



Ms. Anne O'Dell  
Arts and Culture Program Manager  
111 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Ms. O'Dell,

I am writing to formally request that the piece of art known as *The Hatter of Rockville* located on the Citizen's Bank building on East Middle Lane be deaccessioned from the City of Rockville's public art collection.

The work of art was created in 2008 by Meghan Marlatt. It is a vinyl banner approximately 44 feet tall and 11 feet wide. The banner is attached to a property that is entirely owned by Morguard using steel masonry nails and galvanized steel washers.

This piece of artwork was designated as a temporary work of art. Morguard would like to move forward with creating a new piece of public art for the space currently occupied by *The Hatter*.

Plans are underway to clean and paint the building this spring as part of Morguard's branding and marketing plan for the square. We are asking that the banner be removed, at the City's expense, as soon as possible so that plans for a new mural can move forward.

My understanding from Karen Askin, the current chairperson of the City's cultural arts commission is that the deaccession of this piece of work was discussed several years ago and its removal was widely supported.

If you have any questions or there is additional information that I need to provide, please let me know.

Best regards,

*Joshua Nolan*