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Dear Fellow City Councilmembers,

The Paramount Theatre is an integral part of the City of Oakland with a 3,040 seat Art Deco movie theater. When it was built in 1931, it was the largest multi-purpose theater on the West Coast, seating 3,476. Today, the Paramount is the home of the Oakland East Bay Symphony and the Oakland Ballet and it regularly plays host to R&B, jazz, blues, pop, rock, gospel, classical music, as well as ballets, plays, stand-up comedy, lecture series, special events and screenings of classic movies from Hollywood's Golden Era.

Oakland's Paramount Theatre was one of the first Depression-era buildings to incorporate and integrate the work of numerous creative artists into its architecture and is particularly noteworthy for its successful orchestration of the various artistic disciplines into an original and harmonious whole.

Restored to its original splendor during the 70's, meticulously maintained, and fully upgraded to modern technical standards, the Paramount now serves all the arts. The Paramount Theatre is the home of the Oakland East Bay Symphony and, as one of the San Francisco Bay Area's premiere performing arts facilities, hosts a year-round schedule of popular music concerts, variety shows, theatre, and movies. The Paramount Theatre is an Oakland institution and a vital part of the City of Oakland. We welcome General Manager Leslee Stewart to the Life Enrichment Committee to provide an informational update to the public on the operations, challenges and successes of the Paramount Theatre.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annie Campbell Washington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "A" and "W".

Annie Campbell Washington
City of Oakland Vice Mayor and Councilmember, District 4