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4/15/2025 23:23:58	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Non-profit Cultural Organization, Creative Business	Charles Benjamin russell		3600 Lyons rd.	Charlesbenrussell@gmail.com	Yes	Community Outreach, Marketing Plan Creation, Strategic Plan Creation, Serving on a Commit
4/16/2025 8:39:18	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Wiley Wiggins			<a href="https://wileywiggins.com">wileywiggins.com</a>	Yes	
4/16/2025 9:29:46	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Creative Business, Small Business	marianne newsom	The color Condition		thecolorcondition@gmail.com	Yes	Community Outreach, Serving on a Committee or Governance
4/16/2025 9:33:46	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Betelhem Makonnen				Yes	Strategic Plan Creation
4/16/2025 10:03:13	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Non-profit Cultural Organization, Creative Business, Small Business	Moya McIntyre	Stargazer Bar + Springdale Station + Di	979 Springdale	<a href="http://www.stargazerbar.com">www.stargazerbar.com</a> + <a href="http://www.springdal">www.springdal</a>	Yes	Community Outreach, Marketing Plan Creation
4/16/2025 10:38:49	Small Business	Kevin Ivester	Ivester Contemporary	916 Springdale Rd. BLDG 2 #107 Austin 1	<a href="https://ivestercontemporary.com/">https://ivestercontemporary.com/</a>	Yes	Community Outreach, Marketing Plan Creation, Strategic Plan Creation, Serving on a Commit
4/16/2025 10:39:43	Small Business	Kevin Ivester	East Side Picture Framing	916 Springdale Rd. BLDG 4 # 105 Austin	<a href="https://eastsidepictureframing.com/">https://eastsidepictureframing.com/</a>	Yes	Community Outreach, Marketing Plan Creation, Strategic Plan Creation, Serving on a Commit
4/16/2025 14:41:45	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Small Business	Allison Welsh	Stargazer	979 Springdale Rd. #130		Yes	Strategic Plan Creation
4/16/2025 15:17:02	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Creative Business	Bitu Ghassemi	PILLARBOXED	916 Springdale Road FT #5 Austin, TX 78	<a href="http://pillarboxed.com">pillarboxed.com</a>	Yes	Serving on a Committee or Governance, Creation of A/V material
4/16/2025 17:51:06	Small Business	Hannah	Springdale Station	979 Springdale Rd, Suite 160, Austin, TX	<a href="http://springdalestation.com">springdalestation.com</a>	Yes	
4/16/2025 18:13:59	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Cynthia Munoz				Yes	Community Outreach, Marketing Plan Creation, Strategic Plan Creation, Serving on a Commit
4/17/2025 15:29:22	Non-profit Cultural Organization	Kelley Worden	Art From the Streets	916 Springdale Rd. Bld 2 #105, Austin, TX	<a href="http://www.artfromthestreets.org">www.artfromthestreets.org</a>	Yes	
4/17/2025 16:51:30	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Aileen Chen		916 Springdale Rd, Building 1, Austin, TX		Yes	
4/19/2025 15:42:56	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Neena Buxani				Yes	Serving on a Committee or Governance
4/23/2025 11:37:41	Non-profit Cultural Organization, Property Owner	Robin Stallings	BikeTexas	900 Springdale Rd	<a href="http://www.BikeTexas.org">www.BikeTexas.org</a>	Yes	Community Outreach
4/23/2025 13:56:09	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Non-profit Cultural Organization	Diar Enayatpour	Cage Match Project		<a href="https://cagematchproject.com/">https://cagematchproject.com/</a>	Yes	
4/24/2025 12:12:08	Creative Business	Eve Trester-Wilson	MakeATX	916 Springdale Rd. #3-105	<a href="https://www.makeatx.com/">https://www.makeatx.com/</a>	Yes	
4/24/2025 19:53:16	Small Business	Kayo Asazu	Sa-Ten coffee and eats	916 Springdale Rd Bldg 3 #101 Austin TX	<a href="http://www.sa-ten.com">www.sa-ten.com</a>	Yes	
4/24/2025 20:07:58	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Non-profit Cultural Organization	Rick Hernandez		1127 Tillery Street	<a href="http://imagineart.net">imagineart.net</a>	Yes	Community Outreach, Strategic Plan Creation, Serving on a Committee or Governance
4/24/2025 20:27:06	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Creative Business, Small Business	Monica Sanchez				Yes	Community Outreach, Marketing Plan Creation, Strategic Plan Creation, Serving on a Commit
4/24/2025 22:27:38	Small Business	Motoyasu Utsunomiya				Yes	Community Outreach
4/25/2025 9:03:42	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Edward Arevalo				Yes	Serving on a Committee or Governance
4/25/2025 9:09:58	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Keith Kreeger	Keith Kreeger Studios, LLC	916 Springdale Rd Bldg 2-104	<a href="http://www.keithkreeger.com">www.keithkreeger.com</a>	Yes	
4/25/2025 10:13:24	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Creative Business, Small Business	Lisa Crowder	Lisa Crowder Studio	916 Springdale Rd Bldg 3-102	<a href="http://www.lisacrowder.com">www.lisacrowder.com</a>	Yes	Serving on a Committee or Governance
4/25/2025 10:21:12	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Small Business	Annalise Gratoovich				Yes	Serving on a Committee or Governance
4/25/2025 10:22:46	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Creative Business	Denise Fulton	Atelier Dojo Austin		<a href="http://www.atelierdojo.com">www.atelierdojo.com</a>	Yes	Community Outreach
4/25/2025 10:25:04	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Small Business	Rebecca Bennett	Artist at Canopy	916 Springdale Rd Austin TX, 78702	<a href="http://rebeccabennettartworks.com">rebeccabennettartworks.com</a> . Canopyau	Yes	
4/25/2025 10:27:41	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Rohitash Rao	Rohitash Rao Productions	916 Springdale Road Trailer 1		Yes	Community Outreach, Marketing Plan Creation, Strategic Plan Creation, Serving on a Commit
4/25/2025 10:29:03	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Ann Flemings				Yes	Strategic Plan Creation, Serving on a Committee or Governance
4/25/2025 10:34:34	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Sarah Burns	Canopy	916 Springdale Rd, Austin, TX	<a href="https://www.canopyaustin.com/">https://www.canopyaustin.com/</a>	Yes	Community Outreach, Serving on a Committee or Governance
4/25/2025 10:37:26	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Oana Cipleu				Yes	
4/25/2025 10:46:12	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Danielle Ivester	East side picture framing			Yes	
4/25/2025 10:59:59	Creative Business	Claire Buck	Claire Sommers Buck Jewelry	916 Springdale Rd. Bldg 1, Studio 206 Au	<a href="http://www.claresommersbuck.com">www.claresommersbuck.com</a>	Yes	Community Outreach
4/25/2025 11:27:18	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Dana Younger				Yes	
4/25/2025 12:24:27	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Kristy Darnell Battani				Yes	
4/25/2025 12:32:39	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Leslie Kell				Yes	
4/25/2025 12:43:27	Creative Business	Lisa Zinna				Yes	
4/25/2025 13:02:37	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Sarala Kasbe				Yes	
4/25/2025 14:22:07	Small Business	Steven Walker	Modern Rocks Gallery	916 Springdale Rd, Building 3 #103, Austi	<a href="https://www.modernrocksgallery.com/">https://www.modernrocksgallery.com/</a>	Yes	Serving on a Committee or Governance
4/25/2025 16:18:54	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Karen Woodward				Yes	
4/25/2025 17:18:36	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Felice House				Yes	
4/26/2025 10:54:31	Small Business	Fiore Tedesco	Bambino	979 Springdale rd. Suite 153	<a href="http://www.bambinoaustin.com">www.bambinoaustin.com</a>	Yes	Community Outreach, Strategic Plan Creation, Serving on a Committee or Governance
4/26/2025 21:43:16	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Heidi Lowell	Artist	916 Springdale B1#108		Yes	Creation of A/V material
4/27/2025 6:08:05	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Norah levine				Yes	
4/27/2025 12:02:08	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Property Owner	Amy Laverentz	Art All Summer, an Arts Enrichment Prc	3601 Govalle Ave. 78702	<a href="http://artallsummer.org">artallsummer.org</a>	Yes	Community Outreach, Strategic Plan Creation
4/27/2025 13:12:21	Non-profit Cultural Organization	Lisa Scheps	Ground Floor Theatre	979 Springdale; STE 122- 78702	<a href="https://www.groundfloortheatre.org/">https://www.groundfloortheatre.org/</a>	Yes	Community Outreach, Serving on a Committee or Governance
4/27/2025 20:38:49	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Emily Galusha				Yes	
4/28/2025 9:57:25	Non-profit Cultural Organization, Property Owner	Clark Kampfe	Govalle Art All Summer			Yes	
4/28/2025 12:05:43	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Creative Business	Margaret Kleinpeter	Supermaggie	916 Springdale Austin TX 78702 Trailer #	<a href="http://www.supermaggie.com">www.supermaggie.com</a>	Yes	
4/28/2025 14:04:11	Creative Business	Bart Whatley	Delineate Studio			Yes	
4/28/2025 14:08:02	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Jason Archer	Show Goat Mural Works	916 Springdale, #213 78721	<a href="https://www.showgoatmuralworks.com/">https://www.showgoatmuralworks.com/</a>	Yes	Strategic Plan Creation, Serving on a Committee or Governance
4/28/2025 14:12:35	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Creative Business, Small Business	Dennis	Dennis Burnett Photography		<a href="http://www.DennisBurnettphotography.com">www.DennisBurnettphotography.com</a>	Yes	Marketing Plan Creation
4/28/2025 16:25:39	Creative Business, Small Business	Armando Rayo	IDENTITY PRODUCTIONS		identity-productions	Yes	
4/29/2025 18:11:27	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Non-profit Cultural Organization, Creative Business, Small Business	Dorothy O'Shea Overbey	East Side Performing Arts	979 Springdale Road, Austin, 78702	<a href="http://eastsideperformingarts.com">eastsideperformingarts.com</a>	Yes	Community Outreach
4/29/2025 19:06:22	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Property Owner	Sarah Cheatham				Yes	Community Outreach, Serving on a Committee or Governance, Creation of A/V material
4/29/2025 20:32:28	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Property Owner	Alison Mote				Yes	Community Outreach
4/29/2025 20:34:18	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Property Owner	Joe Dobbs				Yes	Serving on a Committee or Governance
4/30/2025 10:48:23	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Creative Business, Small Business, Property Owner	Drew Liverman				Yes	Community Outreach, Marketing Plan Creation, Creation of A/V material
4/30/2025 11:07:07	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Property Owner	Veronica Giavedoni				Yes	Creation of A/V material

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4/30/2025 12:25:36	Creative Business	Louise Van Assche	Identity Productions	916 Springdale Rd dldg1 #209, Austin TX	identity-productions	Yes	Marketing Plan Creation, Creation of A/V material
4/30/2025 14:13:17	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Non-profit Cultural Organization	Faiza Kracheni	MOTION MEDIA ARTS CENTER	916 SPRINGDALE ROAD (BUILDING 4, UN	<a href="https://www.motionmediaarts.org">MOTIONMEDIAARTS.ORG</a>	Yes	Community Outreach, Marketing Plan Creation, Serving on a Committee or Governance, Creat
4/30/2025 16:17:52	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	Lindsay Hutchens				Yes	Community Outreach
4/30/2025 17:38:25	Property Owner	Daryl Kunik	Topo/Canopy		<a href="http://www.topoda.com">www.topoda.com</a>	Yes	
4/30/2025 17:58:02	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Property Owner	Kim Shipman	TOPO		<a href="http://www.topodg.com">www.topodg.com</a>	Yes	
5/1/2025 17:02:55	Creative Business	Erin Cunningham	Icosa Collective	916 Springdale Rd. Bldg 2 #102	<a href="https://www.icosacollective.com">https://www.icosacollective.com</a>	Yes	Community Outreach, Serving on a Committee or Governance
5/1/2025 17:32:54	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member	TJ Lemanski	ICOSA Collective	916 Springdale Rd, Building 2, Suite 102	<a href="http://icosacollective.com">icosacollective.com</a>	Yes	Community Outreach, Serving on a Committee or Governance
5/1/2025 19:58:21	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Property Owner	Candace Fox	Govalle Neighborhood Association			Yes	Community Outreach, Strategic Plan Creation, Serving on a Committee or Governance
5/2/2025 15:45:46	Individual Artist, Organizer or Community Member, Property Owner	stacie freaier				Yes, Other/Need More Info	Community Outreach, Strategic Plan Creation
5/2/2025 16:12:45	Property Owner	Stacey Smith				Yes	
5/2/2025 17:40:04	Property Owner	Peter Barlin	3423 Holdings LLC			Yes	
5/2/2025 17:40:27	Small Business	Gina Brooks	The Mall	3600 Lyons Rd.	<a href="http://themall.is">themall.is</a>	Yes	
5/2/2025 17:42:58	Non-profit Cultural Organization	Zac Traeger	Unlisted Projects	3600 Lyons Rd.	<a href="http://unlistedprojects.com">unlistedprojects.com</a>	Yes	



## **Govalle Elementary School**

**"A Great Place to Learn"**

*Diana Vallejo, Principal*  
*Brytish Jordan, Assistant Principal*  
*Veronica Sharp, Assistant Principal*

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**April 30, 2025**

Govalle Cultural District c/o  
The Museum of Human Achievement  
3600 Lyons Rd.  
Austin, TX, 78702

**Subject: Endorsement of Cultural District Designation for Govalle Neighborhood and Elementary**

**Dear Texas Commission on the Arts:**

As the proud Principal of Govalle Elementary School, I am writing to express my full support for the designation of the Govalle neighborhood—including our school—as an official Texas Cultural District, as authorized by H.B. 2208 of the 79th Legislature.

Govalle is one of East Austin's most culturally rich and historically rooted neighborhoods. Our school stands at the heart of this vibrant community, welcoming students from diverse backgrounds who bring with them stories, traditions, and creative energy. While many of our families face economic challenges, Govalle continues to thrive as a center of resilience, expression, and deep neighborhood pride.

At Govalle Elementary, we are strong advocates for STEAM education—Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math—because we know that creative thinking is critical to student success in the 21st century. The "A" in STEAM is not ornamental—it is essential. The arts teach our students how to problem-solve, communicate, collaborate, and imagine new possibilities. Through programs like Art All Summer, artist residencies, and student exhibitions, we see the joy and confidence that creative expression builds in our students every single day.

As one of our 5th grade teachers, Ms. Leslie Basse, shared so beautifully:

"And when they get the supplies, and they know that they're theirs and we mark their names on them, it gives them a sense of ownership about how they can create worlds that they can explain... it's life-changing for kids."

Our vision for a Govalle Cultural District is deeply aligned with the objectives laid out by the Museum of Human Achievement, who is spearheading this effort. In particular, we are excited by the focus on supporting youth and intergenerational programming with Govalle Elementary. Their plan to deepen arts access and cultural engagement for our students includes:





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- Integrating local artists into our school through visiting workshops and after-school residencies;
  - Building reciprocal programming where students create and share their work publicly in neighborhood spaces;
  - Creating mentorship pipelines between working artists and local youth, helping inspire future generations of creatives.
  - Potential activation ideas, such as piloting an Artists-in-Schools program, showcasing student work during community events like First Saturdays or EAST, and developing youth storytelling projects like a zine or mural series, would bring lasting enrichment to our students' educational experiences.

The proposed timeline, from designing pilot programs in Year 1, launching residencies in Year 2, and expanding programs through Years 3–5, represents a long-term investment in our students' futures and in the vibrancy of our neighborhood.

Designating Govalle as a Cultural District would be a powerful affirmation of the role that arts and culture play in shaping the lives of young people and the communities that support them. It would:

- Uplift the creative talents and cultural legacies that define our neighborhood
- Foster deeper partnerships between artists, schools, and local organizations
- Support inclusive economic development and neighborhood revitalization
- Provide our students with greater opportunities to thrive through access to diverse cultural experiences
- We believe this designation would be transformative—not only for the Govalle community, but for generations of students who walk through our school doors each year, learning that their creativity is powerful and their voices matter.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to supporting the cultural and educational vibrancy of Texas communities.

Warmly,  
Diana Vallejo 

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