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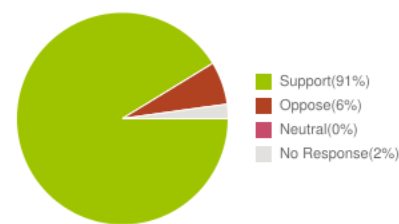
eComments Report

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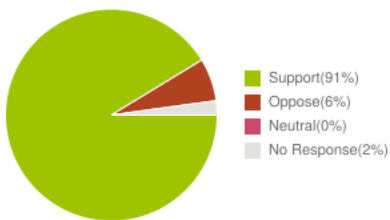
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2. 4080 24th Street - Proposed Storefront Dispensary (P22-036) [Noticed 01/13/2023] [Updated 1/25/2023 @ 2:28 p.m.] File ID: 2022-02311	33	29	3	0
3. Sacramento Music Hall (P20-041) (Noticed on January 13, 2023) [Updated 1/26/2023 @ 2:45 p.m.] File ID: 2022-02506	13	13	0	0

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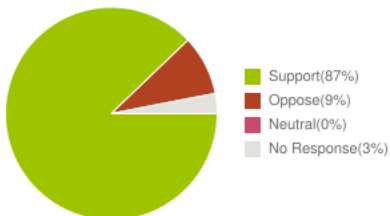
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Agenda Item: eComments for 2. 4080 24th Street - Proposed Storefront Dispensary (P22-036) [Noticed 01/13/2023] [Updated 1/25/2023 @ 2:28 p.m.] File ID: 2022-02311

Overall Sentiment



Anette Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 5:50pm 01-26-23

I am pleased to support Malaki Amen's storefront dispensary application (P22-036). As a Sacramento native, I am aware of the changes in public policy regarding a plant that was once stigmatized and criminalized and is now legalized. Any government entity making market-related decisions regarding the cannabis industry must prioritize social and economic justice for communities harmed by racialized enforcement practices.

Malaki was instrumental in successfully passing Sacramento's Cannabis Opportunity, Reinvestment, and Equity ordinance with a program for business technical assistance worth two million dollars. His commitment to this initiative has led him to be recognized statewide and nationally as an expert in crafting policies for equitable access to the growing multi-billion dollar legal marijuana market.

CORE-eligible populations, primarily people of color, continue to suffer from wealth gaps and severe trauma resulting from Sacramento's involvement in the war on drugs. Currently, general dispensary operators dominate Sacramento's cannabis market because they were able to get a head start in the sector. In the existing cannabis licensing process, people of color are marginalized and have difficulty getting the City to prioritize and implement the CORE ordinance, which requires 50% of cannabis licenses to be owned and operated by people of color. The reality is that CORE participants hold less than 8 percent of all City cannabis licenses. In its promise to create equity in the cannabis sector, the City of Sacramento has fallen short.

Approving this application for a storefront and delivery dispensary will not solve all of the continuing drug war problems. However, it will begin to right the wrongs of a public policy that created harm for its citizens. Therefore, I strongly urge you to approve this application.

Sincerely,

Anette Smith
CEO, Impact Group Enterprises LLC

Matthew Powell

Location:
Submitted At: 5:25pm 01-26-23

Dear Planning Commission,

I have known Malaki Amen – the ARIZE Holdings LLC applicant – for over 30 years.

As a college professor whose responsibility it is to assess academic competence, the potential to complete both short- and long-term endeavors, and the aptitude for meeting future challenges, I recommend Mr. Amen highly.

Mr. Amen has a 25-year career span in community economic development and public policy fields. I know first-hand that he has been intentional about supporting the revitalization and economic transformation of neighborhoods harmed by the Drug War. He has done this extremely important work as a social entrepreneur, as well as an appointed staff member and/or advisor in California's Legislature, Office of the Governor, Fortune 500 corporations, and the University of California Office of the President and the NAACP—the nation's oldest and largest civil rights institution. He has been a great asset in the community in which he and I were born and raised.

Mr. Amen has successfully helped to shape frameworks for equity in the business, public health, tax revenue and criminal justice system reform dynamics that guide the emerging cannabis industry. I am confident that his reinvestment in our community via ARIZE Holdings will be beneficial for the City of Sacramento and for the local community. I urge the Commission to approve Mr. Amen's application.

Sincerely,

Matthew Powell, Ed.D.
Professor of History
Diablo Valley College
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
(510)-326-3677

La'Cedra Inman

Location:
Submitted At: 4:55pm 01-26-23

I fully support the proposed storefront dispensary at 4080 24th Street. Malaki Amen, the CORE program applicant, has shown himself to be a leader in promoting social and economic justice. He fully understands the significance of this opportunity and is more than capable of operating a safe, legal, and regulated cannabis storefront that will greatly benefit the community, contribute to the economy, and abide by all laws and regulations. Malaki has a long history of community outreach and has consistently demonstrated his dedication to making a positive impact. He has a forward-thinking mentality and has been a source of inspiration for many in the community. His leadership and contributions are greatly appreciated, and I look forward to a positive vote on the

staff's recommended APPROVAL for this project.

Charles Thomas

Location:

Submitted At: 4:51pm 01-26-23

I am writing to express my support for the proposed storefront dispensary at 4080 24th Street (P22-036) [Noticed 01/13/2023] [Updated 1/25/2023 @ 2:28 p.m.] File ID: 2022-02311. As a member of the community, I strongly believe that the establishment of this dispensary will bring a multitude of benefits to the area and its residents.

First and foremost, it is important to note that cannabis has been shown to have a wide range of medicinal benefits and is commonly used to treat chronic pain, PTSD, and other conditions. Additionally, the legalization and regulation of cannabis has been shown to have a positive impact on public safety by reducing crime rates and providing a new source of revenue for local governments.

Furthermore, the proposed dispensary is a CORE program applicant, Malaki Amen, which is a fantastic opportunity to provide equity and correct past injustices in the cannabis industry. The war on drugs disproportionately affected communities of color, and it is crucial that steps are taken to correct these past injustices by providing equal opportunities in this growing industry.

In addition to the benefits to public safety and equity, the proposed dispensary will also bring economic benefits to the community. It will create jobs, generate tax revenue, and provide a new source of income for the local government. Furthermore, it will also serve as a convenient and safe access point for patients in need of cannabis-based medicine.

I urge you to consider the facts and the importance of providing equal opportunities in the cannabis industry. Please take this letter of support into consideration and make a fair and informed decision that allows the proposed storefront dispensary at 4080 24th Street to proceed.

Thank you for your time and attention.

BLK Solutions

Location:

Submitted At: 4:04pm 01-26-23

I fully support this project. Malaki has proven himself to be an excellent leader in social and economic justice. He understands the importance of this opportunity to provide safe, legal, and regulated cannabis storefront that will in turn also provide support to the community that he has always served. Through the years he has helped and encouraged many of us and we look forward to this YES vote on the staff recommended APPROVAL.

Nia MooreWeathers

Location:

Submitted At: 3:59pm 01-26-23

Dear Planning Commission,

My name is Nia MooreWeathers, and I am a local community organizer and citizen of Sacramento have known Malaki Amen – the ARIZE Holdings LLC applicant – for 5 years.

Within Malaki's 25 year career span in the community economic development and public policy field, he has been intentional about supporting the revitalization and economic transformation of neighborhoods harmed by Drug War impacts. He has done this extremely important work as a social entrepreneur, as well as an appointed staff member and/or advisor in California's Legislature, Office of the Governor, Fortune 500 corporations, the University of California Office of the President and the NAACP, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights institution. In the realm of local and state cannabis policy, Malaki has successfully helped to shape frameworks for equity in the business, public health, tax revenue and criminal justice system reform dynamics that guide the emerging cannabis industry. To date, no one has selflessly sacrificed more to deliver equity and economic justice in Sacramento's cannabis industry policies than Mr. Malaki Amen. He deserves a next level opportunity to fulfill his dream to reinvest and give back to his community in all the right ways. Also, as someone who has benefitted from his mentorship, guidance, and support over the years, I know he will approach his community with

compassion as he creates and builds his storefront.

For all of the above reasons and more, I urge the Commission to approve Malaki's application.

La King

Location:

Submitted At: 3:45pm 01-26-23

I fully support this project. Malaki has proven himself to be an excellent leader in social and economic justice. He understands the importance of this opportunity and is more than capable of executing a safe, legal, and regulated cannabis storefront that will provide for the community, contribute to the economy, abide by law and legislation, and all while continuing to be an important example proving the hidden genius that resides in the impacted black and brown communities. Through years of prior community outreach, Malaki has a proven record of consistent contributions as well as a forward thinking mentality. He has nurtured and encouraged many of us and we look forward to this YES vote on the staff recommended APPROVAL.

Maisha Bahati

Location:

Submitted At: 2:02pm 01-26-23

I fully support this project! Malaki has always been a leader for the community, he has been essential in bringing the Core program to fruition and deserves this opportunity. Approving this project will definitely bring so much to our community which is needed. I'm very excited to see Malaki open his storefront, this will be the change we need to see in the cannabis industry here in Sacramento.

RHONDA ERNEST

Location:

Submitted At: 10:03am 01-26-23

Dear Planning Commission,

This message serves to request that you vote YES to approve the ARIZE storefront dispensary application, which would advance much needed progress on the City's CORE (Cannabis Opportunity, Reinvestment and Equity) ordinance. Your prompt approval of the ARIZE application, as well as all CORE businesses, is not just for an individual or the City's tax base to benefit, but also to soundly affirm how important it is to repair the economic injustice meted upon entire communities harmed by the Drug War.

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Malaki Amen - the ARIZE applicant and a Drug War Survivor - is a business leader and community servant we can ALL be proud of. Within his 25 year career span in the community economic development and public policy field, he has focused intently on the revitalization and transformation of neighborhoods harmed by Drug War impacts. In 2017 - as founder and director of the Institute for MORE (a California Urban Partnership program) - Malaki became the lead agitator, community organizer, fundraiser, policy designer and negotiator who successfully spearheaded the City's adoption of the CORE ordinance. The ordinance included \$2M in funds for a business technical assistance program to help CORE entrepreneurs enter the legal market.

For all the above reasons and more, I urge you to approve the ARIZE application. Your YES vote will position a legal, safe and regulated CORE business to help improve our regional and neighborhood economies, job creation, public safety and equity.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Ernest,
Natl Hi, CEO

Ted Labissiere

Location:

Submitted At: 1:20am 01-26-23

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Ken Times

Location:

Submitted At: 11:29pm 01-25-23

Dear Planning Commission,

I have known Malaki Amen – the ARIZE Holdings LLC applicant – for almost 40 years.

Within Malaki's 25 year career span in the community economic development and public policy field, he has been intentional about supporting the revitalization and economic transformation of neighborhoods harmed by Drug War impacts. He has done this extremely important work as a social entrepreneur, as well as an appointed staff member and/or advisor in California's Legislature, Office of the Governor, Fortune 500 corporations, the University of California Office of the President and the NAACP, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights institution.

In the realm of local and state cannabis policy, Malaki has successfully helped to shape frameworks for equity in the business, public health, tax revenue and criminal justice system reform dynamics that guide the emerging cannabis industry. To date, no one has selflessly sacrificed more to deliver equity and economic justice in Sacramento's cannabis industry policies than Mr. Malaki Amen. He deserves a next level opportunity to fulfill his

dream to reinvest and give back to his community in all the right ways.

The potential to collaborate with Malaki in my position as a counseling/teaching faculty at Sacramento City College is extremely promising. We are in discussions about his sharing of knowledge and experience in entrepreneurship, advocacy and equity in practice with our students. His perspective, persistence and focus will surely inspire our community's minds.

For all of the above reasons and more, I strongly urge the Commission to approve Malaki's application.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ken Times

Karryl Keithly

Location:

Submitted At: 11:16pm 01-25-23

Because of the proximity of the proposed storefront dispensary at 4080 24th Street to the Sacramento City College, and other Sacramento City Unified Schools, and private schools, plus hopeful new neighborhood housing, I oppose the Dispensary.

In addition to the proximity of area schools that concerns me, and I have lived here most of my life, one of my biggest wishes is to have our neighborhood built up with rezoning area parcels so affordable housing can become a real value to our city future neighborhood design. This local area has so much to offer for families, and singles, it closeness to downtown, schools, community centers, shopping, the river, park, and SCC etc. My emphasis is on the future neighborhood design and it includes more affordable housing for families and seniors. This is my priority and hope. I am not against a dispensary, "but" its timing and general location, is in conflict with my vision of our future neighborhood with new housing, This corridor is made for smart housing construction, with its closeness to Light Rail. This would benefit the neighborhood, other neighborhoods, and the City of Sacramento, while taking advantage of the City's qualities and using Regional Transit for visiting and working within the city. For these reasons, I oppose the Dispensary.

Nkauj lab Yang

Location:

Submitted At: 10:39pm 01-25-23

Dear Planning Commission,

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For all the above reasons and more, I urge you to approve the ARIZE application. Your YES vote will position a legal, safe and regulated CORE business to help improve our regional and neighborhood economies, job creation, public safety and equity.

Sincerely,
Nkauj Iab Yang
Sacramento resident

Jody Johnson

Location:
Submitted At: 9:27pm 01-25-23

Dear Planning Commission,

I'm writing to urge that you approve the ARIZE storefront cannabis dispensary application. Malaki Amen – the applicant - has used an abundance of caution, financial resources and time to structure a business deal and select a site that does not have major conflicts with “sensitive use” restrictions in the City Planning Code. In fact, he has selected a site that:

is ALREADY PERMITTED FOR NON-RETAIL CANNABIS USES and adjacent to other retail businesses,

is located down the street from where he grew up; along the 24th Street corridor, in the Meadowview and Florin areas,

will re-purpose and beautify two vacant commercial properties on a corner lot to help eliminate blight and bring new investment to the neighborhood, and

positions a legal, safe and regulated CORE business to improve our regional and neighborhood economies, job creation and public safety.

Malaki has not only been the leading advocate for equity in Sacramento's cannabis policies, he is an accomplished survivor of the Drug War. Despite struggling through many difficulties, he has overcome almost impossible odds to arrive thoroughly prepared to succeed. For all of these reasons and more, I urge you to favorably consider all the positive opportunities presented above, and approve the ARIZE application.

Respectfully,

Jody S. Johnson, Esq.

Simeon Gant

Location:
Submitted At: 9:20pm 01-25-23

Dear Planning Commission,

Since moving to Sacramento in 1988, during the height of the War on Drugs, I have witnessed countless African American citizens swept away from their families and incarcerated for possessing and selling marijuana, a substance that is now legal in our state. Many of those same people who have gone to jail were underground entrepreneurs and now cannot own a business and are still considered second-class citizens with no wealth or hope for a future of their own or their families.

As a policymaker in the California Legislature, I have known Malaki Amen – the ARIZE Holdings LLC applicant – for 28 years. During our tenure in the legislature, Malaki was always my go to for discussions about real economic

development in our community. Now he has the opportunity to put his words into action.

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Dell Taylor

Location:

Submitted At: 9:12pm 01-25-23

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Cha Vang

Location:

Submitted At: 7:12pm 01-25-23

Dear Planning Commission,

I write tonight urging you all to vote YES to approve the ARIZE storefront dispensary application, which would advance much needed progress on the City's CORE (Cannabis Opportunity, Reinvestment and Equity) ordinance. Your prompt approval of the ARIZE application, as well as all CORE businesses, is not just for an individual or the City's tax base to benefit, but also to soundly affirm how important it is to repair the economic injustice meted upon entire communities harmed by the Drug War.

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Malaki Amen – the ARIZE applicant and a Drug War Survivor - is a business leader and community servant we can ALL be proud of. Within his 25 year career span in the community economic development and public policy field, he has focused intently on the revitalization and transformation of neighborhoods harmed by Drug War impacts. In 2017 - as founder and director of the Institute for MORE (a California Urban Partnership program) - Malaki became the lead agitator, community organizer, fundraiser, policy designer and negotiator who successfully spearheaded the City's adoption of the CORE ordinance. The ordinance included \$2M in funds for a business technical assistance program to help CORE entrepreneurs enter the legal market.

Again, I urge you to approve the ARIZE application. Your YES vote will position a legal, safe and regulated CORE business to help improve our regional and neighborhood economies, job creation, public safety and equity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Janelle Evans

Location:

Submitted At: 5:39pm 01-25-23

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ADRIAN ROSS

Location:

Submitted At: 5:06pm 01-25-23

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Joe Archie

Location:

Submitted At: 5:02pm 01-25-23

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Craig Reilly

Location:

Submitted At: 4:11pm 01-25-23

Commission,

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Chadwick Johnson

Location:

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Very truly yours,

CHADWICK J. JOHNSON, ESQ.

Diana Ramson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:17pm 01-25-23

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Akilah Hatchett-Fall

Location:

Submitted At: 3:11pm 01-25-23

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Robert Gerould

Location:

Submitted At: 3:04pm 01-25-23

Dear Planning Commission,

I'm writing in support of approval of the ARIZE storefront cannabis dispensary. I have known Malaki Amen for 40 years. His character is impeccable. I am certain that Mr. Amen has structured his business in a way that does not conflict with "sensitive use" restrictions in the City Planning Code.

I know this because he chose a location that is ALREADY PERMITTED FOR NON-RETAIL CANNABIS USES. It is adjacent to other retail businesses, and located down the street from where he grew up; along the 24th Street corridor, in the Meadowview and Florin areas.

This business will re-purpose and beautify two vacant commercial properties on a corner lot to help eliminate blight and bring new investment to the neighborhood. It positions a legal, safe and regulated CORE business to improve our regional and neighborhood economies, job creation and public safety.

For years, Malaki has been advocating for equity in Sacramento's cannabis policies. He is a good man and an asset to Sacramento. I urge you to approve the ARIZE application.

Thank you for your time,
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Fatemah Martinez

Location:

Submitted At: 2:01pm 01-25-23

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Stevante Clark

Location:

Submitted At: 1:55pm 01-25-23

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Location:

Submitted At: 1:51pm 01-25-23

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Eliana Green

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13am 01-25-23

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Daphne Harris

Location:

Submitted At: 11:00am 01-25-23

I find it interesting this Planning Commission has elected to place the last 3 dispensary applications (1 in District 8) the next 1/2 mile away (2 in District 5) and now another now proposed today in District 5. I am finding it difficult to accept that Districts 2, now 5 and 8 are the only locations available for Cannabis. Take a step back and determine what you are telling these communities, by failing to plan. When will you provide grant funds to place these businesses in places like District 1, 3, 4 and 7. Each District needs to take on these Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm (ATF) businesses, so they are equitably distributed. The environmental impacts on Districts are adverse in Districts 2, 5, 6 and 8. Just look at the unhoused impacts on these communities. When will you equitably plan for all of the residents in the City of Sacramento? #SaltnLight

Jim Keddy

Location:

Submitted At: 10:33am 01-25-23

I'm writing to express my strong support for the ARIZE storefront cannabis dispensary application. I am a long time colleague of Malaki Amen, the applicant. In my experience, Malaki consistently brings integrity and a strong concern for community wellbeing in everything he does. He will be a responsible owner, dedicated to operating a business that contributes to the Sacramento community and that partners with the surrounding neighborhood. I also believe strongly that the City needs to actively support Black owned businesses, particularly in the cannabis industry, given the city's long history of racial discrimination. I have no personal or financial connections to the cannabis industry. Rather, I am a leader in public health efforts to regulate the cannabis industry and am actively working on state policy to restrict cannabis advertising and products that are marketed to children and youth. I serve on the Prop 64 Advisory Commission at the Dept of Health Care Services and just completed a four year term on the state tobacco commission at the Dept of Public Health. That said, I support the development of a legal, regulated cannabis industry and I support responsible, community-minded small business owners like Malaki Amen. For these reasons, I urge you to approve this application. Thank you for your consideration. Jim Keddy

Latasha Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 6:27pm 01-24-23

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Best regards,
Latasha Johnson

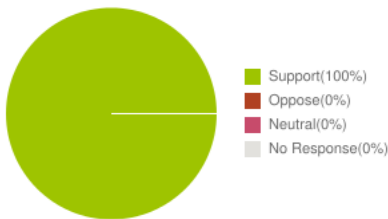
Zion Taddess

Location:
Submitted At: 11:10am 01-24-23

I support Malaki for his efforts to open storefront dispenser to help us black people get in the cannabis industry in order to create wealth for the community.

Agenda Item: eComments for 3. Sacramento Music Hall (P20-041) (Noticed on January 13, 2023) [Updated 1/26/2023 @ 2:45 p.m.] File ID: 2022-02506

Overall Sentiment



peter castles

Location:
Submitted At: 9:51am 01-26-23

we need more quality live music venues in sacto!

Frankie Perez

Location:
Submitted At: 6:29am 01-26-23

I support this venue I think a venue of this caliber would bring a different vibe that this city needs so I fully support it

Mark Grimes

Location:
Submitted At: 9:45pm 01-25-23

Let there be music! Sacramento needs a new, classy venue.

Shana Dellos

Location:
Submitted At: 4:46pm 01-25-23

As a longtime working musician and live music performance co-founder and former band booker. I can honestly say that in the 2 years I've now lived in Sacramento, finding a venue this size is SORELY needed. Choosing between Harlow's and Golden 1 center and SAFE or a dive bar mean that music venue offerings of this curated size are going not only to help improve the local economy, but also support local music makers and local music

performers, keeping those commute dollars and gas dollars here where it is needed most vs SF or Bay area shows. I'd also hope that the venue provide genre-specific diverse music local acts and events and festivals in tandem to help further showcase all the talent this town desperately wants to display! Can't wait to support Rose Hall! Let's grow this music scene and showcase it locally and accordingly!

Cari Chenkin

Location:

Submitted At: 12:37pm 01-25-23

The Sacramento Blues Society is one of the oldest blues societies in California, founded in 1979. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed to preserve and promote blues music as an art form. SBS has kept the blues tradition alive in the Sacramento area by promoting the local blues music scene, bringing internationally renowned artists to the region, educating students with "Blues in the Schools", acknowledging our local blues artists, providing a Musicians' Crisis Fund and publishing the Blue Notes six times a year. SBS is an affiliate member of The Blues Foundation (which honored us with a 2015 Keeping the Blues Alive Award) which provides educational opportunities for young people with The Blues Foundation's "Blues in The Schools" Program. In 2022, we partnered with Sacramento State University to endow a music scholarship in honor of the late Little Charlie Baty.

All this goes to validate our role as an arts-focused community organization. It is in this capacity that we, the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Blues Society, offer our support for the proposed new Sacramento Music Hall. We feel that the Sacramento region would be well-served by the expansion of performance venues in the area, serving audiences and performers with increased opportunities for the cultural enrichment provided by the performing arts. Please approve this project and expedite its creation.

The Sacramento Blues Society Board of Directors:

Sally Katen, President

Barbara Katen, Vice President

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Rick Snyder, Chairman, Blues in the Schools Committee

Barbara Ray, Chairwoman, Little Charlie Baty Scholarship Committee

Cari Chenkin, Director

Lynette Shumway, Director

Julio Covington, Director

Marcel Smith, Director

Paola Kouzi

Location:

Submitted At: 12:13pm 01-25-23

I'm looking forward to this. Thus venue will add value to the area and the city in general.

William Burg

Location: M__ndo_b

Submitted At: 10:45am 01-25-23

As a Sacramento resident and local music promoter, I support approval of Sacramento Music Hall's proposed venue; the location is sufficiently distant from residential uses for a level of sonic privacy, while sufficiently close to transit, CSUS, student and apartment housing to bring significant foot traffic to the site, while also providing a large parking lot for drivers. One commenter at a public meeting mentioned concerns because of its proximity to a Little League field--across two sets of railroad tracks and two sets of fences, which should be sufficient buffer to protect baseball players from any undue musical influence. Concerns about its location in an "innovation center" fail to recognize the importance of the arts economy to regional economies and the attractiveness of the area to potential employees who consider access to recreation as well as employment when selecting a place to live, and its principal hours of operation in the evening means that the center will not be silent and inactive 16 hours a day. Some are even concerned that a concert hall will detract from an academic environment, to which I can only ask--did these folks even go to college?

Breck Philip

Location:

Submitted At: 10:37am 01-25-23

Dear Planning & Design Comm.,

I am looking forward to the meeting this evening. I want to express my enthusiasm towards this project and feel it will have extremely positive impact on Sacramento's Art & Music community. It is most certainly an important step forward in growing the Sacramento Region.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Breck Philip ~ Musician/Producer

Jon Gutierrez

Location:

Submitted At: 10:39am 01-22-23

"The Rose" Sacramento Music Hall-

"Art is a form of expression. It is reflective & deflative." - Jon T. Gutierrez

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See definitions in:

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Art

Military

noun

1.

the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as painting or sculpture, producing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power.

"the art of the Renaissance"

Similar:

fine art

artwork

creative activity

2.

the various branches of creative activity, such as painting, music, literature, and dance.

"the visual arts"

A new geographical location in Sacramento to enjoy music is a "Win-Win" situation. It will bring Economic, Philanthropic & Artistic abundance to the community.

Let's do it!

Cordially,

Jon Gutierrez

<https://jon-gutierrez.pixels.com>

Tyler Harris

Location:

Submitted At: 2:20pm 01-20-23

Sacramento has a growing live music scene and adding an additional concert venue would help create a space for this. We are in desperate need of these kinds of spaces and more music venues and concert halls would bring in artists from all over as well as increase tourist traffic and boost our local economy.

Carmen Williams

Location:

Submitted At: 2:05pm 01-20-23

There is a lot of talented musicians and children who will need this in the future being a local artist who is pushing myself and performing locally In clubs we need more positive structures like this let's make Sacramento a better place for us and the future musicians music heals the world

Love C-yah Envy

donald ambroziak

Location:

Submitted At: 1:47pm 01-20-23

As a nearby resident, I would love to see our part of town start being more fun instead of just massage parlors and smoke shops. Plus maybe in the future we can look back on the Music Hall like looking back on the Cattle Club with all the amazing acts that came through there.

MIRA COBURN

Location:

Submitted At: 1:35pm 01-20-23

Make Sacramento the world class city it deserves to be!

I love living here but often go to SF or Oakland for music as the venues are so much better. Would love to stay local!