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To Whom It May Concern,

I am providing a statement in support of the artist known as Audifax for the upcoming sculpture project in Reindahl Park. I have personally had the opportunity to work collaboratively with Audifax through the Madison Public Library Bubbler program for over 6 years in my roles as the lead teacher for MMSD in the Dane County Jail and now in a leadership role within MMSD. Audifax has the unique ability to connect with communities and work with them to solidify a vision tied to their identity using a variety of art media. She worked closely with our students and staff in justice involved placements to create a mascot (the Metro Panthers) in collaboration with the young people, to capture the spirit and resilience students in these school communities embody, leading to 4 mural projects, and digital branding so staff and students can display their pride in all that is accomplished in these spaces.

Similarly, Audifax has worked with the students at Innovative High, a small MMSD alternative high school, on a variety of projects tied to identity, both as individuals and a community. She is an artistic force of nature who works through connection with communities to create works of art that are both stunning to look at, and tell the stories of communities often overlooked or silenced in modern society. I can't wait to see what she co-creates for the Reindahl Park community.

Respectfully,

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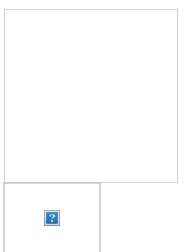
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