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From: Emily F [emfalcigno@gmail.com]
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Subject: FOUNDRY for Arts, Culture and Comunity BUILDING

As a newcomer to the Cambridge arts scene, I was delighted to learn about the Foundry building over the summer during a pop-up art event there. That one day changed my world as I knew it. I met fascinating artists with original ideas executed beautifully. Silk screened Ikea flooring, a table covered in baking flour molded so carefully and perfectly that I thought they were eggs at first. One artist introduced me to a new painting medium. My own work will never be the same. Most importantly, at the Foundry is where I asked a guy with a camera one simple question. "Where did you get your gear?" The vocal enthusiasm I heard in Nadeem Mazen's response was memorable. Through him, I had the pleasure to meet Ilan Levy and members of the community at a hackathon dedicated to ensuring the progress of the Foundry. If it were not for every connection I made that pivotal summer day I would not be here vocalizing my strong opinion that the Foundry building should be utilized wholly for Arts, Culture and Community building.

With models like Arts at the Armory in Somerville, the City of Cambridge will fulfill a growing demand for one inclusive space for making, teaching, learning, performing, and expressing the wants of the creative community. Not only do we need to keep the main purpose of the whole Foundry building focused on the Arts, the City of Cambridge needs to open the Foundry's build out and growth to the whole community; from the architects and interior designers, to all generations who will be walking through its doors, dreaming up new ideas, and carrying them out.

If I was so influenced by one day at the Foundry, imagine what good can come out of thousands of creative individuals of all ages! Better yet, imagine what they can achieve together!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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