

I am writing to request that the committee allocated funds to help save the Portland Children's Museum.

It would be a travesty to let the museum permanently close. As a mom of a 2.5 year old, I already have many precious memories of this place, and I looked forward to bringing her back there soon when the most at risk members of our community are vaccinated.

In a meeting in February, the board of PCM said they needed to raise \$500,000 to keep the museum running. There are already over 3000 members on a Facebook group to save the museum, and I'm confident we could easily raise the funds to keep it going.

The board never asked for public input about when we'd feel safe taking our children back. Museums across the country are beginning to reopen, and there's no reason that couldn't happen here eventually.

The museum offers discounted membership to families that need it, and is conveniently located on a MAX line. Please don't allow them to deprive our community of this great resource.

Thank you,
Erin Kowal