

November 28, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in strong support of David Alpert's application for the Center for Creative Citizenship's AY '21 Community Engagement Grant. As a full-time faculty member in MICA's Curatorial Practice (CP) MFA program, I have worked closely with David in our Thesis I course during this Fall semester. Despite the challenges of trying to plan and launch community-focused programs during a pandemic, David has been undaunted in his pursuit of socially engaged art practices, developing programs that will create new spaces for exchanges between artists and partners. I look forward to helping to facilitate and support his *Take Home* project—currently being developed with his partnering Baltimore organization, The Menial Collection—and its culminating publication. I have no doubt that his commitment to obtaining feedback via evaluative methods and incorporating the results into a safe and supportive space for dialogue will help catalyze meaningful artistic exchanges and establish new relationships.

Sincerely,



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