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To: Ulett, Kathie-Ann; Kerr, Michael; Shank, Jedidiah; Hansen, Dirk
Subject: Fwd: FW: YAA Audit

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From: **Zack Spechler** <Zspechler@youngatartmuseum.org>
Date: Thu, Sep 10, 2020 at 9:15 AM
Subject: FW: YAA Audit
To: David Di Pietro <david@ddpalaw.com>, Nicole Mirmelli <nicole.mirmelli@gmail.com>

Good morning Drew Myers, Jedidiah Shank, Kathie-Ann Ulett,

I agree with Broward County that the financial information requested needs to be included in this process in order to make an informed decision and in order to have complete transparency for the public. Young At Art is doing everything in their power to comply with the Broward County Auditor's request for Financial Information. Young At Art has been forced to reduce their staff from 80 employees to eight. The Director of Finance and Executive Assistant, (the two staff members that would normally be gathering the documents to fulfill the request) have no longer been working with YAA since August 5, 2020. Immediately after these employees were no longer working for Young At Art, YAA hired three accountants to gather the information for Mike Robbins, the CPA that conducts Young At Art's annual audit. Mike

Robbins has been scheduled to come in September 21, 2020 and begin the audit, which hopefully would be completed by the week's end. (Please see attached email string with most recent communication with CPA, Mike Robbins)

Despite the fact we are in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Broward County is expeditiously moving along with the proceeding without giving Young At Art enough time to even get their financials together. Young At Art has absolutely no problem providing them, however due to the current situation of COVID-19 pandemic and also several of the County's actions, the amount of time provided by the county is not sufficient time for Young At Art to fulfill that request. Counsel from Young At Art made that clear in several emails and communications and no considerations have been made.

For the above mentioned reasons it is imperative that agenda item 49 in regards to the Young At Art Museum and Broward County lease must be postponed to a later date.

(In addition to the above Young At Art employees began preparing early this morning for a meeting and found that the power was off. The full explanation of the circumstances in the separate email but basically YAA has no power in most of the building, no internet, no phones, no access to the server, and this was the location where the staff was planning on attending the meeting from.)

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From: Yumina Myers
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Mike Robbins
Cc: Zack Spechler; Mindy Shrago
Subject: RE: YAA Audit

Mike,

Thank you for your email and letting us know that you can begin the audit on 9/21. We will have the files ready to be picked up electronically by then.

Thank you,
Yumina

From: Mike Robbins [mike@robbinsandmoroney.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2020 8:05 AM
To: Yumina Myers
Subject: RE: YAA Audit

I can begin the audit on 9/21. It would be best if on that day I could pick up the work electronically. Excel and adobe files for everything.

Michael Robbins CPA

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From: Yumina Myers <YMyers@youngatartmuseum.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:35 PM

To: Mike Robbins <mike@robbinsandmoroney.com>

Cc: Zack Spechler <Zspechler@youngatartmuseum.org>; Mindy Shrago <MShrago@youngatartmuseum.org>

Subject: YAA Audit

Mike,

Good afternoon. This is Yumina from Young At Art Museum. We are still working on the list of documents you have requested to complete your audit. We should have all the information ready for you by the end of next week, and would like to know if we can schedule you to work on the audit starting the week of the 21st. It will be great if you are available to begin the process that Monday (9/21). If not, let us know which day you are available.

We very much appreciate your service!

Warm regards,

Yumina Myers

Acting Director/Director of Education

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