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Dear Art Committee Members,

I am writing to formally request an increase in the budget for my public art sculpture project, originally approved by the committee, Dueling Palms. This request is necessitated by the recent increases in tariffs and steel costs, which have significantly impacted the overall expenses associated with the project.

As you may be aware, the recent changes in trade policies have led to a rise in the cost of materials, particularly metals, which are crucial for the construction of this sculpture. Despite these challenges, I want to assure you that I have maintained the original design and integrity of the artwork. My commitment to preserving the vision and concept of the sculpture remains unwavering, and I believe it is essential to uphold the artistic intent that was initially presented to the committee.

In an effort to mitigate the financial impact of these unforeseen costs, I have also made the decision to reduce my artist fees from 20% to 10%. This reduction reflects my dedication to the project and my understanding of the current budget constraints. I am fully committed to ensuring that this sculpture not only meets the artistic standards we aspire to but also remains a valuable addition to our community.

I appreciate your understanding and consideration of this request. I believe that with the necessary adjustments to the budget, we can successfully bring this important piece of public art to fruition, enriching our community and inspiring those who experience it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your favorable response and am happy to provide any additional information or clarification needed.

Warm regards,

Kyle Absolom