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To: City Recorder
Subject: Written Statement for City Council Meeting, Dec. 20, 2021

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Dear City Recorder,

This is my written statement for the City Council Meeting on Monday, Dec. 20, 2021. Please let me know if there is anything else I need to do.

Thank you,

Deborah York Zundel

Regarding Resolution No.2941

As a life-long lover of art as an expression not only of individual experience, but as the best measure of a society, I have studied and supported all aspects of the arts, culture, and heritage, past and present.

Recently I joined the board of the Wilsonville Arts and Culture Council, and am delighted with their desire to strengthen existing arts, culture, and heritage activities in Wilsonville.

Learning about Resolution No. 2941, and the City of Wilsonville City Council's decision to create an Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission, is wonderful!

I know how much volunteer time has gone into bringing art to the Wilsonville community, and I am happy to see that it will have city support.

Consultant Bill Flood's research made it apparent how many arts, culture, and heritage events are sponsored in the cities surrounding Wilsonville.

It has sometimes been disappointing that to experience some of those types of events, I had to leave my own town. I have longed to showcase that our town has a bounty of artists, an interesting culture, and a fascinating heritage.

With the city's support, and the addition of an artistic and culturally sensitive commissioner on staff, we are on our way!

With our heritage trees, the histories of our early settlers, and our present community, brimming with talented painters, sculptors, writers, dancers, and musicians, we have a lot to offer.

Tourist dollars are important to a city budget, and I feel that rich arts, culture and heritage events will create a reason people will want to visit Wilsonville, just as I am now drawn to those events in other communities.

I hope that with your help, we can establish a permanent cultural center, where locals and visitors will be enriched by our thriving arts, culture, and heritage resources.

You represent our community, and I am thankful for all that you do. As a citizen, I am volunteering to help in any way to see this happen.

Respectfully,

Deborah York Zundel