



The following is a note from the President of the York Road Partnership, sent out via e-mail 1/20/09. We truly appreciate the concerted effort to assist us in getting the word out. Thank you! It is clear that the businesses and residents can all agree on this important issue of keeping The Senator's doors open.

Together – united - we can make a difference!

“All,

I am forwarding an e-mail from the Senator Theatre with my own comments here. Like a growing number of businesses nationwide, the Senator Theatre is facing financial problems and possible closure in the days ahead. I don't pretend to understand how the economics of running the Senator works. I don't know what the exact solution is, but Senator needs immediate financial help from our elected officials to keep the doors open and help to transition to a new business model.

I know that in order to have healthy, stable, vibrant neighborhoods, we need businesses that offer amenities that people want. I fear that if the Senator closes, not only will the surrounding businesses that rely on the drawing power of the Senator be severely hurt, but so will neighborhoods. The Senator going dark will weaken our neighborhoods significantly, negatively impact property values and lower quality of life.

I believe that the Senator is important enough to ask for an immediate investment in it by our government and help creating a solution that preserves the operation of this key North Baltimore anchor establishment.

Please contact your elected officials - the list is below. Ask them to help craft a creative solution to keep the Senator open and help create the plan to move it to the next phase - a non-profit entertainment center (perhaps something like what the Creative Alliance has done at the Patterson?).

This is not beyond the abilities of our government - please contact them and demand that we not let the Senator go dark! This section of Baltimore is worth investment to prevent irreversible damage to area neighborhoods and businesses. Call and e-mail every one of these officials (you may want to make the calls Wednesday, when they have staff in the office to answer the phone).

Mayor Sheila Dixon 410-396-3835 mayor@baltimorecity.gov

Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake 410-396-4804
councilpresident@baltimorecity.gov

Governor Martin O'Malley 410-974-3901 governor@gov.state.md.us

U.S. Congressman John Sarbanes 202-225-4016
<http://sarbanes.house.gov/federal.asp>

U.S. Congressman Elijah Cummings 202-225-4741 <http://house.gov/writerep/>

U.S. Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger 202-225-3061
http://dutch.house.gov/writedutch_za.shtml

U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski 202-224-4654
<http://mikulski.senate.gov/contact/contact.cfm>

U.S. Senator Ben Cardin 202-224-4524 <http://cardin.senate.gov/contact/contact.cfm>

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FYI - 4th District Councilman Bill Henry is on board -- you do not need to call or e-mail to convince him.

Fire it up, folks! If you forward this -- ask them to make sure they are contacting their own elected officials -- here is the website to find your elected officials:
<http://mdelect.net/>

Hope to see many of you at the inaugural broadcast at the Senator!

Many thanks,
Karen DeCamp
York Road Partnership President"