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## Resident Artist Nigel Sussman Paints "Peace and Joy" Mural in Downtown Berkeley

(Berkeley, CA) – The Downtown Berkeley Association is pleased to announce that Berkeley resident illustrator and muralist Nigel Sussman has been given the greenlight to paint a holiday mural on the construction barrier on the corner of University and Shattuck Avenue. Through a partnership of the DBA and Mill Creek Residential, Nigel's "Peace and Joy" mural is a welcome message of hope as we head into the holiday season. Peace and Joy will be up until Mill Creek begins construction on the highly-anticipated Acheson Commons project.

"We are big fans of Nigel's fun graphic style and feel that it captures the Downtown Berkeley community perfectly" According to Matthew Jervis, Director of Vitality at the Downtown Berkeley Association.

According to Nigel Sussman, "Berkeley is my home and I love the chance to contribute artistically to my community!"

Nigel Sussman's "Peace and Joy" mural will quickly become a favorite instagrammable moment at the highly visible corner on the edge of the Downtown District. Nigel has even placed a marker for any selfie-seeker to stand to get the best possible shot!



**Nigel Sussman** is local Berkeley illustrator and muralist. His work can be seen throughout Berkeley and most recently in his newly published portfolio out now. Nigel is also the subject of the DBA's Spotlight web series found at http://www.downtownberkeley.com/spotlight/.

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