



**Legacy Project Steering Committee**

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Mr. James Rosen, Council President  
City of Rochester Hills  
1000 Rochester Hills Drive  
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309

RE: Legacy Project

Dear Mr. Rosen:

Over the past few months, the Legacy Project Steering Committee composed of local volunteers drawn from different sectors of our community, has taken steps to make the dream of a multi-tenant arts and culture center in the heart of downtown Rochester a reality. The Committee has established two funds with the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester for the benefit of the Legacy Project: an endowed fund designed to provide for maintenance and operating expenses of the facility in perpetuity and a non-endowed fund that will be used for the building phase of the project. The Committee has also secured the services of Dykema Gossett to establish a new non-profit entity that will ultimately own and/or manage the facility. Much effort has been focused on studying existing models both in Michigan and across the country – learning from their successes while not overlooking lessons learned. The Committee is now at a crossroads. To continue requires us to reach outside our ranks for some specialized expertise to conduct a formal feasibility study. The project is simply too complex and funds required are too significant to go forward without the firmest of informational foundations.

Considering the benefit to our local community of the Legacy Project, it is our intention to seek the necessary financial support for this study from the three municipalities that make up the Greater Rochester area (i.e. City of Rochester, City of Rochester Hills and Oakland Township). On behalf of the Legacy Project Steering Committee, please accept this letter as a formal request to the City of Rochester Hills for funding in the amount of \$25,000. The City of Rochester and Township of Oakland have supported our request and committed \$50,000 and \$25,000 respectively. These funds will be dedicated to engaging a professional firm specializing in feasibility studies and needs assessments. Your support will allow us to gather vital information upon which to build a successful capital campaign.

Should you have additional questions or if additional materials would be helpful, please contact me directly at (248) 601-3415. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia R. Botkin".

Patricia R. Botkin  
Legacy Project Chair

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