

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the area where the Globe Theater is located, and I urge the city to not allow the Globe to reopen as a nightclub or event space under its present ownership. While Broadway urgently needs to be redeveloped with businesses that would attract residents and consumers to Downtown, the Globe is not that kind of business. About a dozen apartment buildings are within one block of the Globe, including one next to the Globe and one across a back alley from it. Not only do the noise, public intoxication, and crime generated by the Globe make the surrounding area less safe and less desirable to be in, but the building itself is a firetrap that presents a danger to adjacent homes as well as the Globe's own customers. Further, in reading the attachment to the Department of City Planning's September 2024 report, I am deeply alarmed at the years-long pattern of noncompliance with licensing conditions and building codes. This pattern of noncompliance stretching over several years demonstrates the owner's conscious disregard for city ordinances, much less the health and safety of the owner's customers and neighbors. No promises or assurances from this owner should be taken seriously. I see from the City Clerk's file that the Globe's owner withdrew his or her appeal. I do not know if this was merely for procedural reasons or due to the merits of the appeal itself. Should the owner resume attempts to reopen, I urge the Department of City Planning and the City Council to approach those attempts with heightened skepticism. Please insist upon two things before granting any application from this owner: (1) building renovation and full abatement of all regulatory and building code violations in advance of granting any application and (2) concrete proof of changes in management practices to comply fully with all alcohol, smoking, and fire safety requirements and to ensure the safety and security of the Globe's customers and neighbors.