PETITION

TO Ottawa City Council:

WHEREAS the establishment of a community arts and cultural facility in Ottawa's East District was identified as one of the Top 5 city-wide recreational and cultural priorities in the City of Ottawa's Facility Needs Study Phase II;

WHEREAS $8-million was originally allocated to this facility in the draft 2002-2007 City of Ottawa 5-year capital forecast;

AND WHEREAS no such community arts and cultural facility exists east of the Rideau River,

WE the undersigned petition Ottawa City Council as follows:

- To commit unequivocally to establishing a permanent, multi-functional community arts and cultural facility in Ottawa's East District, with equal access for all Ottawa residents;
- To restore, within the current 2003 municipal budget process, no less than $8-million as originally allocated to this facility in the draft 2002-2007 City of Ottawa 5-year capital forecast;
- To ensure this facility will adequately meet the East District's current and projected facility requirements; and,
- To set a firm timeline to fulfill their commitment to establishing this overdue facility.

Name (please print)	Address, incl. postal code (please print)	Signature

Petition prepared by Equality East Citizens Coalition, Ottawa, October 7, 2002

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