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Waiving Parking Fees for Eaton Fire-Impacted Residents Attending Shrek The Musical JR.

Thousands of residents’ lives have been uprooted in the wake of the Eaton Fire. In addition to homes and businesses, beloved local schools were destroyed, students were displaced to other campuses, and more than 10,000 students and half of Pasadena Unified School District employees were evacuated from their homes. Eliot Arts Magnet, an award-winning middle school arts conservancy, was among the schools devastated by the Eaton Fire, and their sister school Altadena Arts Magnet was also displaced amid the fire. In addition to being without classroom space, the schools are also without an auditorium to rehearse and perform their annual spring musical. Before the fire had broken out, students from both schools were slated to put on *Shrek The Musical JR.* The schools were at risk of having to cancel the show when they lost their auditorium to the fire, where students gathered for their first rehearsal the same day the fire broke out.

In an effort to uplift students’ spirits and provide them with a sense of normalcy in the midst of the loss they’ve experienced, Center Theatre Group generously offered to partner with the Pasadena Unified School District and Pasadena Playhouse to host *Shrek The Musical JR.* at the iconic Ahmanson Theatre at The Music Center in Downtown Los Angeles. The special one-night-only performance at the beloved 2,100-seat theater will take place on Friday, April 18 at 7 p.m. and will bring a fun night of entertainment for families performed by the incredible 60 students in the cast. Admission for the performance is free with reservations. Optional donations from the performance will go toward rebuilding arts programs for students impacted by the Eaton Fire.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors waive the \$20 per vehicle parking fee for up to 20 vehicles for an estimated amount of \$400 on Thursday, April 17, 2025 for student rehearsals, and up to 1,000 vehicles for an estimated amount up to \$10,000 for the performance on Friday, April 18, 2025 at the Music Center Lot 14 garage, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for participants and attendees of Shrek The Musical JR.

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