

Public Art Design Competition / City of Lakewood
Statement of Interest (M. Mowery & A. Budzar)

As long time Lakewood residents we are pleased to submit a proposal for this public art initiative opportunity. We love this community and are committed to raising our families here. We have been active participants in numerous projects and events that have taken place in the Lakewood art community and are interested in continuing to grow and promote the Lakewood arts culture. While neither of us qualifies as a full time artist – we both have found a balance of incorporating artistic pursuits into our lives. Amy is a mother of four, full time elementary school teacher whose artistic talents include photography, illustration, print-making and jewelry design. Michelle is a mother of two, full time business executive, whose mosaic arts/crafts “hobby” has led her to having a studio space at the Templar Industrial Park / Screw Factory Artists studios since July of 2009. Our combined resume submitted outlines the various projects and events we have participated in.

Our initial approach to this project was to incorporate the concept of community diversity of the residents and the businesses that make Lakewood a unique city and great place to live and or visit. We would like this project to include and highlight as many locally owned and operated Lakewood establishments as possible. The first part of our design concept includes a postcard styled photo-mural entitled “Greetings from Lakewood”. This would consist of a “collage” of postcards we design featuring Lakewood businesses, to be mounted inside the back-wall of the Brasco Shelter area. The double-sided mural (visible from the sidewalk or street) would be mounted between plexi-glass to protect the images, and installed in the middle third of the shelter to allow for light and visibility from within the shelter structure (we felt obscuring the entire shelter was a safety concern). We have solicited pre-approval and consent from Lakewood businesses to participate with us in the project should we be selected (see list of businesses who have agreed to participate and those we have solicited but have not received a response as of this date – we are also open to additional suggestions from the committee of additional establishments we might have overlooked). If selected, we intend to collaborate with the business owners on each establishment’s postcard design that will become part of the project, and therefore our collaborative approach to this project extends further into the Lakewood community. The second part of our design concept is the mosaic sidewalk mural installation in the 4’ area between the seating benches. This concept is simply to illustrate and promote the diversity of Lakewood’s residents – the heart of our community. Lastly, for additional artistic interest, the planter boxes (and possibly the bike rack if feasible) would be covered in mirror mosaic. The recycled mirror pieces will draw attention and reflect the colors and movement surrounding the planters – the effect of which is eye-catching and yet cohesive with the architectural design of the whole transit waiting environment.

We appreciate your consideration of our proposal and look forward to answering any questions you have regarding our vision for this exciting project.