

The Salem Cinema, our city's cultural theater, is an essential part of maintaining an enlightened and intelligently entertained community. The Covid-19 Pandemic has severely curtailed the theater's ability to operate by drastically reducing its revenues while government regulations prohibit it's being open to the public. We highly value the quality presentations and their worthy content. Small, quality theaters of this type are a priceless asset to the community and justly deserve the vital assistance required to enable it to survive the pandemic. I am calling upon the government to recognize the urgent need for emergency funding to aid in saving and supporting the survival of this vital asset. . Funding is an absolute requirement at this crucial time as we are beginning to recover from the crises. Thank you for considering my views on the subject. Douglas A. Depue