



**ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROCLAMATION**



Greater Orange Community Arts Theater (GOCAT)

WHEREAS, the Greater Orange Community Arts Theater (GOCAT) Foundation is dedicated to engaging and enhancing our community through the arts by creating a vibrant, transformative, and diverse culture of teaching, learning and performing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, GOCAT is leading the effort to construct the first community-based performing arts theater in the greater Orange area, that will transform individual lives and unite diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, this proposed state-of-the-art, 53,000 square foot performing arts complex, to be built in Orange, California, will include a 592-seat main theater, a black box theater, an outdoor amphitheater, art gallery, rehearsal spaces, tech shops, dressing rooms, and administrative offices, offering unparalleled opportunities for artistic growth, cultural enrichment, and educational advancement; and

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that student engagement in the arts enhances academic achievement, increases self-esteem, builds confidence, enhances teamwork and reduces delinquency; and

WHEREAS, a community arts theater provides students with the opportunity to engage in performance, arts management, graphic and set design, marketing, building trades, house management, and tech trades; and

WHEREAS, Orange Unified School District recognizes the performing arts theater's potential to serve as a cultural hub that unites diverse communities through the power of the performing arts; fostering collaborations between schools, local artists, and the wider community.

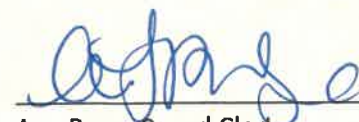
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange Unified Board of Education hereby expresses its support for the Greater Orange Community Arts Theater Foundation and their interest in the building of a community arts theater, and commends its efforts to enhance arts education and community engagement, and looks forward to continued collaboration in ensuring that students and families in our district have access to exceptional arts experiences.

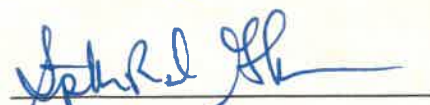
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Orange Unified School District intends to integrate the use of the community arts theater into its Visual & Performing Arts program, to ensure students have regular access to the facility for educational and extracurricular activities.

Dated 16th day of April 2025


Kris Erickson, Board President

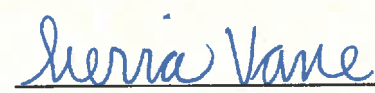

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