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November 8, 2018

Priority Development & Advocacy Committee (PDAC)
Dayton Development Coalition
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Dear PDAC Committee Members,

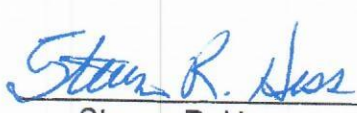
The Champaign County Board of Commissioners submits this letter of support for the GrandWorks Foundation's application for State of Ohio Capital Grant Program funding for their renovation project.

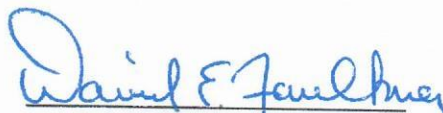
The Gloria Theatre renovation is a community driven project to "Reach, Restore and Revive" our Urbana/Champaign County community through restoration, renovation, and active ongoing operation of the historic Gloria Theatre in downtown Urbana. This important community asset has served the greater Champaign County area for over one hundred years and we look forward to an even brighter future under the direction of the GrandWorks Foundation toward the successful completion of the project.

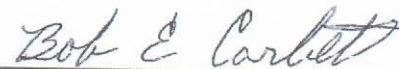
The Champaign County Board of Commissioners supports the renovation of the Gloria Theatre and encourages your consideration of prioritizing funding for this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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November 7, 2018

Ms. Staci L. Weller
Executive Director
GrandWorks Foundation
216 South Main Street
Urbana, Ohio 43078

Dear Ms. Weller,

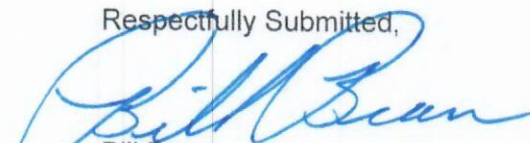
Please accept this endorsement and humbled gratitude for your continued efforts in securing funding to expand on the improvements for the Gloria Theatre.

What was initially built in 1904 to serve our surrounding community with a "state-of-the-art" performance and local gathering spot, the once named *Clifford Theatre* attracted performers as well as visitors from New York City to Europe; equating to tens of thousands of dollars in tourist spending; and serving as a vital employer for local residents.

The concentrated efforts of the GrandWorks Foundation have resurrected the dream to offer our community the venue to serve; the opportunity to share; and the means to generate those local dollars by restoring (and preserving) this essential, Urbana landmark.

I applaud your determination and fully support the application to the Dayton Region Priority Development and Advocacy Committee. The need to continue focus on this well-deserved project will certainly benefit the community's economic development and add to the ever-improving quality of our area.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bill Bean
Mayor



November 6, 2018

GrandWorks Foundation
937-653-4853
GloriaTheatre.com

Dear Mrs. Weller,

The Champaign Economic Partnership (CEP) supports the Gloria Theatre's request for State of Ohio capital grant funding.

We recognize the economic impact the Gloria Theater has on our local economy both direct and indirect through tourism and job creation. The theater is a destination point for visitors from around the county, other counties and the state. The local businesses in Urbana and Champaign County feel the economic impact of the tourism with lodging need, shopping and dining in our local retailers and restaurants.

The theater is also a vital partner with our local workforce.

We will continue to partner and market the theater and the positive economic impact for our area.

Sincerely,

Marcia Bailey
Economic Development Director
Champaign Economic Partnership



November 6, 2018:

To: Dayton Development Coalition

RE: PDAC Submission, Gloria Theatre Renovation Project

The Champaign County Chamber Board of Directors views the Gloria theatre is a key component of our downtown economic development, and an important community asset used for a variety of purposes. This historic theatre is a great venue for the community, and continues to attract more visitors with community-oriented programs and opportunities to convene.

We are aware that the Dayton Development Coalition allocates important state funds to projects in the surrounding communities for unique projects, and we can think of nothing more significant to our continued focus on local economic development than this historic theatre renovation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susie Koennecke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Susie Koennecke, Coordinator
Champaign County
Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau



Urbana Champaign County Senior Center

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November 7, 2018

Staci Weller
Executive Director
Grandworks Foundation
Gloria Theatre

Dear Staci,

On behalf of the Urbana Champaign County Senior Center, our staff and our members, we would like to extend our support to the Grandworks Foundation.

The Grandworks Foundation and the Gloria Theatre have been such a wonderful asset for our community and for our Champaign County seniors! The various events, shows and educational programming offered to our community is second to none. The support that the Gloria continues to give to our seniors is such a wonderful reflection of the organization. They continue to do great things for our community and for our seniors.

The renovation and keeping the Gloria Theatre in Champaign County is critical to our community and those around us.

Sincerely,

Stacy Barnhart
Executive Director
Urbana Champaign County Senior Center

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To PDAC Committee:

Please consider the GrandWorks Foundation's Gloria Theatre for your funding. The Gloria Theatre is a big part of our community. Whether it is showing a movie, hosting a viewing of the big game, or bringing nationally renowned artists to town, the Gloria Theatre is at the center of Champaign County. Locals are given a chance to see their plays performed with other community members fulfilling roles as the actors. The Gloria Theatre brings us all together.

The Gloria is planning even greater things through renovations and people with disabilities will be major benefactors of this change. The proposed changes will include larger bathrooms that will be more accessible for people who utilize wheelchairs. There will also be more space for people and more options for patrons to buy concessions. As the Gloria appeals to more diverse crowds, Urbana's entire downtown area will benefit.

The Gloria's renovations will allow more people to attend all the great events regularly scheduled by the GrandWorks Foundations. The changes to the Gloria will make the experience better for people with disabilities and all of Urbana will benefit. We are very hopeful you will consider funding these changes for the GrandWorks Foundation's Gloria Theatre.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Coaty".

Jeff Coaty

Community Education and Outreach Director



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Middle School Principal (ext. 1507)
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Mandee Warfield
Middle School Secretary (ext. 1200)

November 6, 2018

To the Dayton Development Coalition Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Gloria Theatre and to offer my support and share my appreciation for what they do for our school and the surrounding schools of Champaign county. The Gloria Theatre has provided several opportunities for our students that otherwise many would never experience:

- Hosted movies during the school days with snacks. These movies promote a positive message and reiterate the importance of developing skills such as empathy. Our entire middle school was able to view the movie "Wonder" at a reasonable cost; a first for many students.
- Donated movie coupons for students to reward their hard work in the classrooms and with attendance each quarter.
- Hosted family friendly movies in the evenings in an effort to provide opportunities for our families to connect and bond. These are important for our families because so many would not be able to attend as a family due to finances.
- Hosted 4-H events and other shows that benefit the community, providing a local venue to connect our youth.
- Provided a movie ticket for each staff member as a welcoming gift at the beginning of the school year.

These are only a few examples of how the Gloria Theatre and it's personnel reach out to our schools and community. I know our own district of Mechanicsburg has several students and families who wouldn't be able to experience something as simple as a movie in the theatre without the intervention and promotions of Gloria Theatre.

Yours in Education,


Marlo Schipfer



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November 7, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Grandworks Foundation, which operates and is restoring the Gloria Theatre. The project is a group collaboration between local governments, arts organizations, area schools and universities, business owners, and faith-based organizations.

As a volunteer at the Gloria myself, I personally get to experience the impact the Gloria Theatre is having on the community in the eyes of the patrons as they enter and leave the building. All of the movies, live events and meetings that are held at the theatre are a part of the joy the public gets to experience at the Gloria. Grimes Field Municipal Airport often works in partnership with the theater on promoting and coordinating special events.

Though much progress has already been made, there is still a lot of important work to be done to restore this Historic Landmark back to proper condition.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the Grandworks Foundation in their efforts to restore the Gloria Theatre and revive this community.

Sincerely,

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November 8, 2018

Priority Development and Advocacy Committee
Dayton Development Coalition

Dear Committee:

I am writing to express support for the GrandWorks Foundation's Gloria Theatre project.

From our experiences at the Champaign County Library, the residents of Champaign County have a deep interest in and true appreciation of local history. Programs discussing various historical eras, especially about buildings and businesses, have always been well attended. The development of the Gloria Theatre preserves not only a signature building in the community but provides a space for dynamic programming opportunities.

The Champaign County Library meeting room occasionally is not a large enough venue for some of our programs, especially notable author speaking engagements and the Gloria Theatre provides an excellent resource for collaboration. Continued renovations to the Gloria Theatre would only expand the cultural opportunities available to Champaign County residents.

Based on our successful partnerships in the past, I look forward to continued collaboration and feel it is a worthwhile endeavor for everyone involved. I fully support the GrandWorks Foundation's efforts.

Respectfully,

Ty Henderson
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