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Subject: High Life Theater & Panther Arena

Hello Alderpersons & Mayor Johnson,

I am writing to strongly urge the adoption of Historical Preservation approval of the High Life Theater and Panther Arena. Both of these buildings have played an important part of Milwaukee's history and both buildings continue to serve the city and the region. I have fond memories of seeing Bucks games with my parents at the Arena when I was a kid. It was lean years for the team but attending games with my parents and siblings are some of my favorite memories (plus the chocolate smell from Ambrosia!). Today I love taking my own children to see Admirals games. The Arena is a perfect venue for the team and for Panthers games. I don't feel it is dated but appreciate the layout and intimacy of the venue. The High Life Theater, Auditorium when I was growing up, is still a great place to see music! We recently saw Ringo Starr and it not only sounds great but the renovation from 20 years ago created a wonderful place to see live music. I wish there were more concerts here. In addition to the importance to Milwaukee History (years of historic performances from the 20th Century's best musicians and Teddy Roosevelt speaking after being shot!), it is also special to my family. My grandparent's first date (chaperoned by my Grandma's Aunt!) was at a dance at the Auditorium in the early 1940s. By my count at least six and maybe seven generations of my family have gone to the Auditorium for concerts, conventions, dances, and etc.

Both of these venues are obviously historic. If you google High Life Theater, their own decription on their website says "historic icon of Milwaukee's downtown." From my understanding, Historical Preservation approval will allow a hearing in the future of what can happen to both of these buildings instead of just tearing them down for a hotel or other use. There are so many vacant parking lots in downtown that can be a hotel and we need to do better to develop these eye sores and build up our downtown not tear down our history.

Thank you for your consideration!!!
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