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EUREKA VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The neighborhood association for the Castro, Upper Market and all of Eureka Valley since 1881

April 17, 2023

RE: Castro Theatre

To Whom It May Concern:

The Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association (EVNA) is the oldest continuously operating neighborhood association in San Francisco, established in 1881. For 140 years, our members have been working to make this neighborhood a great place to live, work, and play.

On April 10, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association voted to approve a motion in support of Another Planet Entertainment's plans for the Castro Theatre. The vote was contentious and not unanimous. It is my prerogative as President to express that this vote does not take into account the views of all Board members or the overall view of the Castro neighborhood, as the Board did not conduct any formal outreach to our membership or the neighborhood at large on this topic prior to voting.

Nevertheless, a majority of the Board of Directors voted to approve the following statement:

The Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association Board of Directors supports Another Planet Entertainment's plans for the Castro Theatre. Over the last year, local community groups and activists have advocated to APE to ensure the theatre continues to serve historically significant programming at the theatre, including film and LGBTQ+-specific programming. Their efforts successfully resulted in APE establishing a robust Community Benefits Package which the EVNA board believes will serve well both our neighborhood and Castro Theatre.

Respectfully,

Alex Lemberg
President, EVNA