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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The City Council
of the City of Galveston
Galveston City Hall
823 Rosenberg Street
Galveston, Texas 77550

Attention: Craig Brown

Re: Artist Boat, Inc., and its headquarters at 2627
Avenue O

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am the recently elected President and Board Chair of Artist Boat, Inc., a 503(c) corporation currently headquartered at the property described above. By its actions earlier in 2018, the Galveston City Council declared the Special Use Permit under which Artist Boat operated for years terminated, as of December 31, 2018, and it then declined, despite a favorable vote of 5 - 2, since a super majority was required, to approve a PUD that would have allowed Artist Boat to continue its charitable and educational operations at the Avenue O property.

After these actions, Artist Boat's Board, contrary to certain rumors that have circulated, appointed a committee to search for a new location for Artist Boat's headquarters. That committee has identified several possibilities, but none has yet been found suitable. It is still looking, and it is dedicated to continuing to look until it finds a place for Artist Boat to continue the work that even its detractors acknowledge is very positive and valuable to the City and the region, and to the residents of both.

Suitable and appropriate places do not grow on trees, however. Indeed, it took Artist Boat two years to locate and

move into the Avenue O property after its prior Avenue K location was outgrown. This therefore is Artist Boat's request, which is coupled with its commitment to honor Council's decisions, for an extension of time beyond December 31, 2018, to relocate its operations in a positive, suitable, efficient, and practical manner. Based upon our lack of success over the last month and a half, Artist Boat requests an extension of nine months from December 31 to accomplish the move that is required but which should not at the same time destroy Artist Boat's mission and ongoing operations.

Thank you in advance, Councilmember Brown, for your assistance in helping Artist Boat move forward and in securing a place on Council's January 24, 2019 agenda for this request.

I stand ready for any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DL', written over a horizontal line.

Douglas R. Little, for
Artist Boat, Inc.

cc: Brian Maxwell
Galveston City Manager