



Joe Buscaino  
Councilmember, 15th District

May 3, 2021

Hon. Paul Krekorian  
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee  
City Hall, 200 N Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Additional MICLA funding for the Warner Grand Theatre Restoration Project**

Dear Councilmember Krekorian and members of the Budget & Finance Committee:

For the last several years, a working group convened by my office has collaborated to develop a scope of work and proposed budget for a critical investment in the historic Warner Grand Theater, a City-owned facility located in downtown San Pedro. As a result of this effort, the current Mayor's Budget reflects a proposed \$10M investment of MICLA funding to finance improvements to critical infrastructure systems within the theater and rehabilitation work within the public spaces within the building.

It has recently come to our attention that the full cost of needed improvements to the HVAC system was not included in the budget estimate. However, a complete upgrade of the HVAC system is a required component of the rehabilitation work, particularly at this moment when we understand how indoor air quality and control are critical to public health. Expanding the scope to include HVAC improvements will go a long way to restoring not only the venue, but also the confidence of the theater's audiences, performers, and staff.

An additional \$2.5M is needed and requested in MICLA funding at this time so that the project can advance on schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joe Buscaino'.

**JOE BUSCAINO**  
Councilmember, 15th District  
President Pro Tempore, Los Angeles City Council