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Hon. Buddy Dyer
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Via Email and FedEx (tracking number 771231583496)

Re Request to Paint on Street

Dear Mayor Dyer,

Having [opened the streets of your city](#) for public expression, Students for Life of America (SFLA) and The Frederick Douglass Foundation (FDF) requests the opportunity to add our voices to those concerned about the treatment of people of color in America. Black Lives do matter, born and preborn, as too many people are lost in America today from causes that should be addressed and prevented for their disproportionate impact on minority communities. As you [were "honored"](#) to attend the dedication of a Black Lives Matter mural in your city, we hope you will be honored to stand with pro-life people in Orlando to share a message of hope and a future with a BLACK PREBORN LIVES MATTER message, also on city streets. We are asking you, Mayor Dyer, to respond promptly to our permit with permission to add our message in favor of the dignity of Black preborn life to the public forum of the city streets, which you have opened to others.

SFLA and FDF request permission to paint BLACK PREBORN LIVES MATTER on the 11500 block of University Boulevard at 6 o'clock in the morning on August 29, 2020, to celebrate the beautiful children with endless potential who are the future of their community and deserve the opportunity to make their mark in the world.

As an organization of nearly 1,300 groups on middle and high school, college and university, medical and law school campuses in all 50 states, SFLA works daily alongside the generation most targeted for abortions. But it should shock people to know that abortion disproportionately takes aim at minority communities. Though only [13 percent](#) of the female population, African American women make up [38 percent](#) of all abortions tracked, according to the CDC.

FDF, with their state affiliates across the country, stand for and with Black America, including the most vulnerable among this population, those black babies still in the womb. As a public policy and educational organization FDF is a collection of pro-active individuals committed to developing innovative and new approaches to today's problems, including the systemic racism of Planned Parenthood and their founder.

Planned Parenthood’s founder Margaret Sanger [wrote of her intentions](#) for birth control, “We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population.” It is not surprising that the organization she founded continues to target women of color for their population control efforts.

In [Orange County](#), where nearly 10% of the state’s abortions are committed, and disproportionately more black babies are aborted, the deadly legacy of abortion has robbed the city of tremendous potential, and it must come to an end to ensure the city’s future.

Assemblies are regulated by [Florida Statute § 870.02](#). The code requires that for an assembly to be unlawful a group of three or more meet together “to commit a breach of the peace or other unlawful act.” In pursuit of a lawful assembly, SFLA has applied for an 18A special event permit outlining our plan of peaceful demonstration. SFLA’s compliance with Orlando Police Department’s application process requires that our application be approved. This letter and SFLA’s permit application clearly establish how far SFLA’s painting demonstration is from an unlawful assembly as described above.

You must allow SFLA to paint its “BLACK PREBORN LIVES MATTER” message. Your original decision to participate in and allow for “Black Lives Matter” to be painted on the street is government speech, which has been confirmed as the city has [repaired it at least twice](#). This has opened up the streets up as a public forum. You are not permitted to discriminate on the basis of viewpoint in making determinations relating to public assemblies in public fora. The message of the preborn will not be silenced.

The Pro-Life Generation cannot be silent on the horrors of abortion. As [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) once said, “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” We are asking to make our voices heard on behalf of the preborn, so that they will have hope and a future.

For Life,



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