

Local movie theaters are part of what makes a neighborhood feel like, well, a neighborhood. In an age where even pre-COVID, we spend so much time at home, scrolling through Netflix, going to the movies still feels like An Event. When we go to the movies, a lot of the time we also go to dinner or drinks before or after the show, somewhere right around the corner. I can picture how lively neighborhoods feel around local theaters, with people coming and going and waiting in line. Theaters don't just bring in money for themselves, but they support restaurants and bars by getting people out of the house. Once you're out you're out, and isn't it more fun to debrief a wonderful movie at a table together with a drink in hand? We need to support theaters so that when things are opening again, they can support the community around them.