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**Date:** May 9, 2017

**To:** Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair  
Representative Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair  
Joint Ways and Means Committee

**From:** The City of Newport

**Subject:** Supporting SB 5530 Lottery Bond Funding for Cultural Capital  
Construction at the Newport Performing Arts Center

We, the Mayor and City Manager of the City of Newport based in rural Lincoln County, request your support of Oregon Coast Council for the Arts (OCCA) Newport Performing Arts Center (PAC) "Entertain the Future" capital campaign request for lottery funding in SB 5530 for Cultural Capital Construction.

The Newport Performing Arts Center (PAC) is owned by the City of Newport and managed by OCCA. Opened in 1988, we at the City have watched with pride as the PAC has evolved into a flourishing port of call for performing artists, locals and tourists on Oregon's Central Coast. For 28 years the PAC has been a statewide symbol of how civic participation and community collaboration can enhance the quality of life for all residents of Lincoln County and beyond.

The expansion and enhancement of the PAC is an important component of the "Greater Newport Vision 2040". Vision 2040 is the City's development of a long range, community wide vision for the future of Newport.

Twelve resident artist teams call the PAC home - 4 theatre companies, 3 dance companies, one symphony orchestra, 2 choral groups, an international film series, and the Oregon Music Teachers Association. The OCCA also presents the international Oregon Coast Jazz Party, Met Opera Live in HD, National Theatre London Live in HD and other performances.

Throughout the year, the PAC is also the site of many other events from community college graduations to celebrations of life; from business and community meetings to fundraisers; from weddings to statewide band festivals; from Newport Reads author lectures to youth symphony performances; from country and comedy to Theatre Camps and Shakespeare Camp for youth and much more.

We at the City of Newport support Cultural Capital Construction projects around the state,

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including: Benton County Historical Society and Museum; Cottage Theatre; Eugene Ballet Company; Friends of the Oregon Caves and Chateau; High Desert Museum; Portland Institute of Contemporary Art; Portland Art Museum and, of course, the Newport Performing Arts Center.

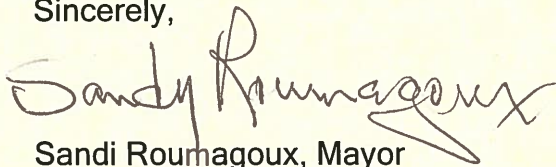
OCCA's request of \$600,000 out of an estimated cost of \$2.9M goes to support Phases 7 and 8 to expand the Studio Theatre's capacity from 80-150 seats, as well as expand the support spaces including green room, dressing rooms, restrooms and kitchen. The final phase will build out the backstage piano and rehearsal spaces that can serve both the larger Silverman Theatre and the Studio Theatre.

This project is part of a multi-year capital campaign to strengthen and enhance this regional resource on the Central Oregon Coast with an eight-phase capital campaign. Through substantial community support, the first 6 phases have been completed. The economic impact of expanded audience levels for the 30-year user-life of the project will be \$7.4M of economic impact in the Central Oregon Coast.

On behalf of the City of Newport we want to thank you for your support of OCCA's 'Entertain the Future!' capital campaign.

Capital construction funding is a good investment. It supports Oregon's cultural brand nationally, builds capacity in the cultural sector, adds jobs in rural and remote regions and underserved neighborhoods while investing in the values that connect us, move us forward and honor our past.

Sincerely,



Sandi Roumagoux, Mayor  
City of Newport



Spencer Nebel, City Manager  
City of Newport

cc: Senator Arnie Roblan  
Representative David Gomberg