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Dear Late Night Rainbow Crosswalk Painter(s):

Please stop your late night painting and let me explain why.

CBJ has re-painted the Gold Street crosswalk five times and are repainting the Calhoun crosswalk this afternoon. At last count, the CBJ has 297 crosswalks. Bet you didn't know that fact! Like the rest of the country, we paint our crosswalks in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for several good reasons:

1. When drivers see them, they know to look for pedestrians.
2. When pedestrians see them, they know where to cross the road.
3. Everybody knows the rules, safe driving and safe walking are community virtues.

I don't know what you are trying to accomplish, because you are anonymous. But what you are doing is vandalizing public property and causing the City to unnecessarily spend money. I know that rainbow crosswalks have become a thing in other communities, but they have been painted by people volunteering to work in concert with those Cities, and it appears that at least several of them have been paid for with private donations. But I can't steer you to try and work in this direction because I don't know who you are.

Please do two things. First, please stop vandalizing our crosswalks; it is a waste of municipal resources. Second, if you wish to do a civic project, then please engage with CBJ staff. CBJ employees are friendly, hard-working and approachable. As recent productive examples, inventive Juneau citizens have worked with CBJ to fundraise for a cabin at Eaglecrest, donate a life size whale sculpture, and encourage the incorporation of a beautiful artistic design into a crosswalk on Front Street!

CBJ staff is always available to work with our citizens. That's what we do!

Sincerely;

Rorie Watt  
City Manager &  
Interim Director of Rainbow Painting Issues