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Comedy

To the members of the Burien City Council:

Attached is a brief overview of a proposal we are submitting for your consideration. This is a short-term plan for the immediate future. It is our hope that this will allow for the remaining tenants to stay at the Annex while the City plans the future of the building.

Drama

As a regional theater, BAT was having an excellent year prior to the COVID-19 Public Health crisis. We have built an audience from all over the Puget Sound and beyond. If not for the impact of this crisis the 2019-20 season would have been the best in our long history.

Play Readings

BAT has worked hard to build a diverse audience and wants to be able to continue to share our love of theatre and the arts with all members of our community. We are proud to have been long time supporters of Burien Pride, have done co-productions with the Latino Theatre Projects, and believe that Arts are an essential part of our social fabric. We are one of the few theaters in the region to have cast African American, transgender, and other traditionally excluded people in leading roles. We want to continue to play our part in showcasing Burien as a diverse and livable city for all people.

Classics

New Works

All people means all people and we believe that theater should be affordable. Like many theaters we offer discount tickets to seniors and students. Unlike many theaters we also have \$7 Sunday, \$13 Saturdays and make our final dress rehearsal free to students. We also have provided scholarship funds to students studying the arts. We are strongly committed to making sure that everyone has the chance to see or be a part of live theater.

Musicals

Thrillers

We also strongly believe that Arts is critical to a healthy economy. This goes beyond the economic benefit our patrons bring to the City. We help market our city's businesses and our BATcoin program incentivizes people to frequent our local businesses. We are always looking to expand partnerships like Dinner and a Show Packages and plan to be a key part of helping our local economy recover from this crisis.

Workshops

Outreach

We greatly appreciate the effort the City has made to help navigate these uncertain and difficult times. This health crisis has impacted us all and only by working together can we emerge stronger and better than before. We know that the impact on the City's budget will be extreme. We have been severely impacted as well and know the difficult choices that we will all face in the near term. We want to be part of the solution and are committed to doing our part to help.

We can only do that if we have a place to perform. We have pursued and exhausted every lead and opportunity for alternate space. We have considered more options than we can count. Debra George, Andrea Reay, and others have gone above and beyond to help, but unfortunately none of the options we

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explored have been workable. If we were evicted from the Annex as currently planned it would likely be the end of Burien Actors Theatre. The Theatre would go dark.

It would not only be our revenue and economic activity that would be lost. The remaining tenants provide critical and important service to our community including helping people in need and enabling employment through affordable quality childcare. This benefits the City economically and helps provide the quality of life that we all deserve.

We hope that you will consider this proposal as the starting point for a further discussion. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Burien Actors Theatre's Board of Trustees