

Lee, Chris

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 5:11 PM
To: Lee, Chris
Subject: Fwd: Miller High Life Theater and Panther Arena

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From: Chris Rute <chrisrute1039@gmail.com>
Date: November 17, 2025 at 1:00:53 PM CST
To: "Bauman, Robert" <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: **Miller High Life Theater and Panther Arena**

Good day, Alderperson Bauman.

Bob,

Thank you for your initiative to have these buildings designated. Your continued support for preservation of Milwaukee's historic assets is appreciated greatly!

The text below was sent individually to each of the other members of ZND.

Please accept this email requesting your support of the historic designation of the referenced buildings at the next Zoning, Neighborhood, and Development Committee meeting.

These buildings have been determined to meet several of the criteria specified by MCO 320-21-3-f that demonstrate these buildings are of significant, historic importance to the City of Milwaukee.

These venues are a vital part of our city's story—places where generations have made memories.

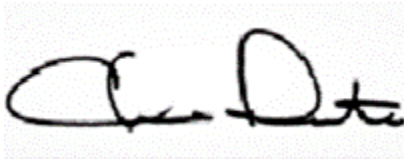
These buildings have been an important part of the lives of many City of Milwaukee residents over the years, including mine. I have many fond memories of attending several events in these venues in my younger days. The Sport Show, Holiday on Ice, Jesus Christ Superstar, my graduation from UWM, my taking of the architectural license examination, and a myriad of rock concerts are but a few of those events that I attended which were held in these structures. My attendance at functions in these buildings continues.

They provide a viable venue for the current tenants like the Admirals, the UWM Panthers, the Wave, and other live entertainment events. These keep these spaces alive and accessible, offering affordable sports and family fun while bringing thousands of people downtown to support local restaurants and bars.

The historic designation will provide a transparent process through which these buildings will be protected from inappropriate modification and demolition. Historic designation won't interfere with any of the current uses and only adds oversight and public input should the need arise. The public deserves transparency and a real voice in the process—something designation guarantees.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this message. I hope you will see the historic and economic value of these iconic Milwaukee edifices and vote to support the Historic Preservation Committee's recommendation for historic designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Rute". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Rute" clearly distinguishable.

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