



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager
DATE: June 04, 2026

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Original Denton District's support for Theatre Denton's application for the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Arts Respond - Cultural District Project grant program in the amount of \$5,000 to support their May 2027 event, "Voices Together,"; and to provide a letter of support to the TCA.

BACKGROUND

Mike Barrow, Managing Director of Theatre Denton, contacted the City of Denton requesting a letter of support from the Original Denton District (ODD) for an application being made to the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Arts Respond – Cultural District Project grant program, which is due by June 15, 2026.

Theatre Denton asks that the ODD support the TCA grant application requesting funding for their "Voices Together" 2027 production, "The Wizard of Oz," which aims to bring together Theatre Denton Theatre School students and experienced adult performers for a shared, intergenerational musical production. Theater Denton is requesting \$5,000 in support of their May 2027 event, "Voices Together," which represents 50% of the project's total cost.

Theatre Denton has operated out of the Original Denton District since moving all operations to the historic Campus Theatre in 1995. Between each season's eight major performances (4 musicals and 4 state plays) and Theatre Denton's 2-3 children's production every year, Theatre Denton brings more than 16,000 visitors to the Campus Theatre.

A letter of support from the Original Denton District Committee Chair (PAC Chair) expressing the cultural district's support for the project is required as part of the grant application.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval for a letter of support on behalf of the Original Denton District signed by the City Manager or their designee.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet
Exhibit 2- Letter of Request
Exhibit 3- 2025 TCA Closeout Report
Exhibit 4- Letter of Support

Respectfully submitted:

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