

STATEMENT

THE BUS STOP PROJECT ON DETROIT AVENUE IS A PROJECT THAT REALLY EXCITES AND INTERESTS US. BEING ARTISTS AND RESIDENTS OF LAKEWOOD FOR 10+ YEARS, WE LOVE THE DIRECTION THAT LAKEWOOD IS HEADING, AND FEEL THAT VISUAL AND PUBLIC ART CAN ONLY ENHANCE THE GREAT SPIRIT AND CHARACTER OF WHAT LAKEWOOD IS. ART DISPLAYED WITHIN A COMMUNITY TOUCHES PEOPLE AND STRENGTHENS THEIR FEELINGS OF PRIDE AND COMMITMENT—WE WANT TO HELP CREATE A PART OF THAT!

OVER OUR MANY YEARS TOGETHER, WE HAVE CREATED THOUSANDS OF ART PIECES BOTH TOGETHER AND SEPARATELY. SHEILA HAS BEEN A MOSAIC ARTIST FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS, SHOWING AND COMPETING IN ART SHOWS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS EXECUTING MANY PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COMMISSIONS. JOSEPH HAS WORKED IN THE VISUAL FORMS OF PHOTO MONTAGE, MOSAIC, AND CONCEPTUAL ART. WE FEEL THAT WE HAVE A STRONG VISION AND UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT CAN HELP ENHANCE LAKEWOOD.

OUR INTENT IS TO CREATE AN ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT FILLED WITH SIMPLISTIC NATURE AND BEAUTY THAT WILL STAND OUT AGAINST THE MODERN LINES OF THE INA BUILDING. MUCH THOUGHT WAS INCORPORATED IN THE DESIGN TO CREATE HARMONIOUS LINES, COLORS, AND FORMS THAT WILL BOTH CONTRAST AND COMPLEMENT THE BACKGROUND. USING THE UNIVERSAL THEME OF NATURE AND SEASONS IS ONE THAT WE FEEL EVERYONE WILL RESPOND TO. IT WILL HELP CREATE FEELINGS OF PEACE AND HARMONY, AND A BIT OF WONDER AND JOY WITHIN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT THAT IT IS FOUND. THE DIFFERENT TEXTURES AND MATERIALS THAT WE INTEND TO USE—BOLD VINYL FORMS, CERAMIC TILE MOSAIC, AND STAINED GLASS BEADS—WILL ALSO RESONATE WITH THE SENSES ON ANOTHER LEVEL. WE HAVE TAKEN PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS INTO MIND AS WELL. THE DESIGN WILL NOT IMPEDE THE VISUAL NECESSITIES OF THE BUS STOP, AND WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL WITH THE DESIGN TO INSURE AGAINST ANY SAFETY HAZARDS.

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO BE CONSIDERED IN THIS DESIGN PROPOSAL FOR LAKEWOOD! WE FEEL OUR DESIGN WILL STAND OUT IN THIS CITY AND BE NOTED FOR ITS SIMPLE GRACE, BEAUTY, AND FORM. WE LOVE LIVING HERE AND ARE REALLY EXCITED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL AND LASTING WITHIN IT!

SHEILA WEIL
JOSEPH DELUCA