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Agenda Item Name:

Proposed Shepard Fairey Mural Project at the Josiah T. Walls Building

Presenter:

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Description:

The world-renowned artist and designer Shepard Fairey has agreed to include Gainesville as part of a public art project to empower and inspire citizens to take advantage of their right to vote. The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections and Property Appraisers building at 515 North Main Street is a favored location for the project, which would use the building's façade as the project's canvas. Mr. Fairey is open to ideas for content and will potentially incorporate Josiah T. Walls into the design of the mural.

The Supervisor of Elections and the Property Appraiser are agreeable to the use of the exterior of the building for the mural project.

Recommended Action:

Direct staff to proceed with the coordination of the proposed mural project at the Josiah T. Walls building at 515 North Main Street. The final design will be brought back to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Consideration:

N/A as the group bringing in Mr. Fairey is fundraising, so there is no cost to the County.

Background:

Mr. Fairey has painted nearly 100 public murals around the world. Mr. Fairey's work is included in the collections at The Smithsonian, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C., the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.