



November 29, 2018

Dear Members of the Council of the City of DeKalb,

As the current Spring Children's Musical Artistic Director and Board Member of Children's Community Theatre ("CCT"), I am writing in support of the Egyptian Theatre's Request for TIF funds to install air conditioning in the Egyptian Theatre.

We have performed three of our last four Spring musicals at the Egyptian Theatre: *Peter Pan*, *Oliver!*, and *Annie Jr.*, and we will be performing our Spring 2019 musical, *Wizard of Oz*, on the Egyptian stage, as well. Performing at The Egyptian Theatre has been an amazing experience for the approximately 75 kids in our cast each year and it is an experience the cast of over 100 kids in *Wizard of Oz* is eagerly looking forward to.

I am always thrilled when we can stage our shows at the Egyptian Theatre, as it provides the children of our community an opportunity to perform on a historic and professional stage. Everything about the Egyptian, such as the architecture and decor, magnifies the Arts, and accessibility to the Arts, which is so vitally important to our community, especially for the children. One of the greatest experiences I've had in theatre happened in the Egyptian Theatre dressing room as the young cast of kids in *Annie Jr.* discussed what being in the show meant to them. As they discussed finding their place to fit in and their feelings of acceptance amongst their fellow theatre peers, and the tears flowed, it really brought home to me the importance of having a place where those who are drawn to the arts can flourish. The Egyptian Theatre is a place like that for those kids, as well as for the whole community.

The Egyptian Theatre is a true asset to DeKalb County and to the City of DeKalb. To have it available year round and to make these additions to better maintain it, would be a benefit to our city. Therefore, I support the Egyptian Theatre's Request for funds and hope the DeKalb City Council agrees.

Sincerely,

Susan Graham  
CCT Current Spring Musical Artistic Director and Board Member