

**THE CITY OF BERWYN AND BERWYN PUBLIC ARTS INITIATIVE ANNOUNCE
PLANS FOR BLACK LIVES MATTER ART INSTALLATION**

City of Berwyn and Mayor Lovero Support Human Rights Movement and Uphold

Welcoming City Values

August 10, 2020 – Berwyn, Ill. – The City of Berwyn announces its partnership with the Berwyn Public Arts Initiative (BPAI) to arrange for the city’s newest art installation: a mural depicting the important and symbolic message that Black lives matter.

Mayor Lovero, the BPAI, and local public art advocates are working together to arrange for the newest art installation funded by BPAI.

“I’ve met with community leaders, listened to residents’ feedback and have carefully considered what’s best for the entire Berwyn community, and I fully support a mural communicating the simple but powerful belief that Black lives matter so that all lives can.”

“I emphatically believe that the men and women of our Berwyn Police Department value, respect and protect our Black residents with the same vigor all Berwyn residents are afforded. My support for this mural is not about defunding the police. It is about building a stronger community by acknowledging and celebrating our evolution. I will continue to work with all of the city departments to build equitable reform of our own policies and legislation”, stated Mayor Lovero.

“We are thrilled to work with Mayor Lovero and the City of Berwyn to communicate this important message and look forward to finding a suitable location for the city’s newest piece of art,” said Norman Alexandroff, President of BPAI. “Berwyn is emerging as an inclusive and culturally vibrant community and the city’s support for a Black Lives Matter mural shows how we have continued to evolve and thrive together.”

“This is a key moment as we embark on this journey to build a more inclusive and equitable in the City of Berwyn. I appreciate the time and attention that was given to listening to residents’ feedback. I look forward to continued dialogue about timelines, potential designs and locations as well as listening to ideas and suggestions from our vibrant community” stated Ben Henning, community advocate for BPAI.

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