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**RE: Clay County Letter of Support of the Moorhead Cultural Mall Project**

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the Clay County Board of Commissioners I am writing to express the County's support of the Moorhead Cultural Mall Project.

As Clay County and Moorhead are the fastest-growing regions outside of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area, according to the Minnesota Demographer, there is an increasing demand for spaces that foster cultural exchange, community integration and economic growth in ethnic communities. Currently, Moorhead lacks dedicated spaces for cultural gatherings, community events, and artistic expression. The proposed Cultural Mall would fill this need by:

- Creating a marketplace for small, minority-owned businesses to thrive, strengthening the local economy.
- Providing access to ethnic groceries, restaurants, and specialty goods, reflecting the needs of Moorhead's growing and diverse population.
- Establishing a community hub where people of all backgrounds can come together for celebrations, performances, and cross-cultural dialogue.

Clay County is committed to diversity, inclusivity, and economic growth and feels the Moorhead Cultural Mall would be an asset to our community.

If the Clay County Board of Commissioners can be of further assistance and provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson  
Clay County Administrator