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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to offer my support for the Documentary Film Institute of Jacksonville and its efforts to produce a documentary highlighting the remarkable musicians who launched their careers in Jacksonville.

Jacksonville has a rich and influential musical history, and this project provides an opportunity to preserve and share stories that have helped shape our city's cultural identity. Documenting the contributions of these artists will help ensure that their legacies – and Jacksonville's role in their stories – continue to be recognized by future generations.

Michael Ray FitzGerald's work also has a natural connection to the Jacksonville Music Walk of Fame. As a member of the Downtown Investment Authority's Walk of Fame selection committee, Michael contributed to the effort to recognize and celebrate the musicians who have shaped Jacksonville's musical legacy. The Walk of Fame is now part of the Riverfront Music Garden, along with interactive artwork that was also informed by the efforts of the committee. This documentary builds on that same mission by bringing greater visibility to the people and stories behind that history.

I strongly support the Documentary Film Institute of Jacksonville's efforts and believe this project can be a meaningful contribution to Jacksonville's cultural legacy and continued recognition as a city with a significant place in American music history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ina Mezini'.

Ina Mezini

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