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Dear Town Council,

I wish to respectfully submit opposition to the proposed installation in Gilkey Square. I value thoughtful action taken to draw visitors to our town, but I do not see this particular idea as a great fit.

An art installation celebrating iconic views that you can see mere feet away from the proposed location is redundant. I also find the LO - VE heart icon to be unoriginal. Furthermore, the installation would take away from events held in Gilkey Square. It would be frustrating to try and watch one of the summer concerts with the bridge between your chair and the performers.

Our family really enjoyed the temporary flower pots that were put out last year (or maybe 2 years ago). Finding a way to plant more tulips in Gilkey Square is such a simple, beautiful step to make it a more attractive space. Maybe turn that bench into a simple planter box. Maybe that whole wall in front of Mystic Art. It's not great seating already, so make it great flowers.

As a serious consideration, the design could be a great one to greet visitors as they enter town, closer to the roundabout or the bridge.

With the historic sales tax numbers from last year, I have a hard time believing this would create a draw that isn't already created by all the wonderful small businesses in town. This design is a great improvement upon the giant LC that was (mis)reported in the La Conner Weekly News, but neither design speaks to me. I would put the money towards events and experiences. The existing beauty of our area speaks for itself.

Respectfully,

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