all of District 5 around youth and creativity.

Your advocacy for District 5 has accomplished so much for the Lake City community. We hope you will join us in making Coyote North a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claudia Stelle", written in a cursive style.

Claudia Stelle
Coyote Central

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