

To whom it may concern,

My name is Salvador Mayoral IV and I have been working closely with Judge Melvin Oden-Orr over the last nine months on two art projects at the Multnomah County Central Courthouse that have been centered on engaging the county's youth regarding the justice system. Through community conversations, artwork design sessions, listening sessions between artists and youth, the youth's voices have been amplified in two murals at the courthouse. One of those murals showcases their artwork, displaying for the public their thoughts, hopes, and desires for a more just world. The dialogue and engagement has been invaluable for the youth and those working in the justice system. For the youth to be given a platform to share their voice and hear directly from Judge Oden-Orr about the justice system and that they are key participants in what it looks like demonstrates what accessibility, equity and inclusion really look like.