



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
32.		Favor	Kim Noltemy	
			Maya Emsden	As a central player and part of the Grand Avenue Cultural District there are a number of benefits for LA Metro and public transit riders. The recently opened Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill Metro Rail Station is filled with world-class artwork and the transit system provides access for hundreds of thousands of riders to the tremendous array of arts and cultural venues and opportunities found within the Cultural District. We are proud to participate and be recognized as a Grand Avenue arts entity at the cultural heart of Downtown LA and to be a cultural connector for residents and visitors alike.  The formation of the Grand Avenue Cultural District has been the result of a lot of collective hard work and long-standing partnerships and we look forward to continuing to work together to grow both venue attendance and transit ridership. And to move people through the arts.
			Melody Taylor Stark	

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32.		<b>Favor</b>	Rafael Gonzalez	<p>On behalf of Grand Performances, I am writing to express my strong support for Supervisor Solis' motion, Item 32, "Proclaiming the Month of April as 'Arts Month' and Recognition of the Grand Avenue Cultural District."</p> <p>This visionary initiative will spotlight the richness and diversity of the arts and culture on Grand Avenue and throughout Los Angeles County. By formally designating the Grand Avenue Cultural District, the County is not only amplifying the essential role of the arts but also making a bold statement about their profound impact on the community. This district will serve as a cultural epicenter that celebrates our shared heritage, sparks innovation, and fosters connections across diverse communities.</p> <p>We are deeply grateful for the County's recognition of the Grand Avenue Cultural District and are excited about the opportunities this will bring. As the district comes to life, it will help solidify Grand Avenue as one of Los Angeles' premier destinations for arts and culture. It will also serve as a catalyst for greater collaboration among cultural organizations, allowing us to share resources, expand programming, and deepen our collective impact.</p> <p>The Grand Avenue Cultural District will not only provide Angelenos and visitors with a vibrant, safe, and walkable hub of artistic expression, but it will also create a legacy that elevates our city on the global stage. Through this cultural district, we anticipate increased tourism, more opportunities for workforce development, and enhanced civic pride as we come together to celebrate everything that Los Angeles has to offer.</p> <p>I applaud Supervisor Solis for championing the Grand Avenue Cultural District. As someone who has personally experienced the transformative power of the arts, I can attest to its ability to cultivate creativity and build community. By cultivating stronger partnerships, fostering deeper engagement, and amplifying awareness of the arts, this district will play a pivotal role in shaping a more vibrant, united, and culturally enriched Los Angeles.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Rafael Gonzalez, President &amp; CEO Grand Performances</p>
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<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>4</b>	

March 31, 2025

Dear Honorable LA County Supervisors:

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of all the citizens of LA County.

I would like to support Supervisor Solis' motion to recognize the Grand Avenue Cultural District. I live and work in the newly proposed cultural district, and on a daily basis, I am thrilled to see throngs of residents, students and tourists visiting museums and the performing arts on Grand Avenue. City visionaries realized how important and impactful it would be to locate concert halls, theaters, museums, and a music school all in the same area to create a great ecosystem of collaboration, artistic excellence and creative growth for the City of Los Angeles.

As the CEO of the LA Phil, I am excited about the Grand Avenue Cultural District to highlight the diversity and importance of arts and culture both in Downtown L.A. and in the County as a whole. By creating this Cultural District, the County is making a powerful statement about the crucial role the arts play in the many communities we serve.

This new cultural district will remind both Angelenos and visitors about everything the arts have to offer in a vibrant, safe and walkable hub. The timing is significant as L.A. gets ready to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We at the LA Phil appreciate your support of this motion for the creation of the Grand Avenue Cultural District.

With respect and admiration,

Kim Noltemy, President and CEO, LA Phil

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**Michael Centeno**  
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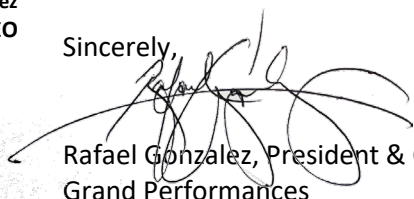
**Rafael González**  
**PRESIDENT & CEO**

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Sincerely,



Rafael Gonzalez, President & CEO  
Grand Performances