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Dear Sirs

I'm writing to you to in relation to a community initiative based in Waltham Forest – Wood Street Walls - and their project to establish a new creative hub for Wood Street & Waltham Forest (Wood Street Studios), currently crowdfunding on Spacehive. I would like to offer of my support and backing in their application for funding from the Mayor of London High Street.

I featured in the team's crowd funding video at the back end of last year (please see <http://www.woodstreetstudios.co.uk>) - I believe that their proposition will aid economic growth to the high streets in our borough.

Working closely with other organisations that provide young people an outlet that they wouldn't ordinarily have access to I'm excited by the prospect of the skills and experience Wood Street Walls will be able to offer. It is my belief that they will inspire the next generation of artists throughout Waltham Forest.

They have already erected 6 fantastic murals through their own funds and resources to demonstrate their commitment to the area (please see [www.facebook.com/woodstreetwalls](http://www.facebook.com/woodstreetwalls)), as well as planning their first pilot community workshops in partnership with WF construction partner, East Thames.

I hope that you seriously consider & approve their application as their plans and ideas will make a huge & most importantly a sustainable & positive impact on the community, with a blueprint that can be adopted across all the London boroughs.

Yours faithfully



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Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and High Streets

