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From: Carole Smith <carole@smithkittleson.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2022 2:22 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Painting Alleys downtown-for City council testimony

Dear City Council

After spending two hours cleaning silicone caulk from our historic brick building downtown I am not in support of allowing ANYONE to paint in the downtown alleys. At one time our alleys we're a showcase of possibilities and style, today they are full of graffiti, dog shit, trash, broken windows, weeds, boarded up windows, stinky dumpsters (on public property) etc. They are filthy and gross.

Allowing anyone to paint in the alleys will increase our battle against graffiti downtown. It is at epic levels today and no enforcement informing business/building owners it is THEIR RESPONSIBILITY to remove graffiti within 48 hours. As a result, more graffiti-every day.

For those of us who take graffiti seriously, and spend our time and money to remove it immediately, you are thwarting our work by allowing alley pavers to be painted, and encouraging more graffiti. Until our alleys are cleaned up, graffiti is dealt with, broken windows are repaired, no further painting of the alleys downtown should be allowed.

Since this request came from the neighborhoods, please just allow a trial project in residential alleys, not downtown. Please. It is filthy and gross downtown here and there is no requirement for maintenance of alley painting. Please-NO.

Respectfully,

Carole Smith