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COMMUNITY-BASED MURALS ARE NOT VANDALISM

Supervisor West says TRUE Skool projects beautify Milwaukee neighborhoods

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy A. West is responding to accusations that a south side mural developed by TRUE Skool, Inc., is a form of vandalism.

“There is a difference between community-based graffiti art and vandalism. The art projects organized by TRUE Skool do not promote unauthorized defacing of private property,” Supervisor West said. “The power of art enhances our neighborhoods in positive ways, making our communities a more enriching and beautiful place to live.” Examples of murals coordinated by TRUE Skool can be found at <http://trueskool.org/>.

“TRUE Skool is an asset to Milwaukee neighborhoods, and I wholeheartedly support the efforts of this community-based organization,” Supervisor West added. “This youth advocacy group holds various community cleanups, participates in Adopt-a-Community, paints beautiful murals representing history, and initiates beautification projects.”

TRUE Skool is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization supported by numerous local foundations and businesses, including the Helen Bader Foundation, Charles D. Jacobus Foundation, Greater Milwaukee Foundation and Target. TRUE Skool’s mission is to use cultural arts to educate and empower youth from different backgrounds and cultures to become leaders for positive social change in their communities.

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