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I would like to urge the City Council to please move quickly forward to find another contractor to repair and replace the lights in the Center Theater, so Whittier can finally return to live theater. It has been over two years since the theater closed due to the pandemic. In that time the Whittier community has been looking for a creative outlet for those who have utilized the theater in the past. This group includes high schools, youth theater groups, seniors and community members. Many are discouraged that it has taken so long for the Center theater to reopen, especially since most other theaters have been up and running since last year. The power of live theater and performance is invaluable for a community. The performing arts play an important role in lifting spirits, bringing people together and inspiring us all, especially during difficult times. Live theater is also a great outlet to practice and build creativity. It's a safe space to learn problem-solving, challenging oneself and building better skills for creative thinking. The more people involved in community theater, the more creative thinkers you develop for the community.

I am hopeful that the City Council will realize how important reopening the Center theater is to the community and will expedite the repair and replacement of the theater lights so that we can once again provide quality entertainment for the community of Whittier.

Thank you,

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