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### **NEW SENTENCE STEM FOR COMMUNITY IS CHOSEN**

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The cities of West Lafayette and Lafayette are preparing to replace the “Before I Die...” interactive public message boards with a new sentence stem suggested by the community. The current chalkboard walls in West Lafayette at Rubia Flower Market and Lafayette in the alley between Main and Columbia, mid-block between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets, will be overlaid with newly-painted chalkboard surfaces and again made available for public expression.

The community submitted many ideas for the new sentence stem, some of which included “Happiness is...”, “I am thankful for...”, “When I grow up I want to be...” and more. The sentence stem “Your Fears Erased Here...” was chosen to provoke thought and inquiry into everyday life in the two communities.

The new moniker was decided upon by the West Lafayette Public Arts Team and City of Lafayette representatives who met and considered all public suggestions. The murals will be painted and ready for the community to engage with by Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>.

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