

From: [Ellie Miller Hall](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023 7:59:54 AM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I've lived in San Francisco for my whole life. The Castro Theater is a landmark in our City and deserves our care.

As Supervisor Milk once said, "You've got to give them hope." Everyone I know and love in this neighborhood wants to see us thrive. My friends and acquaintances all want the chance to make new stories and carve a new path for our beleaguered streets. As the Board of Supervisors today - vote for our future and defend our efforts to create an adapting, vibrant tomorrow.

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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
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From: [Scotty Jacobs](#)
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From: [Bradley Kain](#)
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From: [Joseph Mack](#)
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Garrett Berg
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From: [Todd Howard](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Castro Theatre Seat removal
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 8:41:42 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Altering the Castro theatre by removing seats will forever alter the landscape of the Castro district and neighborhood irreparably. This is an historic and beloved entertainment site which does not deserve such brutal and short-sighted changes.

A vote to remove seating from the Castro Theatre, centerpiece of culture and community for decades, will be a sad legacy for any member of this board who votes yes.

Respectfully,
Todd Howard

From: [Aimee Pavy](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Please support the updated landmark status + Castro Theatre community plan!
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 8:23:20 AM

Hi again,

Quick correction! In my haste to send before work, I left off you Myrna from the opening to my earlier email!

I know you've all been getting a lot of pressure to address this topic, and I hope you know that all emotions aside many of us just want to retain the character of our neighborhoods to keep SF a place residents and visitors alike want to visit. I honestly feel the APE plans undermine the Castro neighborhood and SF as a destination. I know there will be APE events that will bring people in, but I don't feel that occasional business outweighs the benefits of the theater being run by folks interested in keeping it running full time and hosting local film festivals and other arts/cultural programming, as well as music.

Anyway...ha ha I've run on a bit. Thanks again for all you do!

All the best,
Aimee Pavy

On May 16, 2023, at 8:08 AM, Aimee Pavy <aimee.pavy@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Erica, Aaron, Dean and staff,

Happy Tuesday!

I just sent a pre-canned message through a link on Facebook, but I wanted to write you directly with a heartfelt message.

The Castro Theater has been a big part of my personal history and ongoing love affair with San Francisco. It is as important as the GG Bridge or GG Park, or North Beach... As a kid living in San Carlos we'd come up to SF to watch films at the Castro; I have some amazing memories.

I was lucky to build some savings working in SF for most of my career and spend most everything to buy a house here. I am now a long time resident and home owner...I don't wish to live anywhere else. But I sincerely hope the character that defines my beloved city doesn't erode, and I hope you can help by supporting the preservation and plans to make the Castro a vibrant part of the community once again!!

Thank you!!!
Aimee Pavy
District 7 resident

On Apr 20, 2023, at 11:29 AM, Major, Erica (BOS)
<erica.major@sfgov.org> wrote:

Thank you, confirming receipt and inclusion to Board File No. 230192.

ERICA MAJOR

Assistant Clerk

Board of Supervisors

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**From:** Aimee Pavy <aimee.pavy@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:54 PM

**To:** Major, Erica (BOS) <erica.major@sfgov.org>; MelgarStaff (BOS) <melgarstaff@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>

**Subject:** AMEND Item#230192 - Land Use and Transportation Committee

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RE: Item#230192 : Planning Code - Landmark Designation Amendment - 429-431  
Castro Street (the Castro Theatre)

Land Use and Transportation Committee members,

Please AMEND the Landmark Designation Amendment for the Castro Theater to replace “presence of seating” to the more accurate “fixed theatrical seating configured in movie-palace style.”

Failure to amend to this more accurate and specific language will leave room for a grave and permanent defacing of this cathedral of San Francisco.

I have been an SF resident for 25 years and am currently a resident of District 5. I have also been going to The Castro neighborhood and theater for that entire time on a regular basis. While multi-use is most definitely a necessity for long term viability for the theater, there is absolutely no reason this cannot be accomplished with fixed theatrical seating in its current configuration. There are hundreds if not thousands of historical theaters like this all over the world that have concerts, events, and other such use with permanent, fixed seating.

Further, it is rather transparent that Another Planet Entertainment will use the ‘costs’ of moving non-fixed seating in and out of the theater as a pretext to rarely offering seated events and then only when the event producers are able to pay high costs to do such - **thereby completely locking out local event producers not to mention any film nights.**

Their desire for maximum profit at the expense of the community AND local business would rather leave the theater dark most days of the week than to offer film offerings on dark nights with minimal profit but WILL help local business traffic. Something that they could have been doing for the last year, but have failed the community. It only requires a bare minimum staff of around 7 people to show films.

PLEASE, clarify the language and PROTECT The Castro Theater from irreparable harm.

Thank you for your considered deliberation and vote.

~Aimee Pavy  
District 7 resident

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**From:** [Stephen Torres](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Planning Code - Landmark Designation Amendment - 429-431 Castro Street (the Castro Theatre)]  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 4:46:32 PM  
**Attachments:** [2023.05.15 Letter to SF BoS Re Planning Code - Landmark Designation Amendment - 429-431 Castro Street \(the Castro Theatre\).pdf](#)

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Good afternoon Madam Clerk Calvillo,

Please see my attached letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding [Planning Code - Landmark Designation Amendment - 429-431 Castro Street (the Castro Theatre)].

Thank-you,

Stephen Torres

Stephen Torres  
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May 15, 2023

Supervisor Aaron Peskin, President of the Board of Supervisors  
The San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear President Peskin and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you today to urge that you approve the *Planning Code - Landmark Designation Amendment - 429-431 Castro Street (the Castro Theatre)* while maintaining the full language preserving the “*fixed theatrical seating in movie palace style*”. This amendment and its revised language will establish a threshold of baseline protections to this invaluable San Francisco landmark and LGBTQ community asset and this landmark designation amendment and its revised language were made at the request of the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District and a broad coalition of community stakeholders.

It is my opinion that this narrowly defined and explicit language is necessary as the current tenant has submitted proposals to demolish the orchestra level. These proposals open the door for this building to be repurposed into a private event space and perhaps later, a gym or other use that removes it as an accessible community space. This tenant has given no verifiable reason as to why this demolition is necessary and it is not in the community's best interest to give this tenant the broadest interpretation of preserving the theater's cultural and historic legacy when they have demonstrated themselves as bad actors in this regard at both the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium and the Fox Oakland. The Castro Theatre is too precious to entrust to this tenant or any tenant for that matter without the strictest guidelines we can provide.

When this board established the City's Cultural District Program it did so to mitigate the effects of gentrification and ensure that community self-determination remained intact around community assets such as this. All of the current cultural districts maintain that the determinations of the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District be upheld and that this landmarking carry its full weight and not be adjusted to accommodate a corporation with a bad history regarding venues of this caliber and who has spent thousands of dollars in efforts to undermine the community's voice. In my experience, they have not demonstrated good faith efforts at engaging in basic good neighbour outreach or established trust that would justify such accommodations.

Please approve this landmark amendment as it has been submitted without further revision and empower this vulnerable community by doing so.

Sincerely,

Stephen Torres

**From:** [Therese Poletti](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Letter in support of the landmark amendment of the Castro Theatre  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 6:51:22 AM  
**Attachments:** [Castro BOS LETTER Final.docx.pdf](#)

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Dear Board of Supervisors.

Please find our letter attached in support of amending the landmark status of the Castro Theatre at 429 Castro Street, to include the interior, with fixed theatrical seating in the movie palace style and a second period of historic significance.

Thanks very much.  
Therese Poletti  
Preservation Director  
Art Deco Society of California



ART DECO SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA

PO Box 5539 Berkeley, CA 94705

May 15, 2023

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
San Francisco City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: The Castro Theatre vote May 16

Dear President Peskin and the Board of Supervisors:

The Art Deco Society of California supports the current resolution to expand the Castro Theatre's current landmark status in San Francisco to include the theatre's interior. It is one of the most intact extant 1920s movie theatre interiors and deserves this rare inclusion as an interior landmark, with clear language about fixed theatrical seating in a movie palace style.

We also stand with the Castro Theatre Conservancy's efforts to make an offer to operate the theatre, which would maintain its 100-year identity as a movie palace and as a center for the LGBTQ+ community and many of its films and events. We believe that just as Supervisor Peskin questioned during one of the recent Land Use and Transportation Committee hearings, Another Planet Entertainment (APE) is not the best option to operate this theatre, which we believe will remain dark for much of the year in between their live concerts.

As preservation focused non-profit in the San Francisco Bay Area since for over 40 years, we at the ADSC have seen this movie before. Laurie Gordon, the founder of the Art Deco Preservation Ball, said during one of the Historic Preservation Commission meetings on the Castro, APE is known for making false promises, and they made many promises about diverse arts programming before they reopened the Fox Theatre in Oakland, which they did not fulfill.

Preserving the Castro to support LGBTQ+ programming and long-time local and international film festivals is of great importance to keep the city's unique cultural fabric intact, and to help sustain the fund-raising efforts of many non-profit organizations in the Bay Area. As you have heard, there are nearly two dozen movie theatres across the U.S. that have preserved the interior orchestral seating, while successfully hosting financially viable live shows, performances and films. It can be done, there is no need to destroy the Castro's interior, because of the high profit-margin focus of a company that is not even based in San Francisco, a business model

which relies on creating four bars inside the theatre and on the sale of copious amounts of alcohol.

Removing the seats of this crown jewel of San Francisco's movie theatres would be like cutting out its heart, and it is another slap in the face to a marginalized community. Please help preserve our city's history, the history of the LGBTQ+ community and of San Francisco's film community. Landmarking the interior, with fixed theatrical seating configured in the movie palace style is a step in that direction.

Sincerely yours,

Serafina Miller  
Interim President  
Art Deco Society of California

Therese Poletti  
Preservation Director  
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**From:** [Christine Madrid French](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Karalyn Monteil](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre Board of Supervisors May 16  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 4:56:13 PM  
**Attachments:** [SF Heritage Castro Theatre Response 5.15.2023.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Please find attached our letter for the record in regards to the meeting of the Board of Supervisors tomorrow, to be considered under the Recommendations of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, no. 19 on the agenda, Planning Code-Landmark Designation Amendment.

We wish to reiterate our support for the addition of interior features to the Landmark Designation of the Castro Theatre to capture the property's full significance. The Landmark Designation Fact Sheet adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission states that the raked floor, aisles and fixed theatrical seating (with end standards) configured in the historic movie-palace style are "defining characteristics" of the interior of the Castro Theatre.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Christine French

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***Director of Advocacy, Programs & Communications***

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May 15, 2023

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Karalyn Monteil

President & CEO

cc:

Clerk of the Board

**From:** [Steven Bracco](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Rafael Mandelman](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre Landmark Designation Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 11:31:22 AM  
**Attachments:** [Steven Bracco - Castro Theatre Landmark Designation Amendment.pdf](#)

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Please **Save the Castro Theatre & Save the Seats.**

Thank you,  
Steven Bracco  
Castro LGBTQ Cultural District  
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**From:** [Roman Rodriguez](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 11:19:00 AM

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**From:** [Rob Brecht](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 11:10:24 AM

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**From:** [Connor Regan](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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San Francisco, California 94114



**From:** [Nick Avallone](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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936 Oak Street  
San Francisco, California 94117





**From:** [Seth Morgan](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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Seth Morgan  
soggusmaximus@yahoo.com  
3806 17th St  
San Francisco, California 94114



**From:** [Tyler Vasconcellos](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 10:59:14 AM

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**From:** [Steven Dalcin](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Matt Tully](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [JB Bojin](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I am a gay SF resident and I have been living for the past 4 years within a short walk of the Castro Theatre, and have been regularly going to the Castro for more than 10 years now. The vibrancy of that neighborhood has always been one of the things that drew me the most to this city.

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**From:** [Sean Hamilton](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Steven Heidel](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Tyler Fournier](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [David Matesanz](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Skyler Cylke Cylke](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Daniel Lawson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Travante Richardson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Kevin Ebach](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Kevin Nuno](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Chris Cheng](#)  
**To:** [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Restorethecastrotheatre@gmail.com](#); [Dan Serot](#); [Mary Conde](#); [Rae Livingston](#); [skaggs@page-turnbull.com](#); [Andrew Junius](#)  
**Subject:** Hartford Street support for APE & the Castro Theater  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 10:14:41 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As the homeowner of 24 Hartford St (which is located directly behind the Castro Theater), and a member of the LGBT community, I am writing to reiterate our street's support of APE's plans to revive the historic Castro Theater.

The detractors' arguments of holding on to a dying movie-going experience and trying to do so by marking the chairs as "historic," is not a viable or sustainable model for performance venues like the Castro Theater. As a 16 year SF resident, I have seen the Castro Theater's attendance dwindle in tandem with the multi-decade national decline of movie ticket sales. The theater simply cannot rely on movie goers to sustain itself.

We look forward to crowds coming back to the Castro Theater, with patrons lining the street to see a variety of programming, and to patronize our neighborhood stores and small businesses which support our vibrant community. We believe the APE proposal is the best and most viable option.

We cannot let perfect be the enemy of good. The alternative I have seen will surely drive the theater into financial ruin, and we may not have another opportunity like APE to prevent the Castro Theater from decaying like other similar theater spaces which have permanently closed.

Please do everything in your power to proceed with APE's proposal, which includes \*not\* designating the theater seats as historic, while also holding them accountable to their proposal.

Sincerely,

Chris Cheng  
24 Hartford Street

On Wed, May 10, 2023 at 8:40 PM Leslie T <[leslie.w.tse@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.w.tse@gmail.com)> wrote:  
(bcc: homeowners / neighbors)

To the SF Board of Supervisors,

We're writing as the Hartford Street **homeowners living directly behind the Castro**

**Theater, offering our full support of APE's plans to restore the venue and revive the neighborhood.**

Many of us share lot lines with the Theater, and many more of us have lived on Hartford for decades. As neighbors, we've banded together and put tens of thousands of our own dollars into revitalizing the block over the years. We want the Castro District and its LGBTQ+ spirit to thrive, and the Theater's success is central to that.

Our reasons are as follows –

1.  
**Much-needed maintenance:** We see the Theater's issues first hand, and live with them on a daily basis. From our literal backyards, we've coordinated access with the Theater's owners to repair leaks in their roof. As Castro Street regulars and Theater-goers ourselves, we know from lived experience that the neon sign, delicate interior and major systems are in dire need of attention. APE's renovation plans will undoubtedly return the Theater to its former beauty, with modern functionality.
2.  
**Inclusive programming:** We're excited to see a vibrant entertainment scene here. Improving the Theater's versatility addresses the reality that film alone will never support its operating costs. Not only that, but APE will offer visitors and performers (including those who are mobility-impaired) a new way to contribute to and engage with the neighborhood. With APE, the Theater will become a destination for even more people to celebrate queer community in a greater variety of formats.
3.  
**Traditional importance:** The Castro Theater is a signal of societal progress. It's a destination where people can learn about and become more accepting towards humanity's differences. And by building a more accessible space that welcomes a diversity of art forms, APE will perpetuate what made originally made our neighborhood magical. Without APE, the Theater will go dark, and instead serve as a signal of close-mindedness, and ultimately be a heartbreaking reminder of what our community used to be.

The Castro has enough vacancies. We can't afford a huge one like the Theater, which actually has the potential to keep our other beloved local businesses afloat. It's clear APE's investment will evolve the Theater so that it can serve as both a movie palace and multi-purpose entertainment space for 100 more years.

**We firmly believe that APE's investment will catapult the Castro Theater and District to a vibrant and sustainable future, and urge you to support APE's plans**

**for restoration.**

Signed,

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**From:** [Joseph Collins](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [James Ward](#)  
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**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Jordan Roselli](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** LISTENNN TO THE PEOPLE WHO WILL USE THIS SPACE, WHO LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR PROGRESS!  
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**From:** [Robert Hurtgen](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Brent Willman-Yoswa](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Steve Antonie](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Eli Sokol](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Why I support the HPC Recommendation and oppose the Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 9:53:22 AM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I am a gay resident of the Castro, and I wanted to share my perspective on the Castro Theater plans.

I understand the APE proposal has become a contentious issue. Let me outline why I support APE and am against the fixed seating amendment:

1. Single-screen movie theaters attract a shrinking audience and are not a financially viable business model. If they were, the Castro Theater would undoubtedly be a much more active venue and the Castro neighborhood at large would be seeing more active foot traffic, vibrancy, and hopefully less vacancy too. Anyone who walks the neighborhood regularly knows this is not the case and hasn't been for many years. The theater's long-time family owners have attested as much - why shouldn't we believe them? Moreover, no one is building single-screen movie theaters anymore! That alone should tell us that we need to adapt to survive!

Further, APE is an industry expert who has proven adept at activating older and historic entertainment venues. This does not need to come at a cost to anyone - we can have a theater that still shows movies with seats and also adapts to a 21st century model of entertainment that allows a wider variety of programming, particularly LGBTQ artists. This is a common sense win win! At the risk of sounding brash, who cares if the seats are screwed into the ground?

As a resident of the Castro, it would be so incredible to have a venue of this size for live shows and music that I can attend in my backyard, rather than having to trek to other neighborhoods or cities to a more suitable venue. I want to support my neighborhood and would like the theater's programming reflect the interests of younger generations who have made the Castro their home and plan to stay here.

I want my neighborhood to be a dynamic living, breathing, LGBTQ destination and not a decaying diorama of a place that was once relevant and influential but has seen its day.

2. Our own Historic Preservation Commission did NOT recommend the theater's fixed seats as a historic element of the building's interior. I do not believe elected officials should overrule our own appointed experts on the subject matter because a vocal group of residents did not like the commission's determination. We do not decide what is "historic" based on who makes the most noise about it, let alone for non-ADA compliant seats that are roughly 20 years old.

Why bother having a Historic Preservation Commission if elected officials can effectively appoint themselves as the arbiters of historic preservation when it suits them politically?

3. Time and time again, city officials show a casual disregard for market forces and the economic reality we are living in. As a result, SF has unfortunately developed a legitimate reputation as an unfriendly place for small businesses. That is not a reputation we can afford to further exacerbate, and we should not play a dangerous game of chicken with a willing business partner and so many invested neighborhood residents and organizations. The best thing the city can do is to simply get out of the way.

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**From:** [Craig Peterson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Christopher Ojeda](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Harper Bokum-Fauth](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Khoua Moua](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Theo Zhou](#)  
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**From:** [Randall Boessenecker](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Ryan Adamson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Alexander Salazar](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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The city cannot afford to lose more local economic activity. It is already anticipating budget shortfalls in the near term and constituents will not look kindly on the blight.

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**From:** [Isaac Chaput](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Sidney Lemonier](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Cody Morse](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Mac Moody](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Manish Saija](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Ryan Hyams](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Dominic Corsaro](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Robin Yorkey](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Restorethecastrotheatre@gmail.com](mailto:Restorethecastrotheatre@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** FULL SUPPORT of APE's plan from a neighbor on 18th and Hartford  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 9:24:52 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my **FULL SUPPORT of APE's plan to renovate the Castro Theater**. I live on 18th and Hartford, and I see firsthand both the beauty of our neighborhood and the ways that it needs to change and grow. The beautiful theater needs maintenance, and our neighborhood does not need another vacancy. It is a shame that we are risking losing this opportunity for support because of some seats. The Castro was my home base long before I was able to buy a flat here, and at times I find myself longing for the way things used to be. I miss the old Castro as much as I miss being able to party all night and still look fabulous in the morning. However, change is a part of life, and this change needs to happen to keep the neighborhood vibrant. To lose APE would be a great blow to the Castro and I am not sure how much more the neighborhood can take.

Sincerely,

Robin L Yorkey- 18th and Hartford

We're writing as the Hartford Street **homeowners living directly behind the Castro Theater**, offering our **full support of APE's plans to restore the venue and revive the neighborhood**.

Many of us share lot lines with the Theater, and many more of us have lived on Hartford for decades. As neighbors, we've banded together and put tens of thousands of our own dollars into revitalizing the block over the years. We want the Castro District and its LGBTQ+ spirit to thrive, and the Theater's success is central to that.

Our reasons are as follows –

1.

**Much-needed maintenance:** We see the Theater's issues firsthand, and live with them on a daily basis. From our literal backyards, we've coordinated access with

the Theater's owners to repair leaks in their roof. As Castro Street regulars and Theater-goers ourselves, we know from lived experience that the neon sign, delicate interior, and major systems are in dire need of attention. APE's renovation plans will undoubtedly return the Theater to its former beauty, with modern functionality.

2.

**Inclusive programming:** We're excited to see a vibrant entertainment scene here. Improving the Theater's versatility addresses the reality that film alone will never support its operating costs. Not only that, but APE will offer visitors and performers (including those who are mobility-impaired) a new way to contribute to and engage with the neighborhood. With APE, the Theater will become a destination for even more people to celebrate queer community in a greater variety of formats.

3.

**Traditional importance:** The Castro Theater is a signal of societal progress. It's a destination where people can learn about and become more accepting towards humanity's differences. And by building a more accessible space that welcomes a diversity of art forms, APE will perpetuate what made originally made our neighborhood magical. Without APE, the Theater will go dark, and instead serve as a signal of close-mindedness, and ultimately be a heartbreaking reminder of what our community used to be.

The Castro has enough vacancies. We can't afford a huge one like the Theater, which actually has the potential to keep our other beloved local businesses afloat. It's clear APE's investment will evolve the Theater so that it can serve as both a movie palace and multi-purpose entertainment space for 100 more years.

**We firmly believe that APE's investment will catapult the Castro Theater and District to a vibrant and sustainable future, and urge you to support APE's plans for restoration.**

Signed,

24 Hartford Street (Chris Cheng)  
25 Hartford Street (Leslie Tse & Mang-Git Ng)  
27 Hartford Street (Rachel Dean & Daniel Karvasales)  
28 Hartford Street (Wil Shipley)  
29 Hartford Street (Rishi Gupta)  
31 Hartford Street (Andrea Cross)  
32 Hartford Street (Laura Rubin & Martin Strauss)  
33 Hartford Street (Julian & Salvo Spina)  
35 Hartford Street (Deborah Bardwick)

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44 Hartford Street (Scott Howlett)  
46 Hartford Street (Roman Martinez)  
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49 Hartford Street (Joshua Jenkins)  
52 Hartford Street (Lindsey Husband & Kirstie McCarter)  
56 Hartford Street (Liz & Ethan Diamond)  
57 Hartford Street (Rev. M.D. Lahey)  
60 Hartford Street (Rob Cox & Suzanne Cutts)  
61 Hartford Street (Paul Hastings & Steve DeJong)  
64 Hartford Street (Michael Spiegelman & Lilian Hu)  
70 Hartford Street (Liz Paley)  
73 Hartford Street (Sue Truth Irwin)  
75 Hartford Street (Robert C. Hood)  
74 Hartford Street (Andrew Witkowski & Lindsay DeVellis)  
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173 Hartford Street (Scott Harris)  
241 Hartford Street (Jan Hofwegen)  
262 Hartford Street (Rachael Tauber & Angela Solleder)  
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**From:** [Kyle Krainer](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Eli Cartier](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Enrique Atienza](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 9:14:54 AM

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**From:** [Zac Brown](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Jason Taylor](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Tom Vampola](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 9:00:11 AM

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**From:** [Teddy Toland](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 8:59:47 AM

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Thank you,  
Teddy Toland



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**From:** [Steve WANG](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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985 Church Street Apt 6  
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**From:** [Brian Cunningham](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [John Novotny](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 8:44:57 AM

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I have lived in SF for 18 and the Castro for 7 and I am writing to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

Please, please, our neighborhood is dying. Small businesses don't stand a chance here. APE will help bring new life to the Castro. My partner is a small business owner and I worry about the sustainability of the Castro if there isn't a influx of people visiting this once great neighborhood.

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John Novotny

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245 Collingwood Street,

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**From:** [Edwin Outwater](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 8:42:30 AM

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I am a gay resident of the Castro and Music Director of the San Francisco Conservatory, and have been active and prominent in the Arts in SF since 2001. I have presented groundbreaking queer work at the SF Symphony (their Holiday Gaiety program, co-created with Peaches Christ). I believe that APE will be a good steward of the theatre and provide the best plan going forward. I also believe that they will respect the heritage of the space, while also expanding it to a frankly more diverse and young audience.

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**From:** [Shrenik Shah](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Ashley Kofford](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Jeffrey Schulte](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [David Kerby](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 8:19:23 AM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

As a long-time homeowner living on Ford Street in the Castro Street neighborhood, I live about 5 blocks from the Castro Theater. As a concerned citizen of San Francisco and I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

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David Kerby  
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33 Ford Street  
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**From:** [Nate Hedges](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Brian Soucek](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** save the Theatre not the seats  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 7:59:09 AM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I am a San Francisco resident who lives in Cole Valley but comes over to the Castro nearly every day of the week. As I'm sure you know, the number of vacant storefronts there is scandalous, and it is endangering the neighborhood. If the Castro Theatre goes dark because the Board of Supervisors decides it can effectively decide how that space should be used, the neighborhood will have lost one of its most vibrant spaces, one of its biggest potential economic drivers, and one of its most distinctive icons.

As a professor of law and aesthetics at UC Davis, I can also say that no credible contemporary theory of historical preservation would support protection of fixed seats over the continued operation of this building as a successful multi-use arts and event space. Historical preservation laws are there to protect those parts of our lived environment that structure historically or culturally important communities and ways of life. The Castro Theatre undeniably plays such a structural role in the Castro. But it does so not because its seats are fixed or moveable. It does not even do so primarily by showing films, though it is wonderful that this would continue under APE's proposal. The Castro Theatre is a landmark because it puts queer art and community at the very center of the Castro. Any historic preservation decision you consider regarding the Theatre **MUST** be based on that. Please ask yourself: Does my decision make it more or less likely that the Castro Theatre will continue as a world-renowned beacon of queer art and community at the center of the Castro neighborhood. Nothing else matters in this debate.

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**From:** [Taylor Threatt](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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I would also like to remind you that the Castro Theatre is a private business that has been owned by the same family for well over a century. While the exterior of the building has achieved landmark status, with the support of the owners and everyone involved, I am EXTREMELY concerned by the precedent we are setting by forcing a private citizen and business owner to comply with minority rule INSIDE OF THEIR OWN PRIVATE PROPERTY. You are opening up serious avenues for abuse of this precedent in the future, and you will be responsible for the next batch of "activists" that use this same tactic against the LGBTQ community. The lack of foresight here has me incredibly concerned.

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**From:** [Ryan VanZuylen](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre. I visit the Castro neighborhood frequently and would love to see this cultural and business community thrive. I've seen film festivals, movies and speakers at Castro theater and support any measure that allows it to continue as a profitable landmark. APE's improvements would allow for more programming and would encourage more people to visit the area.

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**From:** [Lorenzo Perez](#)  
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**From:** [kieran.d.maher@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kieran.d.maher@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Kieran Maher](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** City Budget Public Comment: San Francisco Needs to Fund Solutions to End the Drug Crisis in This Year's Budget  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 7:42:00 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm a San Francisco resident who sees a failure by our elected officials to address the fentanyl-fueled drug epidemic that is devastating our city. The drug epidemic is linked to all of the problems San Francisco faces, including homelessness, mental health, public safety, and economic vitality. You must make ending open-air drug markets and funding more city-sponsored recovery programs the main priority of this year's budget cycle.

We thank Mayor London Breed, Governor Gavin Newsom, District Attorney Brooke Jenkins and Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi for working together on State and Federal law enforcement coordination; and appreciate those members of the Board of Supervisors who have been vocally supportive of these efforts. We ask for continued cooperation and coordination with state and federal agencies to permanently eradicate open-air drug markets.

In order to ensure sustained action, I'm demanding that you include the following in the next budget:

**Law Enforcement:** The District Attorney and the Police Department must work together to arrest and prosecute drug dealers in San Francisco, as well as coordinate with state and federal law enforcement to address cartels bringing drugs to the city. The city can ensure this happens by including the following in the next budget:

- Funding to eventually meet the recommended number of 2,182 sworn officers
- Enough academy classes to meet that goal with new officers
- Enough police staffing aides to allow officers to answer high-priority calls
- Enough additional officers this coming year to make Operation Disruption permanent in high drug trafficking areas, including the Tenderloin, Southern, and Mission Stations
- Investment in personnel training and narcotics equipment to effectively close the open air drug markets
- Funding for a nationwide recruitment search with a focus on lateral hires to expedite hiring

**City-Sponsored Recovery Programs:** Recovery has to be the goal. City departments need to work cross-functionally to make this happen in order to give users the chance to live healthy lives and shrink demand for drugs on the street. This means funding true treatment on demand in the next budget, which includes:

- Creating 24/7 pickup vans for people seeking to enter drug treatment programs, and 24/7 intake centers where they can go for initial screening
- Stabilization centers with a minimum stay time and on-site medical staff, where people can stay temporarily before entering longer-term drug treatment programs
- Improving access to recovery beds to meet the city's obligation to provide drug treatment on demand:
  - Increase the number of residential drug treatment beds
  - Increase the number of step-down beds, a vital component of the services spectrum where people re-learn skills for independent living before entering permanent housing
- Offer recovery options that are completely drug-free
- Offer more secure mental health beds so people who need care aren't forced to stay in jail or return to the streets
- Make employment as a member of program staff more sustainable and rewarding:
  - Increase staffing capacity through reassignments to match program expansion
  - Additional funding to address the staffing shortage of licensed staff/behavioral nurses
  - Address the pay gap between nonprofit and city licensed behavioral staff

I know that completely eradicating drug use is unrealistic. What I'm demanding is a visible reduction in the open-air drug sales and drug use that is eroding our city. San Francisco should be a place where those who are not involved in drug sales and drug use are not negatively impacted by drug sales and drug use.

Sincerely,  
Kieran Maher  
San Francisco, CA 94123

**From:** [Bryce Romney](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment PLEASE!  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 7:38:58 AM

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I would personally love to see the Castro thrive and continue to be both a historical landmark AND a venue that can accommodate a large variety of vibrant art.

Thank you!

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**From:** [Robert Marsee](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Jeffrey Whitten](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Jack Bussell](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Adam Chasin](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

As a long time San Francisco resident and a recent Castro home owner I beg you to support the APE plan to restore the Castro theatre. The Castro is struggling and a renewed castro theatre with a variety of programming can bring much needed life, energy, and business into the Castro and save a failing neighborhood and city.

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**From:** [Blake Weber](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Luigi Aldon](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Mark Russell](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Graham Veth](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Lawrence Connelly](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 6:21:08 AM

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**From:** [Michael Cole](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Joel Garcia](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Cadre Mandy](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Reed Jones](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Brendan Gibney](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Austin Holtzclaw](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Edward Fernandez](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Thomas James](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Edwin Brower](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:58:37 PM

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**From:** [Drew Webb](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Colin Mason](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Luke Vernam](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Don't let the Castro Theatre close: Please support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:26:43 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my sincere concerns about the future of the Castro Theatre and the exclusionary efforts underway by the Land Use and Transportation Committee. This is not a form letter, but rather my heartfelt opinion on this important matter. So I hope you read it.

As a resident of San Francisco and the Castro neighborhood, I am deeply disappointed that my future to enjoy the Castro Theatre could be ripped away from me due the Land Use and Transportation Committee's amendment to the landmark designation to preserve the "raked floor and fixed seating in a 'movie palace' style". If this amendment passes, it would make the Castro Theatre an untenable business and result in its eventual closure.

Opponents to the restoration, in order to persevere 20 year old weathered, uncomfortable seats argue that the theater would not close and that other investors or institutions could simply buy this private business. This is a fairytale. We have seen too many examples of movie palaces and theaters being turned into gyms, bars, arcades, or left vacant for decades. These historic buildings become shells of their former, glorious selves — but nothing more. They're ornate architecture and cultural significance to slowly strip away only remembered by fading memories and photographs. We cannot let the same fate befall the Castro Theatre.

This outcome would be devastating for the community, as the the Castro Theatre is not only a cherished cultural institution but COULD be a vital economic engine for the neighborhood. The loss of this landmark would be a significant blow to the cultural fabric of San Francisco, the Castro, and those who wish to revive the Castro economy. We cannot let the short-sighted preservation of an outdated business model threaten the future of this treasured neighborhood landmark.

This exclusionary effort to allow one small, but loud, group of people to enjoy the theatre before its almost certain demise seems selfish and should not be the future of the Castro Theatre — especially when there is a plan supported by Another Planet Entertainment (APE) to ensures that EVERYONE, including opponents of the renovation, can enjoy the theatre FOR DECADES.

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I implore you to take a long-term perspective and vote in support of the APE restoration plan. The Castro Theatre is too important to be lost to history.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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**From:** [Nicholas Yoswa](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Evan Anderson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support the Renovation of the Castro Theatre (APE)  
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I moved to San Francisco 6 years ago from Washington DC. Since then, I've grown to love this city, in all of its quirks, and I truly can't imagine a better city in the USA. From the beautiful Victorians, to the green city parks, from the Marin Headlands, the stunning waterfronts and ferry, and more... SF is truly a world class city that I'm proud to call home.

For all of its character and beauty, SF has plenty of issues (as all residents know). I think we often find ourselves stuck doing nothing, because we are afraid of breaking tradition or changing the past.

I lived in the Castro, directly on Castro St (700 Castro St), for three years. As a gay man, it was beyond comforting to live in such an openly queer neighborhood. I loved coming home from work each day and seeing the sign from the Castro Theatre glow over the street, the bustling shoppers at Cliff's, and the lively denizens at Twin Peaks.

The world moves quickly, though, and SF - in some ways - seems frozen. I've watched store after store close without new ones opening in their place. In real time, we are seeing city landmarks close because they don't have the business to maintain their existence.

I'm worried that if we do nothing, this will happen to the Castro Theatre. It is time to let the Castro Theatre evolve with the world, and I think Another Planet Entertainment is trying to help that through their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

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**From:** [Mary Innes](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Mayor Breed and Supervisors: You must take immediate action to end the destruction of San Francisco's retail and business centers!  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:03:33 PM

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## Message to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors

From your constituent      Mary Innes  
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I live in District              District 1

### **Mayor Breed and Supervisors: You must take immediate action to end the destruction of San Francisco's retail and business centers!**

Message:

Dear Mayor Breed and Supervisors,

We are calling on you TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION to end the destruction of our retail and business centers.

Nordstrom is closing two stores in downtown San Francisco. Union Square is dying. Which major retailer will be next: Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Saks 5th Ave, Neiman Marcus? Our iconic cable cars will soon be transporting tourists to a vacant, blighted downtown. And then those visitors will stop coming. Our city is in a precarious downward spiral, and you must act now to stop it.

You, our city leaders, were on notice and did nothing:

"[Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield] has actively engaged with city leaders for many years to express our serious concerns, which are shared by our customers and retailers. We have urged the city to find solutions to the key issues and lack of enforcement against rampant criminal activity,"

As San Franciscans who care deeply about our city,

we are providing you with a short list of concrete actions which we believe will not only help deter additional retailers from leaving our city, but will improve the overall quality of life of all SF residents. This list is just a beginning:

1. Even under Prop 47 and Martin v. Boise, it is illegal to shoplift, sell drugs, possess drugs, and otherwise engage in disorderly behavior in public. Mayor Breed, you have the power right now to instruct the Police Department to deploy 100 officers to the Tenderloin and arrest every single person publicly consuming narcotics or possessing a sufficient amount of narcotics to qualify for a sale charge. Do this every day for a month. Again, even with Prop. 47, these are both still crimes that are punishable by up to six months to a year in county jail -- and sometimes more. Even if a judge releases the offender immediately, if you were to commit to doing this every day for a month, the real penalty would be that anyone selling or using drugs in public would get about two hours of freedom per day until they were arrested again. The message would eventually go out that San Francisco is no longer a destination for drug tourism but a place where laws are enforced, and illegal drugs and cash are almost immediately confiscated. Downtown would clear up pretty quickly. (Note: We are not calling for a "war on drugs" but rather a zero-tolerance policy until the city stabilizes. Once it stabilizes, we advocate continuing to arrest dealers).

2. Until they can be removed by ballot initiative or term-ends, we call on the Board of Supervisors to publicly pressure the anti-police Police Commissioners to revise their bias against law-and-order and better understand the realities of police work and the real-world implications of the policy decisions they make. The rules and strictures they have imposed on police operations over the last few years are in large part responsible for this mess. This crisis has authors. Remove them and replace them with commissioners who will help our severely understaffed department become more effective, not drown our officers in paperwork or instruct them to stop enforcing the law.

3. The city's tax base is disappearing. We demand that you slash \$2 billion from the budget immediately. This can be achieved by reducing staff across the board, ending perks, waste, and redundancies, terminating relationships with corrupt non-profits (how much was paid last year to ineffective or non-existent non-profits?), and suspending all raises until you pull the city from the

shambles it is in.

(Note: the budget for Police and Fire Departments should be maintained or increased, as they are critical to fixing our problems.)

4. Immediately reinstate the Homeward Bound bus ticket program.

5. Terminate the head of HSH and hire a shelter-first advocate who will strive to dramatically reduce the number of people living on the streets rather than maintain the status quo.

6. Immediately exempt fentanyl dealers from Sanctuary protection.

No more excuses. This complete dereliction of duty must end today.

For those of you who lack sympathy for large, chain businesses, remember two things: They don't need San Francisco as much as San Francisco needs them, and as anchor tenants to malls and downtown centers, they are the power behind which all of the other area retailers draft. That means jobs, enhanced safety, increased street activity, and tax revenue.

We are regular San Franciscans who are demanding a functional city government. We successfully recalled a dangerous DA and an incompetent Board of Education. Your failure to govern is both outrageous and unacceptable. Your constituents will hold you accountable.

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**From:** [Maximilian Elder](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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I've lived in and around the Castro for seven years, spending an immense amount of time on the block of the Castro theatre. I can't wait for a future where I spend more time in the neighborhood \*because\* of the Theatre. This is the opportunity for the Theatre to be a beacon of a brighter neighborhood.

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**From:** [Matthew Garza](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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I'm a young gay resident of San Francisco, I've lived here for three years and i love this city with my entire heart. It's the first place that truly felt like home and the castro neighborhood is my community and where my heart is. I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

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**From:** [Ali Young](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Tom Allegretti](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Jeremy Long](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Ryan Oconnor](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Brian Radzinsky](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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Opponents of the renovation plan would like it to be thought that they speak for all Castro Merchants, film-lovers, members of the LGBTQ community, or neighborhood residents. They do not speak for me. I believe the Castro Theater too can be a place for the community across the city and the peninsula to gather and recreate.

I have faith that Another Planet Entertainment will be excellent stewards of not only the Castro Theatre, but also the rich history it represents to cinephiles, the LGBTQ Community, and the neighborhood.

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**From:** [Richard Maestas](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:00:49 PM

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On a personal note, I have sadly watched the deterioration of my beautiful Castro neighborhood in recent years, with some of my favorite businesses, restaurants, and bars closing down. Make the Castro Theater more visible, increase foot traffic, and help drive revenue and job opportunities to our LGBTQ neighborhood

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Look ahead, with respect for our past.

Richard Maestas

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**From:** [Grant Miller](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 7:48:01 PM

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I've lived in San Francisco for seven years and first visited as I was coming out at 22. The city filled me with hope and the promise of a positive future. We need that hope now, more than ever, and I believe this action will be a right one as we seek to build our future instead of looking back into the past.

As Supervisor Milk once said, "You've got to give them hope." Everyone I know and love in this neighborhood wants to see us thrive. My friends and acquaintances all want the chance to make new stories and carve a new path for our beleaguered streets. As the Board of Supervisors today - vote for our future and defend our efforts to create an adapting, vibrant tomorrow.

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**From:** [Jordan Goldschmidt](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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, California



**From:** [Ilyes Loutfi](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Jeremy Rosenberg](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Ian Hunter](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 7:19:20 PM

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**From:** [Chris Allmann](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 7:14:44 PM

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**From:** [Benjamin Hastings](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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As a young resident of San Francisco who lives on 17th just a few blocks from the Castro theater, I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

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**From:** [Joe Levenson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Scot Conner](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Issac Ramirez](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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Issac Ramirez  
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**From:** [Matthew Ent](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Alexander Facque](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Dimitri Legg](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Braeden Mansouri](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 6:39:52 PM

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**From:** [Ignacio Lopez](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Franklin Brown](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Timothy Tieu](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 5:38:26 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

Reminder: The seats will need to be replaced eventually-- they are from 2005 and there is nothing historic about them.

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**From:** [Rob Harrington](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 5:28:37 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

As a concerned queer citizen of San Francisco and resident of the Castro for nearly 10 years living one block away from the Castro Theatre, I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

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The plain and obvious result of an internal landmark designation will be for the theater to sit empty and unused. We have too many empty spaces already in the Castro! I am deeply concerned about the way businesses are being over regulated in the neighbourhood.

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**From:** [Michael Marchese](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 5:03:58 PM

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I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

As a former citizen of San Francisco who returns frequently for work and play, I have watched the Castro neighborhood deteriorate over the past decade, to my sadness and disappointment. The Castro needs more and better businesses, more foot traffic, and more cultural institutions, otherwise it will die. It is already dying.

The proposed restoration project on the Castro Theatre, which would ensure the future of the building as a live events and film space, would help bring the neighborhood back to life.

But it is imperiled by the Land Use and Transportation Committee's amendment to the landmark designation for the theater. This amendment, requiring the Castro Theatre to preserve the "raked floor and fixed seating in a 'movie palace' style", will tether this private business to an outdated and unviable business model.

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by the Historic Preservation Commission.

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**From:** [Cameron Stalcup](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 5:02:04 PM

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I have called the Castro my home for 9 years. We need fresh ideas to restore the energy of our historic neighborhood. To dwell on the past and refuse innovation is the surest path to decline.

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**From:** [Richard Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 4:38:48 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I've lived about 5 blocks away from the Castro theater since 1997. I walk past the theater daily and attend shows there occasionally. I write to you today to express my strong support for the proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

The folks that activate the theater have overwhelmingly supported the plan for mixed use and removing the fixed seating. The legacy the theater represents now and in the future for the LGBTQ Community, and the neighborhood is best served by making this space available for a wider variety of events.

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**From:** [Suzanne Cutts](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 4:34:30 PM

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San Francisco, California 94114

**From:** [Robert Bonner](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 4:20:12 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

Please allow for flexibility in the Castro. The Castro neighborhood has been declining for years. Having more flexibility with the theater will allow for more foot traffic and give the Castro the revival it so desperately needs. Please don't force this theater to keep fixed seats. It makes zero sense.

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**From:** [Beau-Robert Metcalfe](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Brian Dargiewicz](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Devin Fay](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 3:33:01 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I have lived a block away from the theater on Castro street for years now and have watched as businesses leave and the area declines. The proposed renovations to the Castro theater would help restore a landmark, but in renovating with expanded purpose would allow it to build upon its past and bring about an exciting new future. The events that the well thought out proposal would bring in would help revitalize the area and bring the Castro back to all of its glory.

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**From:** [Ivan Broadbent](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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San Francisco, California 94110





**From:** [Thomas Fisher](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Restorethecastrotheatre@gmail.com](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theater. Dump the seats!  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 3:07:55 PM

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Board of Supervisors,

I realize that you all are going to get multiple versions of this letter, but I want to say something in support of that and in my own voice. I live in the Bayview (@shamann), and have been watching the struggles of the city take unexpected twists and turns during the pandemic. I adore this city and am sick of the nay sayers that prematurely call it irrelevant, dated or out of touch. I think what we have in front of us is a series of decisions that can bring prosperity if we make some MAJOR changes to the way this city lives and breathes. From the vacancy rates of commercial space to the unhoused issues to the outflow of residents and their corresponding wealth, there's going to be some hard decisions we are going to have to make to get our city back on track. The issue of the Castro Theater should be an easy one and, frankly, a no brainer. If the proposal were to strip the facility of all of its character and distinction, I'd object. This proposal, however, is a simple modernization replacing uncomfortable seats from the George W Bush era with a scenario that would enable the exact purpose it currently enjoys along with so much more. I ask that you not condemn this beloved institution to the history books by signing its death warrant. Allow the city and this institution to change. We risk being left in the dust if not.

Best,

Tom Fisher

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**From:** [Thomas Tarn](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Am a Castro Resident and I Support the HPC Recommendation & APE's Castro Theater Proposal.  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 3:07:00 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I am a long time, gay resident of the Castro neighborhood, and I strongly support APE's proposed restoration of the Castro Theater.

This renovation work is absolutely vital to continued existing of the building as a live events and film space. I should know this, because I am a Project Manager at a local San Francisco architecture firm, and I work mostly in the rehabilitation of existing buildings. I know a thing or two about the enormous investment it takes to bring a building to acceptable standards of accessibility, ventilation, lighting, and safety. The Land Use and Transportation Committee's amendment to the landmark designation for the theater imperils all of this critical work. This amendment, requiring the Castro Theatre to preserve the "raked floor and fixed seating in a 'movie palace' style", will tether this private business to an outdated and unviable business model. That cannot happen, because the theater will not survive on the pitifully small income stream provided by exclusively repertory cinema screenings, let alone executing the vitally-needed upgrades I mentioned above.

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**From:** [Andy Collier](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 3:03:30 PM

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**From:** [James M Perfetti](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Wade Lairsen](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 2:54:20 PM

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**From:** [Kevin Hopper](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [tim doherty](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 2:27:11 PM

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**From:** [Hassan Khider](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:29:04 PM

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**From:** [Kyle Brazil](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 12:07:04 PM

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**From:** [Mike Rocco](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 12:02:18 PM

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**From:** [Martin Garcia](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 11:50:51 AM

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**From:** [Griffin Longstreth](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Bruce Seidel](#)  
**To:** [Leslie T](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Restorethecastrotheatre@gmail.com](#); [Dan Serot](#); [Mary Conde](#); [Rae Livingston](#); [skaggs@page-turnbull.com](#); [Andrew Junius](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Homeowners / Neighbors support for APE & the Castro Theater  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 1:31:18 PM

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Hello Board of Supervisors,

I live at 147 Hartford St and I am a strong supporter of the APE proposal. I have not attended screenings at the Castro Theater for quite some time, but do very much look forward to the broader range of offerings that APE will bring to our neighborhood.

Thank you for supporting APE's proposals.

Bruce Seidel

On May 11, 2023, at 12:40 PM, Leslie T <leslie.w.tse@gmail.com> wrote:

To the SF Board of Supervisors,

We're writing as the Hartford Street **homeowners living directly behind the Castro Theater**, offering our **full support of APE's plans to restore the venue and revive the neighborhood.**

Many of us share lot lines with the Theater, and many more of us have lived on Hartford for decades. As neighbors, we've banded together and put tens of thousands of our own dollars into revitalizing the block over the years. We want the Castro District and its LGBTQ+ spirit to thrive, and the Theater's success is central to that.

Our reasons are as follows –

1. **Much-needed maintenance:** We see the Theater's issues first hand, and live with them on a daily basis. From our literal backyards, we've

coordinated access with the Theater's owners to repair leaks in their roof. As Castro Street regulars and Theater-goers ourselves, we know from lived experience that the neon sign, delicate interior and major systems are in dire need of attention. APE's renovation plans will undoubtedly return the Theater to its former beauty, with modern functionality.

2.

**Inclusive programming:** We're excited to see a vibrant entertainment scene here. Improving the Theater's versatility addresses the reality that film alone will never support its operating costs. Not only that, but APE will offer visitors and performers (including those who are mobility-impaired) a new way to contribute to and engage with the neighborhood. With APE, the Theater will become a destination for even more people to celebrate queer community in a greater variety of formats.

3.

**Traditional importance:** The Castro Theater is a signal of societal progress. It's a destination where people can learn about and become more accepting towards humanity's differences. And by building a more accessible space that welcomes a diversity of art forms, APE will perpetuate what originally made our neighborhood magical. Without APE, the Theater will go dark, and instead serve as a signal of close-mindedness, and ultimately be a heartbreaking reminder of what our community used to be.

The Castro has enough vacancies. We can't afford a huge one like the Theater, which actually has the potential to keep our other beloved local businesses afloat. It's clear APE's investment will evolve the Theater so that it can serve as both a movie palace and multi-purpose entertainment space for 100 more years.

**We firmly believe that APE's investment will catapult the Castro Theater and District to a vibrant and sustainable future, and urge you to support APE's plans for restoration.**

Signed,

24 Hartford Street (Chris Cheng)

25 Hartford Street (Leslie Tse & Mang-Git Ng)

27 Hartford Street (Rachel Dean & Daniel Karvasales)

28 Hartford Street (Wil Shipley)

29 Hartford Street (Rishi Gupta)

31 Hartford Street (Andrea Cross)

32 Hartford Street (Laura Rubin & Martin Strauss)  
33 Hartford Street (Julian & Salvo Spina)  
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**To:** [Leslie T](#)  
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Andrea Cross  
31 Hartford Street

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Thanks Leslie,

A city, a community, must adapt to change. As a member of the EVNA Board for 12 years I was constantly faced with people who wanted “nothing to change”. If nothing changes then things stagnate and inevitably decline.

APE’s proposal is a promise to revitalize the jewel of the Castro and in turn keep the Castro viable.

Let’s hope the Supervisors do the right thing for the Castro, for the City of San Francisco.

Rob

60 Hartford

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Deborah Bardwick

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Just responding to confirm our support. Martin and I are at 32 Hartford, and our back property line is the southeast corner of the Castro Theater building.

We've got ringside seats to see parts of it crumbling - you should have \*seen\* the water coming off nearly horizontally during the atmospheric rivers this winter. We're also extremely aware, being in the process of it ourselves, of the extreme costs associated with preserving and restoring historic buildings. That money doesn't just magically appear. (Alas.)

We miss the sound of organ music and happy crowds from inside, but in a post-pandemic world (and if they have contractor bills even remotely like ours), there's no way film programming could keep up with maintenance costs, much less the costs to modernize mechanical and health and safety systems. I would rather have the venue preserved and repurposed than see it fall into ruin and become a parking lot, or private space like offices or a church.

I invite any interested parties to come visit and see what we see!

Thanks,  
-Laura

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3. **Traditional importance:** The Castro Theater is a signal of societal progress. It's a destination where people can learn about and become more accepting towards humanity's differences. And by building a more accessible space that welcomes a diversity of art forms, APE will perpetuate what made originally made our neighborhood magical. Without APE, the Theater will go dark, and instead serve as a signal of close-mindedness, and ultimately be a heartbreaking reminder of what our community used to be.

The Castro has enough vacancies. We can't afford a huge one like the Theater, which actually has the potential to keep our other beloved local businesses afloat. It's clear APE's investment will evolve the Theater so that it can serve as both a movie palace and multi-purpose entertainment space for 100 more years.

**We firmly believe that APE's investment will catapult the Castro Theater and District to a vibrant and sustainable future, and urge you to support APE's plans for restoration.**

Signed,

24 Hartford Street (Chris Cheng)

25 Hartford Street (Leslie Tse & Mang-Git Ng)

27 Hartford Street (Rachel Dean & Daniel Karvasales)

28 Hartford Street (Wil Shipley)  
29 Hartford Street (Rishi Gupta)  
31 Hartford Street (Andrea Cross)  
32 Hartford Street (Laura Rubin & Martin Strauss)  
33 Hartford Street (Julian & Salvo Spina)  
35 Hartford Street (Deborah Bardwick)  
36 Hartford Street (Matthew Parn)  
40 Hartford Street (Jean-Pierre Ciudad)  
42 Hartford Street (Ashianna Esmail)  
44 Hartford Street (Scott Howlett)  
46 Hartford Street (Roman Martinez)  
45 Hartford Street (Jennifer Overholt & Greg Yachuk)  
48 Hartford Street (Rob Markey & Ami Maki)  
49 Hartford Street (Joshua Jenkins)  
52 Hartford Street (Lindsey Husband & Kirstie McCarter)  
56 Hartford Street (Liz & Ethan Diamond)  
57 Hartford Street (Rev. M.D. Lahey)  
60 Hartford Street (Rob Cox & Suzanne Cutts)  
61 Hartford Street (Paul Hastings & Steve DeJong)  
64 Hartford Street (Michael Spiegelman & Lilian Hu)  
70 Hartford Street (Liz Paley)  
73 Hartford Street (Sue Truth Irwin)  
75 Hartford Street (Robert C. Hood)  
74 Hartford Street (Andrew Witkowski & Lindsay DeVellis)  
147 Hartford Street (Bruce Seidel)  
173 Hartford Street (Scott Harris)  
241 Hartford Street (Jan Hofwegen)  
262 Hartford Street (Rachael Tauber & Angela Solleder)  
4054 18th Street / Hartford @ 18th (Robin Yorkey)  
3954 17th Street / Hartford @ 17th (Diane Loviglio)

**From:** [Chuck Wiebe](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 10:25:03 PM

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**From:** [Andrew Gibbons](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

Hello, I'm a 15 year Castro resident and I've been to one movie at the Castro theater since I've moved here. I'd rather watch movies at home on my big screen TV and surround sound, not in a dated theater with uncomfortable seating. Please don't intervene and restrict the Castro Theater to just movies, I'd love to attend much more of the entertainment possibilities APE's renovation plans could accommodate.

On to the form letter, which I wholeheartedly agree with!

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**From:** [Alex Clavelle](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Emily Kantoff](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Roy Hunt](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Jacob Kreimer](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Marc Duncan](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Leif Allmeroth](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Matt Slusarenko](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Juni Tapia](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Fernando Pantoja](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Kristy Akullian](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Kacton DeVoti](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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Personal Statement:

I am deeply in love with the Castro district in San Francisco, and am proud to call it my home. It's a place that has captured my heart and soul, filled with vibrant energy, rich history, and a

sense of belonging that is truly unparalleled. From the colorful Rainbow Flag waving proudly to the welcoming atmosphere on every street, the Castro is a community like no other.

One of the treasures that make the Castro so special is the iconic Castro Theater. It stands as a symbol of artistic expression. The theater's majestic presence has been an integral part of this neighborhood's identity for decades, and its potential restoration by APE represents a beacon of hope for its future.

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Halting the renovation plans would only lead to the slow deterioration of both the theater and the Castro district itself. We cannot let this gem of a neighborhood crumble like many parts of our beloved city. It's crucial to recognize the significance of preserving our historical landmarks, while still allowing enhancements to allow them to thrive, and continue to shape the fabric of our community.

So let us stand together, united in our love for the Castro, and rally behind APE's efforts to restore the Castro Theater. Let us ensure that future generations can experience the magic of this remarkable place, where diversity, acceptance, and artistry intertwine to create something truly extraordinary. The Castro is not just my home; it's a sanctuary that deserves to be cherished and preserved for all who come to embrace its beauty.

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**From:** [John Marzabadi](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 4:22:59 PM

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**From:** [Peter Williams](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Chris Yaros](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 4:15:50 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

As a concerned citizen of San Francisco, and a long time resident of the Castro District (I live on 20th and Castro Street, 2.5 blocks from the theater), I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

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**From:** [Leslie Tse](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 4:13:34 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

My family owns the house behind the Castro Theater, and I'm writing to you with my full support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and the restoration of the Castro Theatre.

APE's plan will ensure the future of the building as a live events and film space, but it's being challenged by the Land Use and Transportation Committee's amendment to the landmark designation for the theater. This amendment, requiring the Castro Theatre to preserve the "raked floor and fixed seating in a 'movie palace' style", will shackle this venue to an outdated and decaying business model.

Opponents of the renovation plan have falsely led the public to believe APE will demolish the theater, but most if they haven't spoken with APE like me and my neighbors have. A majority of them don't even live in the Castro like we do.

The renovation plan has strong support among Castro Merchants, film festivals, members of the LGBTQ community, and neighborhood residents like myself. We are thrilled that APE is stepping in to preserve this neighborhood landmark

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**From:** [Dan Cousins](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 4:08:01 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I'm so glad a new group has come forward to represent me and the majority of neighbors who very much want to see a vital Castro Theater! As a Castro home owner, I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

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**From:** [newforest@comcast.net](mailto:newforest@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Save the seats at the Castro Theatre  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 3:49:19 PM

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**SUBJECT:** Save the Castro Theatre

Dear Francisco Board of Supervisors,

We must wake up and save the Castro theatre from corporate greed!

We need to put our communities first!

If San Francisco is to rise again we must safeguard the rich diversity of our institutions and stop the strip mining of San Francisco's unique culture.

I am a San Francisco native and resident of the Castro, District 8, and one of the many supporters of preserving the Castro Theatre, which includes hundreds who have attended meetings and given their testimony at City Hall, and over 11,000 petition signers to Save the Castro.

I am writing to the Land Use and Transportation Committee to express my support for the Draft Landmark Designation Ordinance for the Castro Theatre, with a request to update a specific phrase that will ensure the text of the ordinance accurately reflects the findings in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, which the Historic Preservation Commission approved on February 1, 2023.

The Landmark Designation Fact Sheet outlines the importance of the movie palace-style seating as a defining characteristic of the space as a historic cinema. Additionally, it demonstrates the significance of the orchestra configuration and the movie-palace seating for film heritage and LGBTQ intangible cultural heritage. With that in mind, I am requesting that the Committee clarify the language, updating "presence of seating" to the more accurate "fixed theatrical seating configured in movie-palace style."

With this change, the Committee will further the protection of the Castro Theatre as both a historic movie palace and a site of international significance for LGBTQ cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

Matthew Timmins

SF CA 94114



**From:** [Phillip Ozaki](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 3:32:36 PM

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**From:** [Steven Phan](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 3:06:56 PM

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San Francisco, California 94105



**From:** [Kyle Straub](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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San Francisco - Castro, California 94102



**From:** [ken.burke@hey.com](mailto:ken.burke@hey.com)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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236 Hartford Street,  
San Francisco, California 94114





**From:** [Ryan Heise](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Colm O'Brien](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Thomas Varner](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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Thomas Varner  
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300 CHANNEL ST #2  
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**From:** [Christopher Ruiz](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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776 14th St  
San Francisco, California 94114





**From:** [Philip Halperin](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Adones Cunha](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Timothy Garibaldi](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Anthony Colino](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Justin Robinson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Christopher Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 2:31:57 PM

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**From:** [John Paul Jewell](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Mario Ramirez](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Cole Keister](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Cody Smith](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Dylan Hartnett](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 2:08:19 PM

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**From:** [John Schlesinger](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File 230192 - Landmark Designation of the Interiors of the Castro Theater  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 1:59:03 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

As a result of the poorly crafted proposal for improvements by the Castro Theater's current management team, it is critical that you enact the proposed ordinance to further protect this important historic resource. Not only would the management team's current proposal to modify the interiors cause irreparable harm to the integrity of the existing interiors, it would likely cause more dangerous ingress and egress conditions to and from the auditorium.

It is particularly important to incorporate Section 4 (c)(2)(D), pertaining to the existing raked floor and presence of seating.

Sincerely,

John Schlesinger  
**ARCHITECT, Ret.**  
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**From:** [Steven Mansueto](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [José Estevez](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Alex Carlis](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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I visit the Castro almost every weekend with friends. I've lived here for 6 years. The Castro needs to evolve to keep up with the times. This is a key part of it. The people fighting against these changes want to ensure that the Castro continues to be a dying and decrepit neighborhood on the cusp of obscurity while they live out their remaining years. Enough is

enough.

Alex Carlis

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San Francisco , California 94107

**From:** [Mauricio martinez](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Tom Matchin](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Friday, May 12, 2023 1:39:55 PM

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**From:** [Dan Murphy](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 8:43:09 PM

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Darlinghurst, New South Wales 2010



**From:** [Cooper Taggard](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 6:42:27 PM

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**From:** [James Bair](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 6:01:11 PM

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The Castro needs this sensible and economically sound approach to bolstering social, cultural, and economic activity. Please vote for this.

James Bair

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San Francisco, California 94110

**From:** [Kyle Hunter](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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759 Castro St  
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**From:** [Drew Banks](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Allen Frost](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Aaron Cook](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 5:05:07 PM

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**From:** [Joe Latuga](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 4:08:31 PM

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**From:** [Ron Lai](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 3:47:49 PM

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**From:** [John Musech](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Trey Miller](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 3:33:47 PM

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**From:** [Dennis Chiu](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support Historic Preservation Recommendation with Seat Preservation  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 2:40:52 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I am a current resident of San Francisco, attorney, film lover, former healthcare district elected official, and former 13-year commissioner on the Santa Clara County Planning Commission, where I voted on land use issues for entertainment venues, including the Mountain Winery. I write to you today to express my support for the original “presence of seating” language proposed by the Historic Preservation Commission.

As you know, historic preservation laws, including Local Article 10 and the California and National Registers, generally protect the exterior of historic properties. The interior is generally not protected. Financial incentives have been created to protect the interiors because laws that mandate interior protection may be deemed an overreach of governmental authority.

The Board should use its leverage as approver of use and building permits to preserve as much of the specific design interiors as possible, like restoring the art deco ceiling and chandelier and preserving the interior murals.

Preserving a specific seating arrangement and floor plan is a bridge too far in historic preservation and land use law.

I enjoy seeing movies in the theater, but one-screen movie theaters have not been a viable business model since the opening of multiplexes in the 1980s. There simply isn't sufficient revenue from ticket and concession sales for one-screen theaters.

The reason I support allowing the theater owner to choose a seating arrangement is to support the most viable business plan to keep and restore the exterior and interior walls and ceiling of the Castro Theater. Any plan that is not financially viable will continue to endanger the exterior and interior walls in years to come.

I respectfully request your support for the original “presence of seating” language proposed by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Dennis Chiu  
dennis@dennischiu.org  
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San Francisco, California 94109





**From:** [Brad Stinson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 2:28:21 PM

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1185 Sanchez Way  
Redwood City , California 94061



**From:** [Yosef Yip](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Mani Belzer](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 1:43:03 PM

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**From:** [Thomas Li](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Terry Ng-Tang](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Kevin Ng-Tang](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Daniel Moy](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 1:31:09 PM

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**From:** [Barbara Bagot-López](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** SAVE THE CASTRO THEATRE & SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY PLAN  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 12:38:29 PM

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Supervisors,

Please support the true preservation of the Castro Theatre. Take a courageous stand--don't be chicken like the Landmarks Board! Don't buy into the misleading BS coming from APE and GrowSF!

Here's what is needed:

-- Approve the Draft Landmark Designation Ordinance for the Castro Theatre.

-- Clarify the language, updating "presence of seating" to the more accurate "fixed theatrical seating configured in movie-palace style." The Castro Theatre would not be the Castro Theatre if the floor is flattened and the seating configuration removed/replaced with cheesy removable seats.

--Support the Community Plan—the responsible, logical, immediately available, and superior alternative to continue the diverse programming centering film and LGBTQ+ focused events, drag, live music, comedy, performance, and family-friendly programs

Sincerely,

***BB***

Barbara Bagot-López



**From:** [Rob Markey](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Please Reject the Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 10:42:41 AM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of the Castro neighborhood and a direct abutter to the Castro Theater. I beg you to reject the fixed seating amendment. It will make the theater impossible for ANY developer, not just Another Planet. And this will deal a death blow to the theater and our neighborhood.

The proposed restoration work would ensure the future of the building as a live events and film space. If the Land Use and Transportation Committee's amendment to the landmark designation for the theater passes, requiring the Castro Theatre to preserve the "raked floor and fixed seating in a 'movie palace' style", it will make the space forever uneconomical to restore.

You (or other opponents) may feel there are good reasons not to trust that Another Planet will support all the needs of the community. But that is NOT a good reason to make this site so rigidly tied to a nostalgic but forever gone business model that no one can afford to restore it. My neighbors and I believe in APE. But even if you don't, ease don't allow our neighborhood to spiral further into decline as a result of a vocal minority's militant insistence on a return to a long-gone past.

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We need a vibrant, active Castro Theater. We also need to preserve the rich history it represents to cinephiles, the LGBTQ Community, and the neighborhood. The amendment would prevent that forever.

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rgmarkey@gmail.com  
48 Hartford St.  
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**From:** [Brendan McDonald](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 10:28:41 AM

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**From:** [Jenn Meyer](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 10:01:58 AM

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I have owned a business in the Castro for 10 years but it has been the place I go for celebrations, shopping, eating, drinking and seeing friends since arriving in SF 25 years ago. Please allow the Castro Theatre to pivot into something accessible and modern, while still maintaining its charm and history.

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4122 18th street  
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**From:** [Adam Shearer](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Restore the Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 9:53:00 AM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I'm a gay man and a 16-year resident of San Francisco, writing to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

Over the years, I've had amazing movie experiences at the Castro and it's been a true focal point for my involvement in the community. But the specific orientation of the Castro's seating has not been the reason for the theater's impact. Rather, it's been the energy of the community, the people who fill the space, and its place in the surrounding neighborhood. Requiring fixed seating threatens to sap the Castro's status as the relevant and historical meeting place of the neighborhood by locking it into an outdated business model. In addition, as many have pointed out, the current fixed-seating orientation is not ADA accessible and enshrining that past discriminatory design as historically significant is insulting and unacceptable.

As I enter my 40s, I'm increasingly concerned that the Castro is losing its vibrancy, both as a functional neighborhood--with various stores, restaurants, and amenities--and as a gay cultural destination. Younger generations need a reason to go to the Castro and connect with it as their own. APE's plans to renovate the Castro and enliven it with more than just movies presents the perfect opportunity to inject new life into the neighborhood for the next generation of gay San Franciscans. We should not sacrifice this bright future for the sake of nostalgia.

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Thank you,  
Adam Shearer

Adam Shearer  
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**From:** [Avanti Mankar](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [David Guzman](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Harshal Sanghavi](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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San Francisco, California 94115



**From:** [Meredith Lloyd](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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needs those random seats and can't adjust to help our neighborhood thrive. Thanks!

Merredith Lloyd  
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San Francisco, California 94114



**From:** [Russell Davis](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Bryan Hale](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 7:36:35 AM

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**From:** [Joseph Covino Jr](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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PS

SAVE THE CASTRO...not for the "LGBTQ" groupies...but FROM the "LGBTQ" groupies...around which neither the sun, nor the universe, revolves, despite all their self-deluded presumptions to the contrary.

Stop deliberately impeding the Castro Theatre's actual owners, the Nasser family, from disposing of or otherwise running their own property as they deem fit with any of your hyper-pretentious, phony-baloney "progressive" policies as artificially contrived pretexts!

If these misguided and inept "LGBTQ" groupies honestly think that they're oh-SO-self-superior that they know best how to steward this theatre, which the Nasser family has already duly preserved and perpetuated for over a hundred years, then somebody so sorely needs to tell them to invest their own ineptitude(and funds)into their own private property, construct their own supposed "cultural" space, and then operate that as they please, instead of dumbly trying to dictate to others how to properly operate their own private property.

And furthermore, any of these "LGBTQ" groupies who keep harping upon the physical theatre cinema space as a spiritual "cathedral," or "church," which it's not and was never, ever intended to be, likewise so sorely need to simply--in that oft-spouted Cali-phrase--GET A LIFE!

And finally, stop being so supremely HYPER-PRETENTIOUS AND HYPOCRITICAL: countless forlorn and miserable homeless human souls are dying daily of exposure and fentanyl in the grimy gutters of your smutty streets and instead of expressing how oh-SO-caring-and-concerned you about them, as you step right OVER them on your way into the cinema, you're obsessing over some inanimate objects like seats! Have you any notion at all how outrageously RIDICULOUS that is?! Save the seats?! Save the city from impending dystopian disaster! Hasn't the flight of both residents and businesses from your dys-functional city convinced you clue-LESS, deep in-DENIAL people of the utter break-down and FAILURE of your supposedly "progressive" never-never land Nirvana?! One small step for Man. One giant LEAP of hyper-PRETENSION for Mankind. WAKE UP!! It will serve you fools right if the Nassers shut down this theatre PERMANENTLY should you stupidly keep on meddling unduly with their disposal of THEIR property.

SUBMITTED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD for the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and the Planning Commission (PC) hearing scheduled for Thursday, 18 May 2023.

JOSEPH COVINO JR

Long-time Castro theatre attendee since 1986

And last summer, for the 100th Castro anniversary, I elatedly and with great gratitude attended the screening of FIVE(5)of the wonderful films shown!

Amazon.com: Joseph Covino Jr: books, biography, latest update

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**From:** [Gary Jones](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** NO Castro Theater floor modification  
**Date:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 1:21:50 AM

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All,

On May 6, I attended a Crowded House concert at the Fox Theater in Oakland which has a flat middle - rear orchestra floor plan similar to what I believe has been suggested for the Castro Theater. When I bought the tickets a couple of months ago I thought we had some pretty good seats.

There were 4 rows of nicely padded and comfortable chairs but because they were all on the same level floor we spent the entire evening straining and craning our necks to see around the heads of the people in the rows in front of us. We could only occasionally view the entire band on stage.

Please do NOT use this kind of floor plan in the Castro Theater as it ruins the experience of seeing a concert, and I, for one, would not purchase tickets or attend a concert there if that type of floor plan is adopted.

Thanks very much.  
- Gary L Jones



**From:** [Grady Williams](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 8:03:28 PM

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**From:** [Morgan Thorne](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Erol Ahmed](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Save the Castro! Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 7:43:43 PM

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**From:** [Chris Bardales](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Katie Mellor](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Erin Olivieri](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Adi Wakankar](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Joe Levenson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** The livelihood of the Castro depends on your vote  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 7:10:43 PM

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**\*\*And Dean Preston, a special callout for you:**

If you do choose to support the Land Use and Transportation Committee's amendment, I will be HIGHLY motivated to make sure you are NOT re-elected and will do everything in my power to make sure that's the case. I rally all my LGBTQ+ peers to vote against your re-election bid. It will be quite easy to brand you as THE supervisor who stood in the way of the survival and livelihood of the Castro. Your job is to represent the needs of your constituents, and if you fail to do so, there will be consequences. Choose wisely.

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**From:** [Frank Binetti](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Scott Willoughby](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: please support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Nick McKeon](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Steve Martel](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 6:55:12 PM

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I've lived within 4 blocks of the Castro Theater since 1994. I heard about the Castro Theater during my senior year in college in North Carolina - at a coming out support group. The Castro Theater represents so much more than a theater - it is a beacon of hope, it is a symbol, it is a manifestation of dreams, and it is currently in disrepair. As a concerned citizen of San Francisco, I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

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**From:** [Jason Canada](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Ethan Diamond](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [restorethecastrotheatre@gmail.com](mailto:restorethecastrotheatre@gmail.com); [Leslie T](#)  
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**Subject:** a couple things to please consider regarding the landmarking of the Castro's fixed seats  
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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Ethan Diamond, I'm writing today in support of Another Planet's plans to restore the Castro theater and help revitalize our declining neighborhood. I live with my family on Hartford street, just behind the theater. Over the years we've been to probably about 100 shows at the Castro, we absolutely love it, and are eager to see it fully reopen. But it is clear to us that that is unlikely to happen if fixed movie seating is included in the theater's landmark status.

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Thank you,  
Ethan

**From:** [Douglas Robson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Barbara Campbell](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Fred Winograd](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I am a Castro Theatre & APE Supporter  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 6:22:34 PM

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**From:** [Jinsoo Joo](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** a couple things to please consider regarding the landmarking of the Castro's fixed seats  
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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Ethan Diamond, I live with my family on Hartford street, just behind the Castro. Over the 20 years that we've been in the neighborhood, we've attended hundreds of events at the Castro -- we won . I'm writing to ask that you please not landmark the fixed seats at the theater when you meet later this week.

If the fixed seats are landmarked, I feel confident that

with my family for almost 20 years now, and I'm strongly in favor of APE's proposed renovations to the theater.

I'm one of the Hartford Street residents who signed Leslie's letter below in support of APE's plans to restore the theater and help revitalize our declining neighborhood. When deciding whether to include fixed seats in the theater's landmark designation, I hope you'll consider that:

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- 2) They're still going to show movies and will still have seats
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**From:** [FRED LOPEZ](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Ryan Gleeson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Megan Wiklander](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Joseph Novotny](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Lian Chang](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Griffin Chierici](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Matt Porta](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 5:33:25 PM

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**From:** [David Iken](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Elizabeth Diamond](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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Elizabeth Diamond  
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San Francisco, California 94114

**From:** [William Jaeck](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 5:22:55 PM

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**From:** [Kalie Capadona](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 5:15:21 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

As a business and a part of this community. I am in support of Another Planet Entertainment going forth and building up the Castro Theatre.

I do believe this will help the community and businesses in the area. We need this help and change around us to recover and move into a better future.

They have my full support and I can't wait to see the exciting change that their company will bring.

Kalie Capadona  
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**From:** [Reed Loden](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 5:13:00 PM

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39 Burlwood Dr

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**From:** [Lilia Ramos](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Hector Rosales](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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Hector Rosales  
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San Francisco, California 94115





**From:** [Albert Plenty](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Scott Saraceno](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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As a 30-year resident of the Castro district and a member of the LGBTQ plus community, I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

If you have not already, I urge you to read this very well-argued letter by Neil Sekhri, who is a former city attorney and makes a very valid case for moving forward with the APE renovations:

<https://medium.com/@neilsekhri/an-open-letter-to-the-san-francisco-board-of-supervisors-the-castro-theatre-737ace7fa496>

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Regards,  
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Resident, District 8

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4330 17th St.  
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**From:** [Cody Price](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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70 W 1st Ave  
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**From:** [John Huffaker](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Restore Castro Theater and allow removable seats  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 3:45:01 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I love 2 blocks from Castro Theater on States St. I've attended Home for the Holidays for 8 years straight (barring the covid cancellations), and have sat in those seats. It's a magical place and while I don't think uncontrolled change to it is good, I also think the current chairs aren't magical or historic and the old gal would benefit from life and being reactivated as vibrant place with exciting live music acts.

John Huffaker  
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183 States St  
San Francisco, California 94114





**From:** [James Bourke](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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James Bourke  
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**From:** [Susan McDonough](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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Susan McDonough  
sdrCRM@hotmail.com  
133 17th Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94121



**From:** [Doug McManaway](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [John Blazek](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 3:26:30 PM

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**From:** [krlist@gmail.com](mailto:krlist@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 2:24:08 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

As an LGBT citizen of San Francisco and someone who moved to SF in part because of the welcoming community, centered in the Castro, I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

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**From:** [Mike Murphy](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre- Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 2:16:51 PM

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Please vote to replace the "raked floor and fixed seating in a 'movie palace' style" language in the amended landmark designation with the original "presence of seating" language proposed by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mike Murphy  
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**From:** [Noreen Hyre](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 2:05:46 PM

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**From:** [MICHAEL TORRES](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 2:00:49 PM

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Please don't interfere with this business. The model has been proven to work and there is no legitimate threat to the neighborhood character or to accessibility. We need a more vibrant neighborhood and I would love to see this mixed use venue come to life

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The opponents certainly don't speak for me or my husband. We've lived in this neighborhood for close to thirty years and we're excited to see some positive change.

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by the Historic Preservation Commission.

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**From:** [Z Arab](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 1:48:36 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

As a concerned citizen of San Francisco, I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

I'm hopefully city leadership will recognize that the business community is hurting. The Castro should be a fun and thriving place but that is often overshadowed by closed storefronts.

While preserving the history of city is very important — this renovation plan will revive the Castro theatre which in turn will positively impact the neighborhood and surrounding businesses.

Opponents claim they are trying to protect history but what history will be left if no one goes to the Castro theatre anymore.

It's on life support now and I urge you to listen to the people of the community that care about updating the theatre to attract more events.

Please vote to replace the "raked floor and fixed seating in a 'movie palace' style" language in the amended landmark designation with the original "presence of seating" language proposed by the Historic Preservation Commission.

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**From:** [Michael Ducker](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 1:46:42 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

As a gay parent of San Francisco, I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

This shouldn't even be something we can regulate and I urge you to also consider how some people have been able to manipulate and abuse our local government in order to enshrine our city in amber and prevent change from the people investing money and time to improve San Francisco .

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**From:** [Michael Kinsley](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** The Castro Theatre topic at your meeting on Tuesday  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 1:46:18 PM

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I am writing to you to plead for honoring the Landmark Status of the Castro Theatre and maintain the current seating arrangement. Please do NOT allow APE to tear out most of the seats and put in the awful, cheap plastic seats they have pictured. I have been attending movies and concerts there for most of the 50+ years I have lived in the City. I cannot imagine the S. F. Gay Men's Chorus holding its multiple events in a ruined environment.

Thank you for your attention!

Michael Kinsley

**From:** [Alex Seidel](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 1:37:57 PM

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1130 Adeline St  
Oakland, California 94607



**From:** [Case Pollock](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please give APE a chance!  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 1:31:03 PM

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Case Pollock  
pollockcase@gmail.com  
391 Dolores Street  
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**From:** [Edward Deibert](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 1:10:12 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I am a queer 22 year resident of District 8, a long time fan of the Castro Theatre and concerned citizen of San Francisco. I write to you today to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre.

I love going to the Castro to see Frameline films, to see performances of Peaches Christ, and to see other films. I want to see the Castro offering these kinds of options for many years in the future. But I also want to see the Castro offering much more to the community. I want more live events. I want people going to events and patronizing businesses in the Castro.

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Let's not wring our hands five years from now and ask what could we have done to save the Castro. We know what we can do now. Support APE's efforts

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206 Day Street  
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**From:** [Chad Bolick](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 12:41:37 PM

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Chad Bolick  
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4631-4633 18th St  
San Francisco , California 94114



**From:** [Gilles Almeras](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 12:35:55 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I have been living in the Castro for the past 10 years and i am writing to you today to express my support of Another Planet Entertainment and their plan to restore and bring amazing concert programs to the Neighborhood.

Quite frankly, it would be a massive miss opportunity for the Castro to reject the plan. The Castro needs it. The pandemic has been rough and the businesses and the people would live to have a thriving theatre. The opposition has not really brought up any alternative option.

Thank you

Gilles Almeras

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**From:** [Eric Gaudet](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 12:30:38 PM

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Eric Gaudet  
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San Francisco, California 94102





**From:** [Paul Mangal](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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San Francisco, California 94131



**From:** [Anthony Fox](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [William Valle](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Lizzie Siegle](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 11:54:16 AM

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**From:** [Gal Tunik](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 11:46:20 AM

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**From:** [Isaac Roman](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** PLEASE - Castro Theatre Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment!!  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 11:42:22 AM

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**From:** [Drew Perraut](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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San Francisco, California 94114



**From:** [David Kim](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Brian Mahlstedt](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Greg Peters](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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San Francisco, California 94114



**From:** [JASON Mandell](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 11:11:34 AM

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**From:** [Mike Sullivan](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [jonathan becchina](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Francesco Vella](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 9:59:59 AM

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I live 3 blocks away, have lived in the neighborhood since 2011, and have frequented the Castro Theatre for 20 years. I've attended countless film screenings, Peaches Christ live shows, I've seen live bands perform live scores over silent films, stand up comedy and roasts. These events only scratch the surface of what's possible at the Castro Theatre, if we allow APE to make the improvements they've outline, including a much needed upgrade to the seats. Let's be real, the existing seats are not comfortable, and they're not even historic. These are cheap 20 year old seats. They're barely tolerated for a 90 minute movie, let alone the 3-4 hours of a live ticketed event.

We have a choice right now to get behind the only funded, viable solution for reopening the theatre, or continue with the current situation which existed BEFORE the pandemic: scattered programming, sporadic open hours, highly under-attended film screenings, and facilities that cannot accommodate disability. The preservation activists are dreamers... And while that's fantastic, they're not realistic. In typical fashion, we're allowing a vocal minority of idealists to dictate a future for the Castro theater that is outdated, unachievable, and guarantees that this theatre will sit empty for years to come.

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**From:** [Andrew Conard](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Zachary Brown](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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San Francisco, California 94110

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**From:** [Edward B Rote](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support APE — Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 9:19:10 AM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

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**From:** [Alexander Woie](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 9:16:29 AM

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**From:** [Marcus Sanchez](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Bryan Kane](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [David Parker](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Chengyin Liu](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 8:42:12 AM

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I have lived at 19th and Castro, one block away from the Castro Theatre for 9 years.

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Castro, like other districts across the city, is suffering from reduced commercial activities. More than ever, we need to enable businesses to flourish.

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**From:** [Dave Karraker](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Restorethecastrotheatre@gmail.com](#); [Thornhill, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Former Deputy City Attorney Rebukes Castro Theatre Proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 8:41:11 AM

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Board of Supervisors,  
Ahead of your vote on Tuesday regarding the landmarking of the fixed seats (installed in 2001) at the Castro Theatre, the former Deputy City Attorney handling real estate and historic preservation issues for the Port of San Francisco has penned a scathing rebuke of the proposal, you should read.

Neil Sekhri, a former board member of San Francisco Heritage, posted to Medium an op-ed calling for the Supervisors to reject the interior landmarking of “fixed theatrical seating in movie palace style.”

“The proposed landmarking of the movie palace seating arrangement is extremely problematic for the continued success of the venue, even as a movie theater. Because there is no legal mandate for landmarking the seating arrangement, the Board is faced with a policy decision that will likely decide the future of the Castro,” said Sekhri.

You can read the full article here:

<https://medium.com/@neilsekhri/an-open-letter-to-the-san-francisco-board-of-supervisors-the-castro-theatre-737ace7fa496>

As a small business owner in the neighborhood and a 28 year resident of the Castro, I am urging you not to preserve the Castro Theatre in amber, potentially spelling the demise of the Theatre itself, delivering a massive blow to the Castro community. Let the Theatre evolve to meet the needs of everyone, including the diverse, multicultural community that is the future of the Castro.



Thank you.



## Dave Karraker

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**From:** Dave Karraker <dave@mx3fitness.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2023 4:49 PM

**To:** Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org; chanstaff@sfgov.org; Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org;  
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**Subject:** APE Not Part of Castro Theatre Equation - Reject Fixed Seats

Dear Board of Supervisors,

As an owner of two small businesses in the Castro and as the former co-president of the Castro Merchants Association, I am urging you to reject the fixed seating amendment to the Castro Theatre landmarking proposal. And no, what follows is not a form letter:

This landmarking proposal is NOT about Another Planet. In fact, nowhere in the proposal is Another Planet mentioned and thus they should not be considered in this vote. This is about landmarking the Theatre with fixed seating – no matter who is leasing the property or who owns the property. Essentially, the City is telling a private company/family how they must operate their private building from now until the end of time (or until the landmarking is repealed), even if the industry this landmarking component is specifically

designed to protect is, in fact, fading, as is the case with the movie theater industry. This is evidenced by the number of movie theaters across the City and Bay Area closing in recent months, including 1000 Van Ness CGV Cinemas, the Landmark Embarcadero Theaters, Shattuck Cinemas, Berkeley 7, Century Larkspur, and many more.

While I am sympathetic to those who are nostalgic about movie going from their childhoods in the 50s, 60s and 70s (my generation as well), I feel strongly that you must allow the Castro Theatre to evolve to match the diverse, multicultural community that is the future of the Castro. By including this fixed seating into the landmarking proposal you are rejecting that future. You are also putting the Castro Theatre in grave danger of simply shutting down because the Nassars can't find a viable company to lease the space or buy the building. This would have a devastating affect on the Castro and all the small businesses in the neighborhood. Why would you put a limitation on how a building, so important to the Castro, may be used to support the arts, if you have even an inkling it could actually kill that building? Why not give it every opportunity to survive and thrive?

Again, I implore you not to make this about Another Planet – do not let the Castro Cultural District or the Theater Conservancy convince you it is. Remove Another Planet from the equation and look at this purely as the landmarking amendment is written. This is about how the theatre can be used by the owners or anyone who leases it. Why would you lock a building into a specific use to support a dying industry? It is like saying Sea Bowl, a gorgeous midcentury building in Pacific – now closed – must keep the bowling alleys or any historic church in the city must keep the pews... even if it was sold to someone who wants to build affordable housing.

The Castro Theater is not a community center. If that's what the City wants, then put up the money and make it one. Until such time, this is a private building, owned by a private company/family and the City should not be in the business of telling anyone that they must remain in the past, ignoring the obvious future, and in doing so, potentially kill an entire neighborhood.

Thank you for rejecting this fixed seating amendment.

PS: One point on Another Planet. It is a company like any other. If they don't live up to their promises, the community will react, they will fail and they will move on. The Castro isn't shy about telling businesses that slight it how it feels. That is how business works in our neighborhood. It is unfair for us to "guess" what APE will ultimately do. If they screw up, they will be gone. Why not give them the chance to succeed? This is a respected Bay Area company. Sure, their PR hasn't been great, but is that a reason to shut them out of potentially saving the Castro Theatre?



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**From:** [mattbrezina@gmail.com](mailto:mattbrezina@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre change is good: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Joanne Slaboch](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Jason Poindexter](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I hold the Castro & the Castro Theater near and dear to my heart, having lived in the community, what will be 20yrs this summer.

I started out right smack in the middle of this seating argument. I love the seats how they are & the energy one experiences in a full house. I also love architecture and definitely appreciate most preservation efforts.

That being said, our neighborhood has been limping along for many yrs & I believe APE's plan could singlehandedly reverse this trend and provide a huge boost to our neighborhood's economy.

I appreciate APE's renovation commitments & their pledge to continue with LGBT programming. I also feel they are the right firm to steward the Castro, as they've done a good job with the other venues they manage & because they're locally operated.

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Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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**From:** [Kyle Borland](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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San Francisco, California 94124



**From:** [Kevin Bruni](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [John Fennell](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 10:06:04 PM

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**From:** [Carolyn Thomas](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 9:52:46 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

As longtime Castro area resident living 2 blocks from the Castro, I write to express my support of the proposed plans undertaken by Another Planet of the Castro Theatre.

The alternatives are pipe dreams. In light of economic factors that have devastated the downtown area, The City needs to depend on revitalizing neighborhood micro-climates to build unique venues and sustain The City as a destination.

As an anchor, well-served by mass transit and as a walk-able neighborhood the Castro Theater with a multi-disciplined and diverse approach will create a much needed re-vitalized area that can sustain SF's budget

The alternatives to Another Planet, including a false narrative that focuses on seating arrangements only, are merely wish-lists which prolong SF's economic downturn.

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**From:** [Christian Bellman](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 9:45:09 PM

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**From:** [Tim Matheson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 9:39:23 PM

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**From:** [bertrand Bertrand](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [William Jackson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 8:38:39 PM

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**From:** [Steven Brewer](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 8:34:25 PM

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**From:** [David Booth](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Preserve the longevity of the Castro Theater  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 8:19:47 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

As a 16-year resident of San Francisco and a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I write to implore you to take logical approach to ensure the long-term livelihood of the Castro Theater by supporting Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre and rejecting the amendment from the Land Use and Transportation Committee. This amendment, which would require the Castro Theatre to preserve the "raked floor and fixed seating in a 'movie palace' style, jeopardizes the longevity of this space by inhibiting the flexible use of the floor for a variety of entertainment programs. The amendment makes no sense from a historical perspective, as the current seats are not original, having only been installed in 2001. Such an intervention would inhibit the Castro Theater from progressing to a more sustainable economic model for the theater and surrounding businesses and would represent a massive overstep from the Board of Supervisors into the affairs of a private business that has served its community well for a long time.

The opponents of APE peddle in hyperbole and untenable economic models for preserving the theater. Those opponents do not represent a consensus view of the LGBTQ community or of neighborhood residents, both categories to which I belong. APE is not destroying the Castro Theater. The thoughtful renovation that APE has proposed includes accessibility and ventilation upgrades, restoring the art deco ceiling and chandelier, preserving the interior murals, and transitioning the orchestra level into a tiered floor to maintain existing seated programming such as film, lectures and choral performances, while allowing the venue to also be used for standing room concerts, celebratory events, and other community-focused programming. We can also trust APE to do a good job, as demonstrated by their remarkably faithful and successful renovation of the Fox Theater in Oakland.

The renovation plan would create a space conducive to a variety of shows that could attract large crowds into the Castro, giving the neighborhood a much needed economic lift. For that reason, Castro Merchants, members of the LGBTQ community, and neighborhood residents look forward the to changes that APE will make. Importantly, film festivals that rely on the Castro Theater for film viewing also support the plans proposed by APE, as they see such a renovation as the preservation of a treasured neighborhood landmark for future generations of cinephiles.

Finally, I have deep concerns that a special interest group can abuse the public process to bully the owners of the theater into stalling plans that balance economic viability with

preservation. You, as supervisors, have little business in dealing in this matter, and I find the behavior of the Land Use and Transportation Committee to overstep the reasonable regulation of private businesses. The owners of the Theater, the Nasser Family, have been thoughtful stewards of this space for the community and have earned the trust of that community to find the most appropriate models for restoring this business. The theater is not designated as a public institution, so your jurisdiction should be severely curtailed in this matter.

Therefore, please vote to maintain the original "presence of seating" language proposed by the Historic Preservation Commission and reject the "raked floor and fixed seating in a 'movie palace' style" language in the amended landmark designation.

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**From:** [Fred Dillon](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 4:24:18 PM

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**From:** [Jun Rementilla](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 4:16:11 PM

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**From:** [hubstack3469@hotmail.com](mailto:hubstack3469@hotmail.com)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Tim Carter](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 3:06:01 PM

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2326 1/2 15th St  
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**From:** [Don Climent](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theater Vote 5/16 - Support to Preserve Orchestra Seats  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 3:04:40 PM

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> Dear Supervisors,  
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> I am writing to express my **STRONG SUPPORT** for the amendment adopted by previous committees regarding the preservation of the orchestra seating in the Castro Theater.  
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> I am a resident of the Castro for nearly 50 years. The Castro Theater is the lynchpin of this community, It's integrity needs to be preserved so that we can guarantee that future generations can  
> experience the magic of the Castro Theater as it was envisioned and presented to the public for more than 100 years,  
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> Furthermore, the plan as proposed by APE will keep the theater dark for four months of the year. There is **NO GUARANTEE THIS PLAN IS FEASIBLE** and may doom the theater to failure,. On the other hand the plan proposed the Conservancy, while also not quarantined, keeps the theater open for 365 days of the year while maintaining the integrity of the theater. It also has overwhelming grassroots support from this community,  
>  
> Thank you for you consideration,  
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> Respectfully submitted,  
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> Don Climent  
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> 415-553-4573 (Landline)  
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**From:** [Michael Chen](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 3:00:51 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I am a gay man residing in San Francisco's District 2, and I am a visitor to the Castro for its services, shops, and retail that cater to the LGBTQ+ community. I write to express my strong support for Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and their proposed restoration of the Castro Theatre, and in support of Sup. Rafael Mandelman's amendment to remove "fixed seating" from the historic landmark designation.

Film is dying and the theater owners should be allowed to renovate the theater to adapt to changing tastes. This renovation will fund the continued maintenance of the theater and restore the historical details that make the theater so loved and distinctive. The requirement to preserve the "raked floor and fixed seating in a 'movie palace' style", will tether this private business to an outdated and unviable business model.

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mychen10@yahoo.com

San Francisco, California 94109



**From:** [John Newmeyer](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 2:52:46 PM

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**From:** [Jared Goldfine](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 2:32:29 PM

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**From:** [Karen O'Hara](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** May 16 Vote on Castro Theatre - Save the Seats!  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 2:07:25 PM

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**COMMENT:**

The Nasser Family and APE are disingenuous. They knew the Castro's designation as a historic landmark treasured by the community before taking over. They never committed to preserving this historic treasure. It can be a successful multipurpose venue without leveling the floor and removing the seats. I don't understand why the interior is not covered by the original landmark status. Vote YES on May 16 to retain the fixed orchestra seating and preserve the historic integrity of the Castro Theatre.

Thank you.

Karen O'Hara  
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**From:** [Ash Gorringer](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 1:26:56 PM

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**From:** [Nadine May](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please save the CASTRO THEATER, including the FIXED SEATING  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 1:05:07 PM

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Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to BEG you to save the Castro Theater by landmarking the interior of the theater, including the fixed seating and the sloped floor.

I was born and raised in San Francisco and have been going to the Castro theater since the 1970s. I attend many film festivals every year, and a good number of those are held in the Castro. I recently attended a Day of Silents presented by the Silent Film Festival, and I was at the Castro Theater from 11:00 AM until 11:00 PM in order to see all the films. There is no way on Earth that I would be able to do that if I had to sit on the equivalent of a folding chair!!!!

The orchestra seating that now exists and has existed for 100 years must remain. The Castro Theater is a Movie Palace and we need that seating to watch movies in comfort. There are many many venues that serve as movie theaters as well as music venues and a place for theatrical performances. The Castro can continue AS IT IS, with the necessary renovations of course, to serve all the communities that love it.

The Castro Conservancy is willing and able to raise the funds necessary to do essential renovations at the Castro Theater, WITHOUT removing the fixed seating or the sloped floor.

Please please please approve the amendment which will landmark the interior seating and the sloped floor of our beloved Castro. I am begging you all to do what is right for the Castro Theater, for the Castro community, for the LGBTQ+ community, for movie lovers who come from all over the world to attend films at the Castro, for all of us who love the Castro Theater, whether it be for movies or music or a theater.

Thank you for your attention to this extremely important matter.

Sincerely,

Nadine May  
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San Francisco CA 94118

**From:** [craigpersiko@gmail.com](mailto:craigpersiko@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Jesse Woodward](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Cedroc Ng](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Michael Gabel](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 11:50:40 AM

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**From:** [Ken Burke](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Hidaner Ferrer](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Christian Hill](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Lindsey Husband](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Matthew Goodbla](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Penni Wisner](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Eddie Jen](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Matan-Paul Shetrit](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Andrew Reeder](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 3:37:02 AM

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**From:** [Wyatt Robertson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 1:59:10 AM

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**From:** [Timothy Garibaldi](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 5:23:32 AM

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**From:** [Carolyn Kenady](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 9:46:46 PM

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**From:** [Sara Raffel](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 7:08:32 PM

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**From:** [Joe Barwin](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre - Reject Fixed Seating Amendment!  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 7:04:58 PM

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Secretary Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support for Another Planet Entertainment's restoration of the Castro Theatre.

We are a city that honors its history - let's continue this, while also allowing our community to evolve. The restoration work is imperiled by the Land Use and Transportation Committee's amendment to the landmark designation for the theater. This amendment, requiring the Castro Theatre to preserve the "raked floor and fixed seating in a 'movie palace' style", will tether this private business to an outdated and unviable business model.

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**From:** [Andrew Di Gironimo](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 6:19:23 PM

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**From:** [Alexandra Steahly-Jenkins](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 6:00:42 PM

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**From:** [Brian Hans](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 5:45:36 PM

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San Francisco , California 94114



**From:** [Clay Gjevre](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
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**From:** [Barbara Gersh](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theater landmarking  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2023 5:24:23 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to support the complete landmarking of this historic building, including the raked floor and theatrical style seating on the main floor.

Despite the insistence and intransigence of Another Planet Entertainment (APE), their plan to gut the interior to maximize their profits from concerts is not the only way to assure a future for the Castro Theater as a multi-use venue. There are dozens of historic theaters throughout the country that have been fully restored and are actively used for a variety of concerts, lectures, dance performances, plays, and other events with seating intact.

One of the reasons the Castro requires extensive renovation is the years of deferred maintenance and neglect by the Nasser family. Despite their protestations, and the contrived failure of their 100th anniversary film event (with no publicity and expensive pricing) they were profitable in the years before the pandemic. Frankly, they have been terrible stewards of this gem, and, if APE is unwilling to compromise and walks away, the Castro Conservancy or another nonprofit entity would be the best possible stewards for this irreplaceable theater.

APE has spent tens of thousands of dollars on a PR effort that is finally bearing some fruit, but the community support for maintaining the seats is much broader and deeper than the newly-recruited APE supporters who made their first appearance at the April 17 meeting of the Land use and Transportation Committee meeting.

As Supervisor Peskin has noted, APE has not fulfilled promises made for its operation of the Bill Graham Auditorium. Additionally, there have been very few film events at the APE-operated Fox Theater, which is unused more than half of every month. If they truly cared about the economic vitality of the Castro community, and not just their own profits, they would not hold the community hostage by keeping the Castro dark until their demands are met.

Please don't reward APE's refusal to compromise and to make written commitments to the community. Please vote to landmark the theatrical seating that gives the Castro Theater its movie palace significance. Then, perhaps, APE or another operator will responsibly restore the Castro and keep it operating well into the future.

Thank you,  
Barbara Gersh  
SF 94134

**From:** [Jeff Hamilton](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** SAVE THE SEATS and the Castro Theater  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:30:39 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please don't vote to turn the Castro Theater into a rock and roll music venue!

VOTE FOR THE PRESTON AMENDMENT to keep the theater seats.

The seats are only a symptom of the problem. APE has failed for two years to negotiate in good faith with the merchants, the LGBTQ Historical Association, the Conservancy and the larger community. The Castro Theater is an iconic, internationally recognized venue for LGBTQ culture. Are we now to toss that aside so the the Nasser family, and APE, can make money off of a venue whose reputation was shaped by the deep history of our community? A history of AIDS, drag, gay cinema, activism?

And what of the impact to the neighborhood of 2-3 times a week 1500 rock and roll fans, torqued up on beer, fanning out into our bars and queer spaces?

Converting an historic venue, so deeply steeped in our queer history, into a mostly straight, rock and roll live music venue, would be devastating to the preservation of queer culture.

Please vote to keep the Castro a vibrant LBBTQ institution.

Thanks for listening,

Jeff Hamilton



**From:** [Brian Whitty](#)  
**To:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Engardio, Joel \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** CASTRO THEATRE \*\* 312 Days of Films in 2019 \*\*  
**Date:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 8:07:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [Castro Theatre 2019 Calendars.pdf](#)  
[Castro Theatre Daily Event Tally 2019.pdf](#)

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Dear Supervisors, I urge you to approve the Castro Theatre landmark designation to specify "fixed theatrical seating."

I've attached a PDF with all 12 Castro Theatre monthly calendars for 2019 (last year of normal operation) and also a spreadsheet I made tallying all the daily events during 2019. There were:

- **312 days of films, including 60 days of film festivals \*\*\***
- 31 days of other events (community, concerts, etc.)
- 10 days of rentals/private events
- 12 days the theatre was closed

The raked floor and fixed seats are essential to the historic use as San Francisco's oldest continually-operating movie theatre.

I've studied the various proposals and attended several meetings, and I support the Castro Theatre Conservancy plan.

I have personally enjoyed films there ranging from LGBT documentaries to classic vampire flicks. The Castro Theatre has a singular role as a historic venue for factual, fantastical and fabulous films.

Thank you.

Brian Whitty  
San Francisco

The Castro Theatre is accessible by MUNI from  
 Bus # 1, 4, 14, 48, 55, 56, 57 and 58.  
 The F Streetcar runs down Market Street.

All programming is subject to change.  
 Double Feature indicates 2 films for the price of 1.  
 Showtimes in ( ) indicate rough price.  
 All showtimes PM unless otherwise indicated.

# CASTRO

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## JANUARY 2019 THEATRE CALENDAR

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

**FRI DEC 28 THRU TUE JAN 1**

**2001: a space odyssey**  
 THE 70MM / 4K CHALLENGE  
 See reverse side for showtimes.

**JAN 2-5**

**ROMA**  
 PROJECTED IN 70MM  
 Wed 8:15, 8:00;  
 Thu & Fri (2:30), 8:15, 8:00;  
 Sat 8:15, 8:00

**JAN 6**

**REAR WINDOW**  
 2:30, 7:00

**PANIC ROOM**  
 8:00, 8:30

Family Matinee • 11:30am  
**MOANA**  
 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

**JAN 7**  
 -THEATRE CLOSED-

**JAN 8**

**BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**  
 4:15, 9:00

**LADY BAMBINO**  
 7:30

**JAN 9-10**

**BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**  
 (7:30), 8:15, 9:00

**JAN 11**  
 KIDS

**THE KIDS IN THE HALL**  
 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00

Four Kids, One Dumb Night:  
 Dave Foley, Eric McCormack,  
 Mark McKinney & Scott Thompson  
 in conversation with author  
 Paul Haggis ("Crash is the Best  
 One-Dumb Guy") KIDS screening  
 of "Brave Candy" 7:00

**JAN 12**  
 KIDS

**THE 18TH ANNUAL BF SKETCHFEST**

5F Sketchfest Tribute  
 To "Superman"  
 with Johnnie Lee, Ben Feldman,  
 Mark McKinney, Lauren Ash, Colton  
 Dunn, Michelle Breen, Mike Costello,  
 Johnny Pineda and co-creator  
 Justin Spitzer 7:30

Reunited Sketch  
 with Nick Kroll, Jason Mewkes  
 & Seth Morris 10:00

**JAN 13**  
 KIDS

**THE 18TH ANNUAL BF SKETCHFEST**

The Benson Movie  
 Interruption:  
 "Toby 'Shades' Freed"  
 with Doug Benson  
 & March 4:20

**PEACHES**  
 7:00, 8:30

The Feast of Peaches Christ:  
 In conversation with author  
 with special guest 8:00

**JAN 14**  
 KIDS

**THE 18TH ANNUAL BF SKETCHFEST**

5F Sketchfest Tribute:  
 Carol Burnett  
 in conversation with  
 with special guest 8:00

**JAN 15-16**

**A STAR IS BORN**  
 (7:30), 8:15, 9:00

**JAN 17**  
 KIDS

**THE 18TH ANNUAL BF SKETCHFEST**

Stuff You Should Know  
 with Josh Clark and Chuck Bryant  
 8:00

**JAN 18**  
 KIDS

**THE 18TH ANNUAL BF SKETCHFEST**

Judge John  
 Hodgman  
 with musical  
 guest  
 Martin Luther  
 McCoy 7:00

Found Footage Festival  
 vs. Everything is True 8:00

**JAN 19**  
 KIDS

**THE 18TH ANNUAL BF SKETCHFEST**

5F Sketchfest Tribute:  
 "Best in Show"  
 20th Anniversary Reunion &  
 Screening (post card) 8:00

Big Terrors  
 with Jason Lee, Colin Hanks  
 and Mike Shultz 8:00

**JAN 20**  
 KIDS

**THE 18TH ANNUAL BF SKETCHFEST**

"Local Hero" with special guest  
 Peter Sagal 12:30

Offbeat: Day of the Shorts  
 with Ben Ceballos, Eric McCormack,  
 Doug Benson, Josh Coates,  
 John Hodgman, Richard Raskin,  
 Mary Jo Pate, Colin Hanks,  
 Paul F. Tompkins and Joel Kovel 4:00

Who's Laughing  
 Now: An Evening  
 with Doug  
 Campbell and  
 "It's Dead II"  
 8:00

**JAN 21**  
 -THEATRE CLOSED-

**JAN 22**

**RACE CHASER**  
 7:00

**JAN 23**

**THE BONE SHINING**  
 7:00

**DEAD END**  
 8:00, 9:30

**JAN 24**  
 KIDS

**THE 18TH ANNUAL BF SKETCHFEST**

"Office Space"  
 20th Anniversary  
 screening and Q&A  
 with Mike Judge, David Reade,  
 the 1000th and more  
 8:00

**JAN 25 NOIR CITY**

**TRAPPED**  
 7:30

**THE BONE SHINING**  
 8:15

**JAN 26 NOIR CITY**

**THE WELL**  
 1:00

**DETECTIVE STORY**  
 2:15

**THE BURNING**  
 7:30

**ANGEL FACE**  
 9:15

**JAN 27 NOIR CITY**

**Pickup on South Street**  
 1:00, 4:00, 8:00

**CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS**  
 9:00, 10:00

**JAN 28 NOIR CITY**

**Pushover**  
 7:30

**PRIVATE HELM 36**  
 8:30

**JAN 29 NOIR CITY**

**KISS ME DEADLY**  
 7:00

**Killer's Kiss**  
 8:00

**JAN 30 NOIR CITY**

**THE SCARLET HOUR**  
 7:15

**KISS BEFORE DYING**  
 9:10

**JAN 31 NOIR CITY**

**NIGHTFALL**  
 7:30

**the burglar**  
 9:10

**FEB 1 NOIR CITY**

**TOUCH OF EVIL**  
 7:00

**MURDER BY CONTRACT**  
 9:30

**FEB 2 NOIR CITY**

**THE CLOTHES MAKER**  
 1:30

**ODDS AGAINST TOMORROW**  
 3:15

**Breathless**  
 7:15

**PSYCHO**  
 9:15



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## FEBRUARY 2019 THEATRE CALENDAR

SUNDAY



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MONDAY

TUESDAY

**NOW PLAYING!**  
The 17th Annual San Francisco Film Noir Festival  
January 25 - February 3, 2019

**NOIR CITY**

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

**FEB 1 NOIR CITY:**

**TOUCH OF EVIL**  
(1:30)

**MURDER BY CONTRACT**  
(9:30)

FRIDAY

**FEB 2 NOIR CITY:**

**THE CHASE**  
(1:30)

**ODDS AGAINST TOMORROW**  
(3:15)

**Battle of Britain**  
(7:15)

**BEYOND PSYCHO**  
(9:15)

**FEB 3 NOIR CITY:**

**UNDERWORLD, U.S.A.**  
(1:00, 4:40, 8:40)

**BLAST SILENCE**  
(3:00, 7:00)

**FEB 4-5**

**FAVOURITE**  
(2:30, 6:00, 8:30)

**FEB 6-7**

**BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**  
(2:30, 6:15, 9:00)

**FEB 8**

**BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**  
(2:30)

**BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**  
(SING-ALONG VERSION) (8:30)

**FEB 9**

**Fantasia**  
(1:00, 2:30, 6:00)

**BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**  
(SING-ALONG VERSION) (8:30)

**FEB 10**

**Fantasia**  
(1:30, 4:30)

**BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**  
(SING-ALONG VERSION) (8:30)

**FEB 11**

**ROMA**  
PROJECTED IN 70MM (2:30, 5:15, 8:00)

**FEB 12-13**

**ASTAR IS BORN**  
(3:30, 6:15, 9:00)

**FEB 14**  
ONE OF OUR TOWN AT TIMES

**DETOUR**  
(7:30)

**The Hitch-Hiker**  
(8:50, 9:00)

**FEB 15-16**

**ROMA**  
PROJECTED IN 70MM (2:30, 5:15, 8:00)

**FEB 17-18**

**ROMA**  
PROJECTED IN 70MM (2:30, 5:15, 8:00)

**FEB 19**

**IF BEALE STREET COULD TALK**  
(2:30, 6:00, 8:30)

**FEB 20**

**VICE**  
(2:30, 6:00, 8:30)

**FEB 21**

**AN EVENING WITH GLORIA STEINEM**  
MORE OUTRAGEOUS ACTS AND EVERYDAY REBELLIONS  
(7:00)

**FEB 22**

**WHAT'S UP DOCT?**  
(7:00)

**Invasion of the Body Snatchers**  
(9:30)

**FEB 23**

**KIMCHI WILLIAM LAGANIASTRANJA MEANGAYS AND PEACHES CHRIST**  
(6:00 & 8:00)

TICKETS AT [PEACHESCHRIST.COM](http://PEACHESCHRIST.COM)

**FEB 24**

**all about eve**  
(2:15, 7:00)

**THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WIND**  
(4:40, 9:30)

**MOANA**  
Family Matinee • 11:30am

**FEB 25**

**BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**  
SING-ALONG VERSION (7:00)

**FEB 26-27**  
-THEATRE RESTED-

**FEB 28-MAR 2**

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## MARCH 2019 THEATRE CALENDAR

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY





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## APRIL 2019 THEATRE CALENDAR

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                     | MONDAY                                                                                                     | TUESDAY                                                                                                                   | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                           | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                         | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                     | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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|                                                                                                                           | <b>APR 1</b><br><b>SEVEN BRIDES</b><br>FOR SEVEN BROTHERS<br>2:00, 6:00<br><b>FUNNY FACE</b><br>4:00, 8:00 | <b>APR 2</b><br><b>THE GODFATHER PART II</b><br>7:00                                                                      | <b>APR 3</b><br><b>VERTIGO</b><br>7:00<br><b>Petalia</b><br>8:20                                                                                                    | <b>APR 4</b><br><b>VERTIGO</b><br>6:10<br><b>Pal Joey</b><br>8:00                                                                                | <b>APR 5</b><br><b>VERTIGO</b><br>7:00<br><b>DARK PASSAGE</b><br>8:55, 9:55                                                                                                | <b>APR 6</b><br><b>VERTIGO</b><br>7:00<br><b>San Francisco</b><br>8:55, 9:55<br><b>FROZEN</b><br>Family Matinee 12:00<br>Surf-A-Long                                                                                     |
| <b>APR 7</b><br><b>THE FIRST WIVES</b><br>4:00, 8:00<br><b>FEARSCUBED.COM</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>APR 8</b><br><b>APOLLO 11</b><br>2:45, 7:00<br><b>FIRST MAN</b><br>6:35, 8:45                           | <b>APR 9</b><br><b>APOLLO 11</b><br>(8:00), 7:00<br><b>MOON</b><br>6:45                                                   | <b>APR 10</b><br><b>SFFILM festival</b><br>Opening Night: Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City 7:00<br><a href="http://sffilm.org/festival">sffilm.org/festival</a> | <b>APR 11</b><br><b>SFFILM festival</b><br><b>Q Ball</b><br>7:00<br><a href="http://sffilm.org/festival">sffilm.org/festival</a>                 | <b>APR 12</b><br><b>SFFILM festival</b><br><b>John C. Reilly: Tribute + "The Sisters Brothers"</b><br>7:00<br><a href="http://sffilm.org/festival">sffilm.org/festival</a> | <b>APR 13</b><br><b>SFFILM festival</b><br>Shorts 6: Family Films 10am<br>We Are the Radical Monarchs 1:00<br>Red Joan 4:00<br>Knock Down the House 7:30<br><a href="http://sffilm.org/festival">sffilm.org/festival</a> |
| <b>APR 14</b><br><b>SFFILM festival</b><br>Photograph 12:00<br>Laura Dern: Tribute + "Trial by Fire" 3:00<br>Al Weisweil: Yours Truly 7:30<br><a href="http://sffilm.org/festival">sffilm.org/festival</a> | <b>APR 15</b><br><b>SFFILM festival</b><br><a href="http://sffilm.org/festival">sffilm.org/festival</a>    | <b>APR 16</b><br><b>SFFILM festival</b><br>Booksmart 7:00<br><a href="http://sffilm.org/festival">sffilm.org/festival</a> | <b>APR 17</b><br><b>SFFILM festival</b><br>Project Gutenberg 7:00<br><a href="http://sffilm.org/festival">sffilm.org/festival</a>                                   | <b>APR 18</b><br><b>SFFILM festival</b><br>Centerpiece Film: "The Farewell" 7:00<br><a href="http://sffilm.org/festival">sffilm.org/festival</a> | <b>APR 19</b><br><b>SFFILM festival</b><br>Warpaint: Live Score + Films by Maya Daren 8:00<br><a href="http://sffilm.org/festival">sffilm.org/festival</a>                 | <b>APR 20</b><br><b>SFFILM festival</b><br>The Elephant Queen 12:00<br>Loro 5:00<br>Echo in the Canyon 8:30<br><a href="http://sffilm.org/festival">sffilm.org/festival</a>                                              |
| <b>APR 21</b><br><b>SFFILM festival</b><br>Ask Dr. Ruth 5:00<br>Closing Night Film: "Official Secrets" 8:00<br><a href="http://sffilm.org/festival">sffilm.org/festival</a>                                | <b>APR 22</b><br><b>THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD</b><br>12:00, 2:30, 7:00<br><b>Gallipoli</b><br>4:35, 8:20     | <b>APR 23</b><br><b>JACKIE CHAN</b><br><b>POLICE STORY</b><br>7:00<br><b>POLICE STORY 2</b><br>8:50                       | <b>APR 24</b><br><b>WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA SLEAZE?</b><br>7:00<br><b>BOOM!</b><br>8:20                                                                            | <b>APR 25</b><br><b>MULHOLLAND DRIVE</b><br>7:00<br><b>L'IMPORTANT C'EST D'AIMER</b><br>8:50, 9:50                                               | <b>APR 26</b><br><b>BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY</b><br>SING-ALONG VERSION<br>7:00                                                                                                    | <b>APR 27</b><br><b>LUCE presents</b><br><b>Ugo Tognazzi</b><br>A FILM SERIES<br>CinemaitaliaSF.com                                                                                                                      |
| <b>APR 28</b><br><b>Sing along MARY POPPINS</b><br>2:35<br><b>BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY</b><br>SING-ALONG VERSION<br>7:00                                                                                          | <b>APR 29</b><br><b>WINGS OF DESIRE</b><br>7:00<br><b>THE AMERICAN FRIEND</b><br>8:00                      | <b>APR 30</b><br><b>Suspicio</b><br>7:00<br><b>CLIMAX</b><br>9:20                                                         | <b>MAY 1-5</b><br><b>SAN FRANCISCO SILENT FILM FESTIVAL</b><br><a href="http://silentfilm.org">silentfilm.org</a>                                                   | <b>COMING MAY 25</b><br><b>WAR AND PEACE</b>                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



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## MAY 2019 THEATRE CALENDAR

SUNDAY

MONDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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**MAY 1**  
SAN FRANCISCO  
**SILENT**  
FILM FESTIVAL

10am AMAZING TALES FROM THE ARCHIVES  
1:15 WOLF SONG  
3:30 THE OYSTER PRINCESS  
5:00 EARTH  
7:00 THE SIGNAL TOWER  
9:00 OPIUM

Opening Night Presentation  
THE CAMERAMAN 7:00

[silentfilm.org](http://silentfilm.org)

**MAY 2**  
SAN FRANCISCO  
**SILENT**  
FILM FESTIVAL

10am AMAZING TALES FROM THE ARCHIVES  
1:15 WOLF SONG  
3:30 THE OYSTER PRINCESS  
5:00 EARTH  
7:00 THE SIGNAL TOWER  
9:00 OPIUM

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**MAY 3**  
SAN FRANCISCO  
**SILENT**  
FILM FESTIVAL

10am YOU NEVER KNOW WOMEN  
12:00 TOMKA OF THE GALLONS  
2:15 HUSBANDS AND LOVERS  
5:00 RAPSOdia SATANICA  
7:10 THE LOVE OF JEANNE NEY  
9:20 WEST OF ZANZIBAR

[silentfilm.org](http://silentfilm.org)

**MAY 4**  
SAN FRANCISCO  
**SILENT**  
FILM FESTIVAL

10am LIGHTS OF OLD BROADWAY  
12:00 HELL BENT  
2:30 GOONA GOONA  
4:50 L'HOMME DU LARGE  
6:30 THE WEDDING MARCH  
9:15 L'INFERNO

[silentfilm.org](http://silentfilm.org)

**MAY 5**  
SAN FRANCISCO  
**SILENT**  
FILM FESTIVAL

10am JAPANESE GIRLS AT THE HARBOR  
12:00 THE HOME MAKER  
2:15 SHIRAZ: A ROMANCE OF INDIA  
5:00 SIRARINE'S TREASURE  
8:00 OUR HOSPITALITY

[silentfilm.org](http://silentfilm.org)

**MAY 6**  
The New York Times



**Puzzle It Out With Will Shortz and Joel Fagino**  
7:00

[timesevents.nytimes.com](http://timesevents.nytimes.com)  
#TimesEvents

**MAY 7**  
-THEATRE REVISED-



**CLASH BY NIGHT**  
5:00, 9:15

**MAY 8**  
**A Streetcar Named Desire**  
7:00



**CLASH BY NIGHT**  
5:00, 9:15

**MAY 9**  
PRESENTED BY THE CASTRO FOR KIDS AMERICAN FILM



**CAAMFEST**

OPENING NIGHT GALA:  
**CHINATOWN RISING**  
WORLD PREMIERE  
8:30 CAAMFEST.COM

**MAY 10**  
**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**  
7:30



**ROCKY HONOR PICTURE SHOW**  
8:30, 9:30

**MAY 11**  
**KING KONG**  
1:30, 7:00



**GODZILLA**  
3:25, 9:00

**KING KONG vs. GODZILLA**  
8:15 only

**MAY 12**



**GIANT**  
3:30

There Will Be Blood  
7:15

Family Matinee • 12:30

**MOANA**

**MAY 13**  
-THEATRE CLOSED-



**THE SHINING**  
NEW 4K RESTORATION  
5:00, 8:00

**MAY 14**



**HIGH LIFE**  
7:00

**BEACH BUM**  
5:00, 8:00, 9:10

**MAY 15**



**THE BIG SLEEP**  
7:00

**THE DROWNING POOL**  
9:00

**MAY 16-17**



**ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK**  
The 7:00; Fri 5:30, 7:30

**THE FOG**  
The 8:00; Fri 8:00

**MAY 18**  
**THE ROAST OF SISTER ROMA**



**ROSS MATTHEWS EMCEE**  
JACQUE BEAN ROAST MATINEES WITH SPECIAL SURPRISE GUESTS  
TIX @ NIGHTOUT.COM

**MAY 19**  
-THEATRE REVISED-



**THE SHINING**  
NEW 4K RESTORATION  
5:00, 8:00

**MAY 20-21**



**THE SHINING**  
NEW 4K RESTORATION  
5:00, 8:00

**MAY 22**



**THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK**  
5:00

**BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**  
3RD-ALONG VERSION  
7:30

**MAY 23**



**THE BIG LEBOWSKI**  
7:00

**KONGPUN**  
9:10

**MAY 24**



**THE EXORCIST**  
7:15

**AMITYVILLE II: THE POSSESSION**  
5:40

**MAY 25**  
NEW RESTORATION



**WAR AND PEACE**  
1:00

**MAY 26-27**  
-THEATRE REVISED-



**PURPLE RAIN**  
7:00

**TOMMY**  
9:00

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**MAY 28**



**PURPLE RAIN**  
7:00

**TOMMY**  
9:00

**MAY 29-30**  
-THEATRE REVISED-



**PURPLE RAIN**  
7:00

**TOMMY**  
9:00

**OPENING MAY 31**  
**ROCKETMAN**



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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

**OPENS MAY 31**  
**ROCKETMAN**  
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**JUN 4**  
The Long Now Foundation  
presents  
**David Byrne:**  
Good News  
& Sleeping Beauties  
7:30  
[longnow.org](http://longnow.org)



**JUN 5-8**  
**ROCKETMAN**  
Please visit our website for showtimes.



**JUN 9-10**  
**ROCKETMAN**  
Please visit our website for showtimes.



**JUN 11**  
**ROLLING THUNDER REVUE**  
THE 25th ANNUAL  
AMERICAN SCENES  
8:00, 8:45



**JUN 12**  
**ROCKETMAN**  
Please visit our website for showtimes.



**JUN 13**  
**INFORUM**  
**QUEER EYE'S TAN FRANCE**  
7:00  
[inforums.org](http://inforums.org)



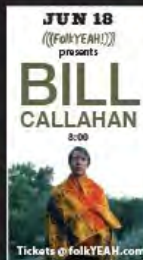
**JUN 14-15**  
**ROCKETMAN**  
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**JUN 16-17**  
**ROCKETMAN**  
Please visit our website for showtimes.



**JUN 18**  
(((FOLK))) presents  
**BILL CALLAHAN**  
8:00  
[tickets.folkYEAH.com](http://tickets.folkYEAH.com)



**JUN 19**  
TBA



**JUN 20**  
**Frameline43**  
1:30  
OPENING NIGHT  
Vita & Virginia 7:00  
Fireflies 10:00  
[Frameline.org](http://Frameline.org)



**JUN 21**  
**Frameline43**  
Proceed with Caution 1:30  
Circus of Books 4:00  
The Ground Beneath My Feet 6:45  
[Frameline.org](http://Frameline.org)



**JUN 22**  
**Frameline43**  
Fun in Boys Shorts 11am  
Fun in Girls Shorts 1:30  
Kinky Boots: The Musical 4:00  
Benjamin 7:00  
Bit 9:30  
[Frameline.org](http://Frameline.org)



**JUN 23**  
**Frameline43**  
Changing the Game 10:30am  
Unsettled: Seeking Refuge in America 1:00  
Making Montgomery Clift 4:00  
Monsters 6:30  
School's Out 9:15  
[Frameline.org](http://Frameline.org)



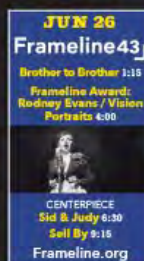
**JUN 24**  
**Frameline43**  
Through the Windows 1:30  
This is Not Berlin 3:45  
Before You Know It 6:30  
Straight Up 9:15  
[Frameline.org](http://Frameline.org)



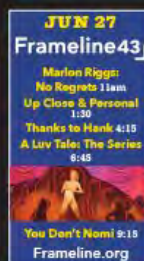
**JUN 25**  
**Frameline43**  
Queer Genius 1:00  
For They Know Not What They Do 4:00  
Tembloras (Tremors) 6:30  
Trixie Mattel: Moving Parts 9:15  
[Frameline.org](http://Frameline.org)



**JUN 26**  
**Frameline43**  
Brother to Brother 1:15  
Frameline Award: Rodney Evans / Vision Portraits 4:00  
CENTERPIECE  
Sid & Judy 6:30  
Sell By 9:15  
[Frameline.org](http://Frameline.org)



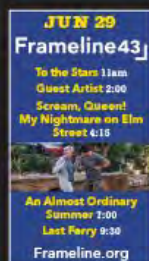
**JUN 27**  
**Frameline43**  
Marlon Riggs: No Regrets 11am  
Up Close & Personal 1:30  
Thanks to Hank 4:15  
A Luv Tale: The Series 6:45  
You Don't Nom! 9:15  
[Frameline.org](http://Frameline.org)



**JUN 28**  
**Frameline43**  
State of Pride 1:30  
Worldly Affairs 4:00  
Clementine 6:30  
Simple Wedding 9:15  
[Frameline.org](http://Frameline.org)



**JUN 29**  
**Frameline43**  
To the Stars 11am  
Quest Artist 2:00  
Scream, Queen! My Nightmare on Elm Street 4:15  
An Almost Ordinary Summer 7:00  
Last Ferry 9:30  
[Frameline.org](http://Frameline.org)



**JUN 30**  
**Frameline43**  
More Beautiful for Having Been Broken 11am  
Fun in Boys Shorts 2:00  
Family Members 4:15  
Gay Chorus Deep South 7:00  
[Frameline.org](http://Frameline.org)



**JUL 1**  
30th Anniversary  
**Do the Right Thing**  
7:00



**COMING SOON:**  
**WED JUL 3**  
**GREASE**  
SING-A-LONG  
7:30



**FRI JUL 5**  
**JAWS**  
2:30, 7:00  
**ROLLERCOASTER**  
4:45, 9:15



**SAT JUL 6-SUN JUL 7**  
NEW RESTORATION!  
**WAR AND PEACE**  
Sat: Chapter I 1:00, 6:30  
Chapter II 4:00, 9:30  
Sun: Chapter III 2:00, 6:00  
Chapter IV 5:35, 7:35





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## JULY 2019 THEATRE CALENDAR

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p><b>JUL 7</b><br/>NEW RESTORATION<br/><b>WAR AND PEACE</b><br/>Chapter III 2:00, 6:00<br/>Chapter IV 5:35, 7:35</p>                                                                                                                                          | <p><b>JUL 1</b><br/>30th Anniversary<br/><b>DO THE RIGHT THING</b><br/>7:00<br/><b>BOYZ n the HOOD</b><br/>8:30</p>                                                                                                               | <p><b>JUL 2</b><br/><b>LATE NIGHT</b><br/>7:00<br/><b>bookmart</b><br/>8:55</p>                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>JUL 3</b><br/><b>GREASE SING-A-LONG</b><br/>7:30</p>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>JUL 4</b><br/><b>THEATRE CLOSED: HAPPY FOURTH!</b><br/>4:45, 6:30</p>                                                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>JUL 5</b><br/><b>JAWS</b><br/>2:30, 7:00<br/><b>ROLLERCOASTER</b><br/>4:45, 8:30</p>                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>JUL 6</b><br/>NEW RESTORATION<br/><b>WAR AND PEACE</b><br/>Chapter I 1:00, 6:30<br/>Chapter II 4:00, 8:30</p>                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>JUL 7</b><br/>NEW RESTORATION<br/><b>WAR AND PEACE</b><br/>Chapter III 2:00, 6:00<br/>Chapter IV 5:35, 7:35</p>                                                                                                                                          | <p><b>JUL 8</b><br/><b>THEATRE CLOSED</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>JUL 9-10</b><br/><b>ROCKETMAN</b><br/>Tue &amp; Wed 6:30<br/>7:30</p>                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><b>JUL 9-10</b><br/><b>BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY</b><br/>Tue &amp; Wed 6:45<br/>7:45</p>                                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>JUL 11</b><br/><b>DOUBLE INDEMNITY</b><br/>7:00<br/><i>There's Always Tomorrow</i><br/>8:15, 9:05</p>                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>JUL 12</b><br/><b>THE DOORS</b><br/>7:00<br/><b>Few of Us Left to Live</b><br/>8:30</p>                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>JUL 13</b><br/>PEACHES CHRIST PRODUCTIONS presents<br/><b>BRING IT ON: QUEEN!</b><br/>Starring MONÉT X CHANGE and BOB THE DRAG QUEEN<br/>6:00, 8:00<br/><a href="http://PEACHESCHRIST.COM">PEACHESCHRIST.COM</a></p>                                                         |
| <p><b>JUL 14</b><br/><b>LAST YEAR AT MARIENBAD</b><br/>2:30, 6:30<br/>LONG DAYS JOURNEY INTO NIGHT<br/>6:15, 8:30<br/>Family Matinee • New<br/><b>Snack White</b><br/>and the Secret Garden</p>                                                                | <p><b>JUL 15</b><br/><b>THEATRE CLOSED</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>JUL 16-17</b><br/><b>HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH</b><br/>Tue &amp; Wed 7:00</p>                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>JUL 16-17</b><br/><b>THE COCKETTES</b><br/>Tue &amp; Wed 7:00, 8:45</p>                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>JUL 18</b><br/><b>SAN FRANCISCO JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL 39</b><br/>Opening Night: Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles 6:30<br/><a href="http://www.sjff.org">www.sjff.org</a></p>                                                                          | <p><b>JUL 19</b><br/><b>SJFF</b><br/>Carl Lennertz 11:30am<br/>Fig Tree 1:30<br/>Echo 3:45<br/>The Dancing Dogs of Dombrows 6:00<br/>What About Adolf? 8:45<br/><a href="http://www.sjff.org">www.sjff.org</a></p>                    | <p><b>JUL 20</b><br/><b>SJFF</b><br/>Abe 11:15am<br/>Must Schwing! The Glue Hole Story 1:15<br/>The State Against Mandel and the Cohen 3:45<br/>SJFF in Good Company: Curfew 6:00<br/>Next Wave Spotlight: Safe Spaces 8:30<br/><a href="http://www.sjff.org">www.sjff.org</a></p> |
| <p><b>JUL 21</b><br/><b>SJFF</b><br/>Seder-Masochism 11:30am<br/>This Is Personal 1:30<br/>Golden 3:30<br/>Dolce Fine Giannina 6:30<br/>Before You Know It 8:30<br/><a href="http://www.sjff.org">www.sjff.org</a></p>                                         | <p><b>JUL 22</b><br/><b>SJFF</b><br/>American Muslim 12:30<br/>Refugee Lullaby 3:15<br/>Freedom of Expression: COOKED: Survival by Zip Code 5:30<br/>American Factory 8:30<br/><a href="http://www.sjff.org">www.sjff.org</a></p> | <p><b>JUL 23</b><br/><b>SJFF</b><br/>Jews in Shorts: Israel Narratives 12:00<br/>King Bibi 2:00<br/>Made in Auschwitz: The Untold Story of Block 10 4:00<br/>Adam 6:15<br/>My Polish Honeycomb 8:30<br/><a href="http://www.sjff.org">www.sjff.org</a></p> | <p><b>JUL 24</b><br/><b>SJFF</b><br/>You Only Die Twice 11:30am<br/>The Rabbi Goes West 1:45<br/>Lena 4:15<br/>Centurpiece Documentary: The Amazing Jonathan 6:30<br/>The Humoralist 8:55<br/><a href="http://www.sjff.org">www.sjff.org</a></p> | <p><b>JUL 25</b><br/><b>SJFF</b><br/>Jews in Shorts: Documentaries 11:10am<br/>Latter Day Jew 1:15<br/>City of Joel 3:45<br/>Centurpiece Narrative: Tel Aviv On Fire 6:10<br/>The Tobaccoist 8:55<br/><a href="http://www.sjff.org">www.sjff.org</a></p> | <p><b>JUL 26</b><br/><b>SJFF</b><br/>Henri Ousman: Looking Up 11:15am<br/>Afternoon 1:15<br/>Army of Lovers in the Holy Land 4:00<br/>The Keeper 6:20<br/>Give Me Liberty 8:55<br/><a href="http://www.sjff.org">www.sjff.org</a></p> | <p><b>JUL 27</b><br/><b>SJFF</b><br/>Shut Up and Play the Piano 11:00am<br/>Beyond the Boleyn 12:55<br/>Advocate 3:20<br/>Standing Up, Falling Down 5:05<br/>Song &amp; Dance: The Maribanks 8:55<br/><a href="http://www.sjff.org">www.sjff.org</a></p>                           |
| <p><b>JUL 28</b><br/><b>SJFF</b><br/>Local Spotlight: What She Said: The Art of Pauline Kael 12:00<br/>Picture of My Life 2:15<br/>Love, Antosha 4:40<br/>Closing Night: The Red Sea Diving Resort 7:15<br/><a href="http://www.sjff.org">www.sjff.org</a></p> | <p><b>JUL 29</b><br/><b>THEATRE CLOSED</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>JUL 30-31</b><br/><b>HALSTON</b><br/>Tue &amp; Wed 7:00, 9:00</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>JUL 30-31</b><br/><b>NUREYEV</b><br/>Tue &amp; Wed 4:55, 9:00</p>                                                                                                                                                                          | <p><b>AUG 1</b><br/><b>AMAZING GRACE</b><br/>7:00<br/><b>ARETHA FRANKLIN</b><br/>GIAMME SHELTER<br/>8:45</p>                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>FRI AUG 2 THRU SUN AUG 4</b><br/>Disney's <b>THE LITTLE MERMAID</b><br/>Sing Along<br/>Fri 7:30, Sat 2:30, 7:00, Sun 2:00</p>                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**SHOWING YOU THE MAGIC SINCE 1922**

PRE-SHOW ORGAN CONCERTS NIGHTLY

GIFT TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BOX OFFICE

**THE AVIATOR**  
BOOZIE YOUNG

**JUL 30-31**

**HALSTON**  
Tue & Wed 5:00, 7:00

**NUREYEV**  
Tue & Wed 4:00, 6:00

**AUG 1**

**AMAZING GRACE**  
7:00

**ARETHA FRANKLIN**  
8:45

**AUG 2-3**

**Disney's THE LITTLE MERMAID**  
Sing Along

Fri 7:00; Sat 3:30, 7:00

**AUG 4**

**Disney's THE LITTLE MERMAID**  
Sing Along 2:00

**A MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM**  
4:30

**PRINCESS BRIDE**  
7:15

**AUG 5-6**

**THE LAST BLACK MAN IN SAN FRANCISCO**  
(4:00), 6:30, 9:00

**AUG 7**

**Shogun**  
3:00, 7:00

**bad influence**  
5:00, 8:00

**AUG 8-9**

**THE DEAD DON'T DIE**  
Thu & Fri 7:00

**NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD**  
Thu 8:00

**RETURN OF THE LIVING DEAD**  
Fri 8:00

**AUG 10**

**LAWRENCE OF ARABIA**  
IN 70MM  
2:30, 7:00

**AUG 11**

**LAWRENCE OF ARABIA**  
IN 70MM  
1:30, 6:00

**AUG 12-13**

**MIDSOMMAR**  
6:00, 8:00

**AUG 14**

**devin**  
7:00

**REMEMBER MY NAME**  
5:00, 9:00

**AUG 15**

**Gladiator**  
6:15

**Jackie Brown**  
8:30

**AUG 16**

**Band of Outsiders**  
6:30

**Pulp Fiction**

**AUG 17**

**DASH PRESENTS STAR TREK II: THE WRATH OF KHAN**  
HOSTED BY BARCY BRONKHORST WITH LESH CHOW & THE CAST OF STAR TREK: THE DISCOVERY  
TICKETS AT \$9.95

**AUG 18**

**FOLKYEAH!!**

**GODSPEED YOU! BLACK EMPEROR**  
Doors 7:00 Show 8:00

Tickets at [FOLKYEAH.COM](http://FOLKYEAH.COM)

**AUG 19-20**

**PARIS IS BURNING**  
Mon & Tue 4:30, 7:45

**the Queen**  
Mon & Tue 6:15, 9:20

**AUG 21**

**FRENY**  
7:00

**THE BOSTON STRANGLER**  
9:00

**AUG 22**

**BLADE RUNNER**  
3:00, 7:00

**TRON**  
6:10, 9:10

**AUG 23**

**THE THING**  
7:15

**Cat People**  
5:00, 9:20

**AUG 24**

**E.T.**  
THE EXTRA TERRESTRIAL  
4:30

**POLTERGEIST**  
2:30, 7:00

**HALLOWEEN III**  
SLASH  
4:15

**AUG 25**

**GOLDFINGER**  
2:00, 9:00

**ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE**  
4:00

**MOONRAKER**  
6:45

**AUG 26-27**

**YESTERDAY**  
Mon 1:15, Tue 5:00, 9:10

**WILD ROSE**  
Mon 5:00, 9:10; Tue 7:00

**AUG 28**

**VERTIGO**  
2:45, 7:00

**HIGH ANXIETY**  
5:00, 9:20

**AUG 29**

**BULLITT**  
7:00

**Dirty Harry**  
9:10

**AUG 30**

**STAR TREK IV: THE VOYAGE HOME**  
1:15

**TIME AFTER TIME**  
5:00, 9:30

**AUG 31**

**CAIFF**  
CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL  
[CAIFF.ORG](http://CAIFF.ORG)



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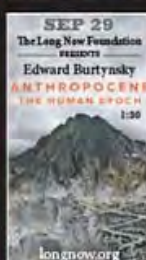
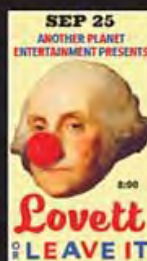
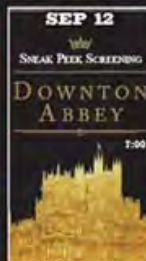
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## OCTOBER 2019 THEATRE CALENDAR

SUNDAY

**SHOWING YOU THE MAGIC SINCE 1922**

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GIFT TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BOX OFFICE

**THE HISTORIC TOOTSIE SUITCASE**

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**OCT 1-3**

**DOWNTON ABBEY**

(3:30), 6:00, 8:30

**OCT 4**

**BUMMERS BALLO**

EMMYLOU HARRIS

BROTHERS & SISTERS MARK KARAN BAND MARGARET BELTON AND THE PATSYCHORDS

VIP Party 6-1pm Show 8pm

TGG RocketDog Rescue 8:00

**OCT 5**

**Last Black Man in San Francisco**

(3:30), 6:00, 8:30

**OCT 6-7**

**THE LAST BLACK MAN IN SAN FRANCISCO**

See 7:00; Mon 9:30, 6:00

**OCT 8**

**miles davis**

6:00, 8:30

**OCT 9**

**THE FAREWELL**

(6:00), 6:00, 8:00

**OCT 10**

**Fantastic Fungi**

Director Lewis Scheraga and Rainerman Muehlbauer Paul Stamets in person!

7:00

Tickets at [fantasticfungi.com/tickets](http://fantasticfungi.com/tickets)

**OCT 11**

23rd Annual **ARAB FILM FESTIVAL**

OPENING NIGHT FILM IT MUST BE HEAVEN

7:30

[arabfilmfestival.org](http://arabfilmfestival.org)

**OCT 12**

**Sing along MARY POPPINS**

JULIE ANDREWS RICK VAN DYKE

3:30, 7:00

**OCT 13**

**WIND ALONG MARY POPPINS**

3:30, 7:00

**OCT 14**

**2001: a space odyssey**

2:00, 8:00

**NEW WORLD**

8:00

**OCT 15-17**

**ONCE UPON A TIME IN... HOLLYWOOD**

THE FILM FROM QUENTIN TARANTINO

5PM POINT

8:00, 8:00

**OCT 18**

**HALLOWEEN**

7:30

**Rock & Roll High School**

8:15

**OCT 19**

**WAKE MAN**

8:00

Tickets at [FOLKYEAM.COM](http://FOLKYEAM.COM)

**OCT 20**

San Francisco Greek Film Festival

**Olympia**

OPENING NIGHT

5:30

[GRFILM.COM](http://GRFILM.COM)

**OCT 21**

**NIGHT TIDE**

7:00

**CARNITA OF SOULS**

8:30

**OCT 22**

**THE MOTH**

San Francisco GrandSLAM: MAKING WAVES

8:00 [themoth.org](http://themoth.org)

**OCT 23**

**NORTH BY NORTHWEST**

7:00

**TORN CURTAIN**

4:30, 8:25

**OCT 24-25**

**REEL ROCK 14**

7:00 • [REELROCKTOUR.COM](http://REELROCKTOUR.COM)

**OCT 26**

**SEX CELLS**

THE U.S. TOUR

6:30

MARC ALMOND TR/ST HERCULES & LOVE AFFAIR

TIX AT [FOLKYEAM.COM](http://FOLKYEAM.COM)

**OCT 27**

**WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO BABY JANE?**

1:30, 8:00

**CARRIE**

4:00, 8:30

**OCT 28**

**FRANKENSTEIN**

7:30

**THE BRIDE OF FRANKENSTEIN**

6:00, 8:30

**OCT 29**

**sfilm presents**

Special Screening!

[sfilm.org](http://sfilm.org)

**OCT 30**

**Rosemary's Baby**

7:00

**IT'S ALIVE!**

9:30

**OCT 31**

**BODY SNATCHER**

7:00

**HOWARD HAWKS' THE THING**

from another world!

9:15, 8:30

**NOV 6**

**LINDA RONSTADT**

THE SOUND OF MY VOICE

Please visit our website.

COMING SOON:



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

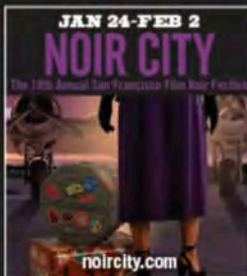
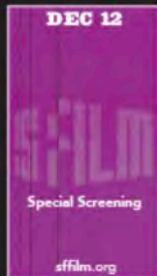
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FRIDAY

SATURDAY



## Castro Theatre Daily Events 2019

| Event                      | Jan       | Feb       | March     | April     | May       | June      | July      | Aug       | Sept      | Oct       | Nov       | Dec       | TOTAL      | Subtotal Films            |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------------------|
| FILMS - Regular            | 12        | 16        | 20        | 14        | 16        | 14        | 14        | 25        | 23        | 20        | 21        | 19        | 214        |                           |
| FILMS - Sing-a-longs       |           | 4         | 4         | 2         |           | 1         | 1         | 3         | 2         | 2         | 2         | 6         | 27         |                           |
| FILMS - Film Fesitvals:    |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 60         |                           |
| SF Film Festival           |           |           |           | 12        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            |                           |
| Frameline                  |           |           |           |           |           | 11        |           |           |           |           |           |           |            |                           |
| Jewish Film Festival       |           |           |           |           |           |           | 11        |           |           |           |           |           |            |                           |
| Noir City                  | 7         | 3         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            |                           |
| Silent Film Festival       |           |           |           |           | 5         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            |                           |
| Berlin & Beyond            |           |           | 3         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            |                           |
| California Indep. FF       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |            |                           |
| Greek Film Festival        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |            |                           |
| South Asian Film Festival  |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |            |                           |
| CAAMFEST                   |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            |                           |
| Green Film                 |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |            |                           |
| Reelrock                   |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 2         |           |           |            | SUBTOTAL<br>FILMS:<br>312 |
| Arab Film Festival         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |            |                           |
| FILMS - Special Screenings |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         | 3         | 2         | 7          |                           |
| FILMS - Peaches Christ     |           | 1         |           | 1         |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           | 1         | 4          |                           |
|                            |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            |                           |
| Sketchfest                 | 9         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 9          |                           |
| Lesbians who Tech          |           | 1         | 2         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 3          |                           |
| Gay Men's Chorus           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         | 1          |                           |
| Roast of Sister Roma       |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1          |                           |
| FolkYeah! Concerts         |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           | 1         |           | 2         |           |           | 4          |                           |
| Oasis—Wrath of Khan        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           | 1          |                           |
| Evenings with/live/comedy  | 1         | 1         | 1         |           | 1         | 2         |           |           | 2         | 2         | 1         |           | 11         |                           |
| TBA                        |           |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |           |           |           | 1          |                           |
| Rented/private             |           | 2         |           |           | 6         |           |           |           | 1         |           | 1         |           | 10         |                           |
| Closed                     | 2         |           |           | 1         | 1         |           | 4         |           | 1         |           | 1         | 2         | 12         |                           |
|                            |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 365        |                           |
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**From:** [BRETT A TESLAA](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:20:49 AM

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**From:** [Tony Jasinski](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reject Fixed Seating Amendment for the Castro Theater  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:11:17 AM

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I've been attending events at the Castro Theater since 1982. I worship that space, but we've entered an era where a 1200 seat movie theater needs more flexibility to survive. I've also enjoyed a concert there recently, and the seats can be an annoyance to those who wish to move around or dance.

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**From:** [Timothy Garibaldi](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theatre: Support the HPC Recommendation and Reject Fixed Seating Amendment  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:38:00 AM

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**From:** [Erick Arguello](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Council](#); [Susana Rojas](#); [Tina Aguirre](#); [Stephen Torres](#)  
**Subject:** Castro Theater  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:52:05 AM

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Supervisors, my name is Erick Arguello, I'm the President and Co-Founder of Calle 24 Latino Cultural District. As the creators of the Cultural Districts concept, the intent in the creation of Cultural Districts was to preserve, strengthen and protect our cultural assets and history in our communities. This tool was created to help San Francisco maintain its diversity because of negative economic forces that displaced many of our working class and marginalized communities.

The Castro Theater represents and holds up the LGBTQ history in San Francisco that spread internationally. It's a symbol of freedom that is recognized all over the world.

Not only the physical theater should be preserved but the use of space. This space is a cultural asset to the Castro LGBTQ community and the reason why the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District was formed. Many of our neighborhoods have local small community theaters that serve many of the locals and have historical ties to that community.

We are asking to honor its history and use and to vote to approve the **landmark amendment with revised language protecting fixed theatrical seating**. We appreciate your support.

In solidarity,

Erick

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