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MOTION

WE MOVE that City Council allocate \$1,000,000 to assist with the renovation of the iconic Imperial Theatre in the Mohawk neighborhood. The Imperial Theatre was built in 1913 and has been vacant for years. Its renovation will invigorate the economically depressed Mohawk neighborhood, provide an affordable performance and rehearsal venue for artists and organizations throughout the city, and create jobs. Several organizations, such as the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, recently used the Imperial Theatre to stage virtual performances. The Imperial Theatre is “a stage for all reasons.”

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STATEMENT

Julie Fay, who has developed 42 properties in the OTR and Mohawk neighborhoods, purchased the Imperial Theatre as well as a multi-family adjacent to the theatre. She renovated the multi-family to provide affordable housing for artists. She invested her own funds into stabilizing the Imperial Theatre, including a roof replacement to stop the ongoing water damage. Artistic groups such as students from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music and several local performance organizations, recently used the Imperial Theatre to stage and film virtual performances. Once renovated, the Imperial Theatre will serve as a catalyst for positive change in this economically depressed area of Cincinnati.