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New JACC c/o The Partnership 350 Whittier Street Juneau, Alaska 99801

To whom it may concern:

Juneau Dance Theatre (JDT) serves 120 member families with year-round dance instruction, produces a minimum of two stage productions each season, including *The Nutcracker*, and hosts the annual community talent competition, *Juneau's Got Talent*. JDT also operates the Juneau Fine Arts Camp for four weeks, each June, and offers multi-week summer dance programs. At the direction of our Board of Directors, we employ professionals in the arts, specifically ballet, and business, to manage and lead our organization. These individuals have the experience and vision to take JDT to the next level of success and to sustain our long history of providing high quality dance education and performances.

At this time, JDT's ability to grow further, is limited by our own single-space studio, and obstacles with scheduling the only current performance venue appropriate for performing ballet, for our productions. We look forward to the New JACC, and having more venues to consider for our performances. We hope to expand the number of performance opportunities available to our students, while encountering fewer challenges with securing performance dates of choice.

JDT understands the importance of the arts to Juneau's economy, and we strongly believe the New JACC will serve as an anchor for our arts groups, visitors, patrons, and the downtown community. The Juneau Arts and Humanities Council has done wonders administering its many programs, and creating a welcoming space within the decaying walls of the armory for the past decade. But it's time to move forward with replacing the dilapidated building. We extend our support for the new JACC and eagerly await construction.

Sincerely,

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Bridget Lujan, Executive Director