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DeKalb City Council,

As a retired board member of the Egyptian Theatre, who stepped down in July 2017, after serving for 6 years, I am writing to you as a co-owner of a downtown DeKalb business, Tapa La Luna.

The \$2 million in direct impact to the community attributed to the Egyptian Theatre is easy to believe. This revenue further justifies what we all know about the importance of keeping the Egyptian Theatre open year round.

I can vouch for the incredible increase in business seen whenever the Egyptian Theatre is presenting shows. Additional cooks and wait-staff are on hand at Tapa La Luna when shows are scheduled.

This year, with the recent expansion of downtown businesses and an increased number of people living in the vicinity, the enhancement of Egyptian Theatre is even more important!

The key to guaranteeing the ongoing success of the theatre is air-conditioning. Aside from enabling the Egyptian Theatre to stay open during the summer months, air-conditioning has other effects which may seem less obvious. The heat, humidity and temperature shifts in the theatre are detrimental to the ornamental plaster work and decorative painting.

Over the years, TIF money has been invested in maintaining the theatre. With each resurfacing and painting, the theater briefly looks fantastic, until the impact of the uncontrolled humidity takes effect. The plaster begins to crumble once again. Air-conditioning would keep the Egyptian Theatre open year round while minimizing the expense of ongoing plaster repair.

Sincerely,

Nancy Proesel
Co-owner - Tapa La Luna