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Tom Ashley III, FAIA
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Re: J.J Pickle Elementary / St. John Community Center Community & Educational Benefits

Dear Tom:

Below are a few of the community and educational benefits of the project and project milestone dates:

- Passionate buy-in of the design philosophy and sustainable building elements by the principal and excitement exhibited by students about their new "cool" school resulted in involvement from parents who had never been involved in their child's school's programs.
- Daylighting = higher attendance and positive moods from students and teachers and higher test scores.
- Sustained an overlooked blighted neighborhood.
- Neighborhood Pride: Prior to the City of Austin and AISD Bond Elections, the St. John residents simply wanted what other neighborhoods had. In the end, they had something no other neighborhood had.
- City's Art in Public Places installations trace the history of the site and its community; forever, commemorating the homes, churches and lives that played out in these buildings.

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| • A/E Selection: | October 1998 |
| • Partnering Session / Programming Start: | December 1998 |
| • CM @ Risk Selection: | January 1999 |
| • NTP For Design Phase Start: | March 1998 |
| • CM @ Risk Bid/Negotiation/Award/Execution: | May – July 2000 |
| • Site Demolition / Clearing Start: | June 2000 |
| • Construction Start: | July 2000 |
| • Elementary School Opening: | August 2001 |
| • Community Center Opening: | January 2002 |

Sincerely,

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