

MOTION

The Canoga Park Arts Hub is helping establish a vibrant cultural destination in the West Valley, bringing together the Madrid Theatre, Taxco Theatre, and the Canoga Park Youth Arts Center to create new opportunities for artists, performers, young people, and the community. Together, these venues reflect Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's vision for a new Canoga Park Arts District, strengthening Canoga Park as a destination for family, business, and culture.

The Madrid Theatre, located at 21622 Sherman Way, has been a cornerstone of Canoga Park's arts and entertainment community since opening in 1928 as a silent movie house and remains one of the area's historic cultural landmarks. After sustaining significant damage during the 1994 Reseda/Northridge Earthquake, the theatre was restored through public investment and is now receiving approximately \$8.5 million in improvements to enhance its stage, lobby, restrooms, and other amenities, ensuring its continued service to the community.

The Taxco Theatre, located at 7242 Owensmouth Avenue and formerly known as the Clyde Porter Theatre, was acquired by the City in 2018 using \$1.395 million in excess Community Redevelopment Agency bond funds. The approximately 150-seat venue will serve as the Canoga Park Stage Arts Lab, providing rehearsal, performance, and incubator space for local artists and community organizations.

The Canoga Park Youth Arts Center, located at 7222 Remmet Avenue, further expands this vision by providing young people with opportunities to engage in the arts, develop their creativity, and participate in the cultural life of their community.

Together, these cultural spaces represent a significant investment in the artistic, educational, economic, and civic vitality of Canoga Park and the West Valley. The Canoga Park Arts Hub will preserve important community assets, support local artists, nurture young talent, and create new opportunities for theatre, dance, music, and other forms of artistic expression, while advancing Councilmember Blumenfield's vision for a thriving Canoga Park Arts District.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation be instructed to erect permanent ceremonial signs bearing the designations

- "MADRID THEATRE - Canoga Park Arts Hub" at the Madrid Theatre, 21622 Sherman Way;
- "TAXCO THEATRE - Canoga Park Arts Hub" at the Taxco Theatre, 7242 Owensmouth Avenue; and
- "CANOGA PARK YOUTH ARTS CENTER - Canoga Park Arts Hub" at the Canoga Park Youth Arts Center, 7222 Remmet Avenue

in recognition of their collective contributions to the cultural, artistic, educational, economic, and civic life of Canoga Park and the West Valley.

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