

TO: Acadiana Center for the Arts and

Lafayette Economic Development Authority

DATE: February 20, 2024

To the ArtSpark Board,

I'm writing in support of Allison Brandon and her ArtSpark Grant proposal.

As Allison's project centers around writing a picture book for children, she reached out to me—a published children's author and illustrator and previous ArtSpark Grant recipient—for advice.

We met and discussed her project at length and I think that her idea is an excellent one.

Allison has many years of experience in theatre and in working with children. She recognized a need for a picture book that would speak to the children that she works with. I've read her writing samples and find that she has a very creative voice. She has researched her proposal, reached out to other creative professionals, and is ready to create something new and important.

Thank you for considering Allison for the ArtSpark Grant.

Sincerely,

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