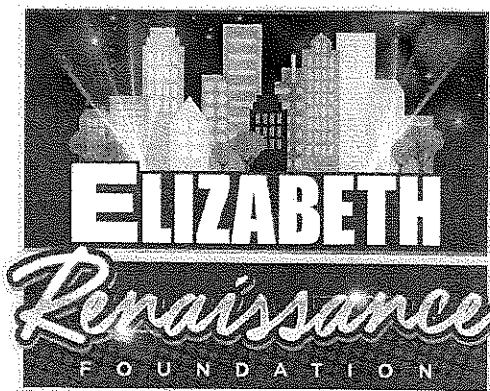


# OPEN CALL FOR MURAL ARTISTS



**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 10, 2020 @4PM**

The City of Elizabeth is partnering with the Elizabeth Renaissance Foundation to have a mural painted on Julian Place, where Morris Avenue connects to enter the Historic Midtown Elizabeth District and the Morris Avenue Business District.

The location for the mural used to be a tunnel leading to the train station. There is a large open wall/canvas just to the left of the original tunnel opening which is to be included in the mural design. This is ground level. (*Reference photo attached*). The Review committee is seeking an art mural that would engage individuals passing by to want to stop and take personal photos to hashtag and post out on social media.

- Use of vibrant colors
- Reflect the history of the location, which was a transportation hub... these arches mark an architectural marvel of the time.

- **THE ARCH** sits at the base of Historic Midtown Downtown.

*It was constructed in 1894 to allow safe passage of traffic at point where two major railroads intersected Broad Street, crossing the street at grade, creating many accidents.*

*Architectural fact:*

*The Street level was lowered 40 feet to allow two railroads to pass overhead. An amazing engineering feat celebrated in a cover story and article entitled "The Crossing of the Central Railroad of New Jersey and the Pennsylvania Railroad in Elizabeth, N. J" in Scientific American magazine on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1895.*

*Note: Elizabeth was the only U.S. city where the major railroads (Central and Penn) intersected at the city's main street, with over 200 trains a day, it was a very dangerous situation.*

All materials such as paint, brushes, etc. will be paid for by and remain the property of City of Elizabeth and Elizabeth Renaissance Foundation, Inc. An anti-graffiti seal must be applied.

Replies with a sketch in a jpeg or pdf of your design in 8 ½ x 11 format. Please include 1-2 previous examples of your outdoor mural work and where it is located. **Submission due by 4 pm November 10, 2020** end of the business day and sent to: **Phyllis Reich [preich@elizabethnj.org](mailto:preich@elizabethnj.org)**

An allocated artist stipend for the mural is **\$700.00**. This will be one of the first murals completed in our City.

**Completion of the mural:** December 2020. (Weather permitting)  
Questions can be submitted to Phyllis Reich [preich@elizabethnj.org](mailto:preich@elizabethnj.org)

Submissions will be reviewed. You will be notified if your design was chosen, following a contract from the City of Elizabeth will be forthcoming.

# PROPOSED SITE RAILROAD PLACE

