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Hello!

I am not a resident of Ventura County nor of CA; however, as a retired teacher, I just wanted to voice my support for your providing a grant/financial support to The Rubicon Theatre. Years ago, my school district in PA was discussing ways to save money. Some options included eliminating “unnecessary” subjects such as the arts, music, etc. There was very little support among us teachers for such a measure, as we understood the value to many, the majority of, our students of these programs. The same, I believe, can be applied to a community in supporting its local art venues. The arts provide so many benefits to a community and its citizens, from mental health, to the economy, and to civic engagement for people of all ages and walks of life. Art can serve as a vehicle to many aspects of life in a community. Giving a grant to The Rubicon will have only positive effects for your community. Thank you.

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