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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I would like to speak on behalf of the Rubicon Theatre, which I have supported for many years through season memberships and Grand Dames activities. As a writer and as a playwright, I can't express the gratitude I have felt to this theatre for providing a local opportunity to see rich and stimulating plays. Nothing can replace for a writer the excitement of being close to the creation of art and so I have felt immense encouragement in meeting actors, one of whom I grew up with in Minnesota, as well as in supporting various premiers at the Rubicon.

Such richness has graced my life and also the community of Ventura County in countless ways. Without it, without this jewel between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, the community will be impoverished. Students will lose opportunities to be exposed to theatrical experiences; they will lose opportunities to grow. The community will lose opportunities to enjoy theatrical performances and to savor the convenience of being able to do so without having to endure traffic jams to Los Angeles to see excellent theatre. City fathers will lose an opportunity to feed the spiritual and creative hungers of its populace; they will lose the revenue generated by a topnotch theatre as well as a chance to be proud of its cultural heritage. And last it will leave a hole in Ventura's soul, where once there was a sense of community.

And I cannot say enough about the lovely, sustaining, selfless, gracious and devoted presence of its founders, Karyl Lynn Burns and Jim O'Neill.

The Rubicon Theatre should be a lasting presence in the future of Ventura County.

Sincerely

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