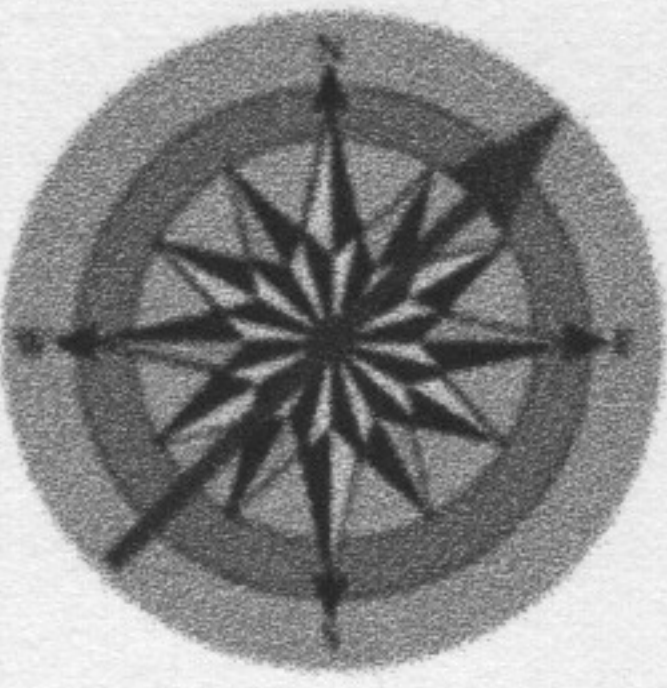




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Dear Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council Members:

I am writing today to express the support of the NorthEast Citizens' Association regarding Docket Item #24-1406, Special Use Permit #2023-00052, 800 and 820 Slaters Lane (Parcel address: 800 Slaters Lane) - The Art League Public Hearing and consideration of a request for a Special Use Permit for a private non-profit commercial school.

The NorthEast Citizens' Association held a membership meeting on Saturday, September 16th and discussed this docket item. Suzanne Bethel, Executive Director, of the Art League gave a brief presentation followed by a Question-and-Answer session about the plans to move the Art League from 305 Madison Street to 800 Slaters Lane. A motion to support the move of the Art League to 800 Slaters Lane passed unanimously and with great enthusiasm. Our Association and its membership wholeheartedly welcome the Art League to our neighborhood and encourage passage of this Special Use Permit. The addition of the Art League to our neighborhood seems to constitute a substantial improvement over the previous land use of the property and previous proposed developments.

In conclusion, we foresee no significant negative consequences and have no concerns about the Art League establishing a school and art studios at the 800 Slaters Lane location. We fully support this land use. We encourage the City Council to approve this Special Use Permit without delay. We look forward to a long and promising relationship with the Art League.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Rick Cooper
President
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Cc: Ann Horowitz, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning
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