



August 13, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The Albemarle County Economic Development Office is excited to partner with the Office of Equity and Inclusion and The Bridge Progressive Arts Initiative to support *Unsettling Grounds*. Specifically, we are pleased to provide financial support in the form of \$5,000 in matching funds for its grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts.

Part of the mission of the Economic Development Office is to “enhance the community character and quality of life for all citizens.” One way the Economic Development Office advances this mission is by partnering with other organizations to support placemaking initiatives. We believe the creativity and educational aspects of *Unsettling Grounds* to fully align with this goal, as well as advance other initiatives contained in our strategic plan, [Project ENABLE](#).

Furthermore, with *Unsettling Grounds*' connection to Visible Records located on Broadway Street, this project will contribute to our office's ongoing economic study of the Broadway Street corridor known as the “Broadway Blueprint.”

Once again, the Albemarle County Economic Development Office is pleased to support the success of *Unsettling Grounds* by committing \$5,000 toward a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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