

I am writing in support of funding to assist Salem Cinema, as well as other movie theaters, survive during this most unusual period of the Covid 19 pandemic.

I have been a patron of Salem Cinema ever since my daughter discovered it as a high schooler in the late 1980's. She introduced me to this gem those many years ago, and it has been a favorite destination of mine ever since. It is a theater with a lot of personality. It offers great diversity in film offerings, is a very comfortable place for date night or for an outing with family or friends. Salem does not yet have many comfortable venues such as this. I would hate to have our community lose theaters that offer so much pleasure to so many. I do sincerely hope there is a way that Salem Cinema can receive financial assistance so that all of their hardship and efforts put towards surviving this pandemic will not have been in vain.

Please help our theaters survive. Please pass SB 5555.