



November 30, 2018

Honorable Members of the City of DeKalb Council,

It is with the utmost regard that I write to you as President of the Children's Community Theatre of DeKalb in support of the Egyptian Theatre's request for TIF funding to install air-conditioning in the theatre.

My organization has had the thrilling opportunity to produce many productions in the space over the years, and personally I've also had many opportunities to perform and be an audience member in this unique venue. The Egyptian Theatre to me as an artist is the pinnacle of performance spaces in our area. It is by far one of the most beautiful, historic, and well preserved spaces I've ever been in. Beyond what it means to me, it is a crown jewel for the city of DeKalb, and I believe it to be a great source of pride for our community.

Economically speaking, the Egyptian Theatre has tremendous potential for our community. With air-conditioning, the theatre would be capable of presenting shows easily year round, and could produce quite a bit of tourism interest. My organization as well as The Stagecoach Players are very busy in the summer months, and having a venue like the Egyptian in full operation during that time would not only make it accessible for our needs, but could also bring interest into our area to help our organizations grow.

In order to preserve and maintain this historic landmark, it needs year round climate control. Installing air-conditioning would help keep restoration costs down in the long haul by keeping our sometimes harsh and unpredictable hot and humid summers away from the ornate features that make the Egyptian such a gift to our community. For example, without air-conditioning preservation efforts on the majestic night sky and Egyptian murals painted on the ceiling and walls would become more difficult and increasingly expensive to maintain.

I truly hope that you consider the Egyptian Theatre to be as important to our community's culture and heritage as I do, and will support them with approval of the funding needed to preserve and maintain this iconic space for the future of our city.

Thank you very much for your time!

Sincerely Yours,

Jeff Hall  
CCT President