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Subject: FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO TRANSFER THE CHANGE OF MANAGER APPLICATION TO CSB THEATRES, INC. AT THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE LICENSE COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING JAN. 21ST 2025 AT 6PM AT SOMERVILLE CITY HALL
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**Dear Chair Mr. Joseph Lynch and Honorable Members of the
Somerville License Commission**

Please be advised of my strong and unilateral support for the transfer of the All Forms Alcohol License, Common Victualer, Entertainment by Devices, Performers, and Patrons application to CSB Theatres Inc. d/b/a Somerville Theatre at 49 Davis Sq.

As a lifetime resident and frequent patron of the Somerville Theatre for over 60 years, A former longtime Ward and Somerville citywide elected official, Volunteer CO-producer of the Irish Film Festival and the Boston Comedy Festival, a Davis Sq. business and property owner activist, I am pleased and most delighted to support this application without reservation to transfer this license to CSB Theaters Inc. involving Mr. Ian Judge and CSB Inc. colleagues.

I've enjoyed a long-time positive relationship with the Somerville Theatre ownership and management, including Mr. Judge's tenure as the current Theatre manager, for over four decades.

In my humble opinion, it is vital that the Somerville Theatre maintain the current 'hands on' direct control of the operation and programming of the Somerville Theater, including the Crystal Ballroom. Mr Judge and staff have well managed the many different types of concerts, entertainment, films, live performances, and management of the All Forms Liquor License that have truly given the Somerville Theatre the international historic reputation currently enjoyed.

In addition, Mr. Judge and his colleagues always have, and continue to remain, supportive of a number of local issues and concerns , and maintain a strong presence in any and all Davis Sq. and City of Somerville related

activities.

I am pleased and proud to be available to follow up with additional details (should it be necessary), with regards to my extremely **enthusiastic** support for the transfer of the manager's license to Mr. Judge and his CSB Theatres, Inc., colleagues.

Appreciatively,

Jack

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JUDY PINEDA NEUFELD
WARD SEVEN CITY COUNCILOR

December 13, 2024

Somerville Licensing Commission
93 Highland Avenue,
Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Members of the Somerville Licensing Commission,

I am writing to provide a letter of support for the Somerville Theatre's application to transfer its licenses to a new management group. As someone who has had the pleasure of hosting an event at the theater, attending events at the theater, and being a close neighbor to the theater, I believe my experience is a testament to the professionalism, care, and commitment that the current management team has shown, and which will continue under new ownership.

In April of 2022, I had the honor of hosting my wedding reception at the Crystal Ballroom, a new event space above the Somerville Theatre. From start to finish, the team went above and beyond to ensure that our event was a success. The attention to detail, organizational skill, and personal care that the managers demonstrated left a lasting impression on me, and I can confidently say that the level of service we received was exceptional. Throughout the planning process, the managers were responsive, thoughtful, and dedicated, and the day of the event went off without a hitch, thanks to their professionalism.

The team behind the Somerville Theatre has consistently demonstrated their ability to provide a high standard of service, and I have full confidence that under the new ownership, the Somerville Theatre will continue to operate with the same level of excellence that has made it such an integral part of the community. The managers, who are all staying on with the theater under new ownership, are deeply invested in maintaining the theater's role as a cultural and community gathering place. Their experience, coupled with the dedication of the new ownership group, will ensure that the theater continues to be a respected asset to the neighborhood.

I trust that you will find the new ownership team to be responsible stewards of this historic venue, and I fully support their application for the transfer of the theater's licenses. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Judy Pineda Neufeld, Somerville City Councilor, Ward 7