



March 16, 2021

To: Capital Investment Committee
Chair Rep. Fue Lee (59A)
Vice Chair Rep. Mary Murphy (03B)
Minnesota House of Representatives
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Capital Investment Committee Members,

I am writing to show East Side Funders Group-ESFG support for the future Funny Asian Women's Collective's Art Center. An Asian-American led arts center is essential for the City of Saint Paul and Minnesota and will help to create economic prosperity for the East Side of Saint Paul. This is a one of kind opportunity for the State of Minnesota to showcase the talent of Minnesota's Asian-American community and provide space for Asian-American artists to grow and thrive.

Some of the East Side's greatest assets include its brilliant and talented artistic community and the racially/ethnic diversity of the community. The community center will juxtapose these qualities to provide meaningful educational and cultural experiences for local residents and visitors – highlighting the talent of our community.

The mission of ESFG is to support economic vitality on the East Side of Saint Paul; we support this initiative because it will provide meaningful jobs and community wealth building for Saint Paul residents and artists.

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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