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Dear Mayor Showalter and members of the City Council,

At your February 27 meeting, you will be asked to approve art for Evelyn Park. Below is an excerpt from the staff report:

At the November 8, 2023 VAC meeting, the VAC selected the Looking Up Art proposal, "Butterfly Reflect." The 25' tall monarch butterfly sculpture has LED lighting underneath that will reflect the migration patterns of the monarch butterfly (Figure 2). The butterfly concept as designed aligns well with the natural aspect of the park. As part of the VAC deliberations, members noted that dark skies are something of interest by the City Council and directed staff to work with the artists team to best address any potential issues from the LED lighting underneath to be in alignment with Dark Sky guidelines. Staff and the artists team have determined that because the lights will be facing down, will produce a minimal amount of lighting, and can be programmed to turn off at night, there will be minimal impact at night.

I believe that LED lights should not be included as part of an art piece that celebrates nature. Light pollution and Dark Sky guidelines are more than just "something of interest" to many of our City residents - please direct staff to work with the artists to eliminate the LED component of the art piece. The idea for Evelyn Park was to have a green and natural environment, a respite from traffic and noise - LED lights have no place in such a park.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Ronit Bryant