

July 21, 2022

Greensboro Development Review Board
Town Clerk's Office
Greensboro, Vermont 05841

Dear Brett,

On behalf of the Highland Center for the Arts, I am requesting a reprieve of Condition #5 to allow HCA to host two outside events in the fall of 2022 with the use of amplified sound. The DRB granted HCA a temporary lifting of Condition # 5 to host five outside events with amplified sound in the summer of 2022. Due to unseasonably cold weather on June 18, 2022, HCA had to cancel the event and would like to reschedule a performance for the fall. In addition, HCA would like to support the efforts of the Milk With Dignity program spearheaded by the nonprofit organization Migrant Justice for a fundraising concert/event on September 24, 2022.

HCA has been working closely with David Kelley on the development of the fundraising event for Migrant Justice and wrote the following outlining the significance of this organization and this important milestone:

“As I am sure you know, farm workers from Latin America are critical to our dairy farms here in Vermont, but they often go unseen in our everyday lives. They face a myriad of challenges, including, in many cases, substandard housing. The Milk With Dignity program has been effective in addressing and helping to solve these problems with win-win solutions. We plan to celebrate the 5th anniversary on September 24th. The Highland Center for the Arts has generously donated their venue to support the program, and a good personal friend of mine, and a fabulous musician, Tish Hinojosa, is going to fly up from Austin, Texas, to visit and she will participate. We hope Kat Wright might join her.

If you are familiar with their music, then you know Tish and Kat are thoughtful, subtle songwriters in the American folk/acoustic tradition. The Milk With Dignity program is important to our area and deserves recognition and celebration. However, the upsurge in Covid has rendered indoor events increasingly difficult. I understand that the Barre Opera House is actually suspending those events again.

The DRB has been willing to work with HCA around other events this summer. The HCA has been an important part of my family's lives here in Greensboro and we are grateful for that. I am writing to ask if I, together with others working with Migrant Justice on this program, might meet with the DRB to request permission to be outdoors with the music for this event on in the late afternoon on September 24th.

As always, I am grateful to the DRB for your service to the community and your willingness to account for these difficult circumstances in the past.”

Thank you,

Keisha Luce
Executive Director
Highland Center for the Arts