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Dear Mr. Feldman:

Please accept my invitation to join us in the establishment of the FAU School of Architecture's MetroLAB as a member of the MetroLAB Advisory Board.

MetroLAB is conceived as a design-inquiry based initiative and collaboration with FAU's faculty and students from across the university. The mission is to test new ideas, engage students in real-world situations, support faculty investigations and research, and build collaborations across disciplines needed to address issues of concern in the urban, subtropical, metropolitan region of South Florida. MetroLAB's community engagement programs and activities will be administered through the Broward Community Design Collaborative.

MetroLAB provides a window for reflecting on the built urban environment and an academic portal for engagement on issues of importance to the urban region of South Florida. The space is located at the ground floor of the Reubin O'D Askew Tower at 220 SE 2nd Avenue in downtown Fort Lauderdale, the former site of the Second Avenue Studio.

The MetroLAB Advisory Board advises the Florida Atlantic University School of Architecture about emerging issues that are of interest to the community at-large, identifies opportunities for projects and funded research that focus on the investigation problems in the urban, subtropical, metropolitan region of South Florida.

We anticipate that the MetroLAB Advisory Board will meet as needed, but at least twice a year. Board members are expected to propose and identify opportunities for funded research and community engagement in fulfillment of the mission.

Upon acceptance you will be recognized at a special reception hosted by the President of the University and Associate Provost for Broward Campuses on October 21 in the newly inaugurated space. An invitation will follow.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Francis Lyn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Francis Lyn
Director, Broward Community Design Collaborative
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cc. Anthony Abbate, Associate Provost for Broward Campuses
Deirdre Hardy, Director, School of Architecture