

1 [Metro Theater]  
2 URGING UNITED ARTISTS THEATRE CIRCUIT, INC. TO WORK WITH THE CITY AND  
3 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND POTENTIAL LEASEES TO PRESERVE THE METRO  
4 THEATER AS A MOVIE THEATER OR ART-HOUSE VENUE.

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6 WHEREAS, The Metro Theater, originally known as the Metropolitan, has been a  
7 Union Street fixture since 1924, at one time being the centerpiece of the "Daylight Block" on  
8 Union Street, one of the City's first big district shopping areas; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Metro Theater was founded for "photoplays" only, as envisioned by  
10 theater owner and founder of the company that became United Artists, Samuel Levin; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Metro Theater is a City landmark architecturally, designed by Reid  
12 Brothers, the architects of the Fairmont Hotel, and historically, as it was the original site of the  
13 San Francisco Film Festival; and,

14 WHEREAS, United Artists invested \$1.5 million just two years ago into restoring the  
15 Metro Theater to its original splendor and installing the latest state-of-the-art technology, in  
16 addition to performing all seismic and accessibility upgrades; and,

17 WHEREAS, The conversion of the Metro Theater from a theater venue would  
18 constitute a major loss to San Francisco's cultural and historical landscape; and

19 WHEREAS, It is in the City's interest to maintain our single screen theater venues as  
20 so few are left and they support the vibrancy of neighborhood commercial districts; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Metro Theater has a unique historical heritage specifically as a movie  
22 theater venue; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges United Artists  
24 Theatre Circuit, Inc. to work with the City and County of San Francisco and potential leasees  
25 to preserve the Metro Theater as a movie theater or an art-house venue; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to Kurt Hall, CEO, United Artists Theatre  
2 Circuit, Inc., 9110 E. Nichols Avenue, Suite 200, Englewood, Colorado 80012-3405.

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# City and County of San Francisco

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

## Tails Resolution

**File Number:** 000868

**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging United Artists Theatre Circuit, Inc. to work with the City and County of San Francisco and potential leasees to preserve the Metro Theater as a movie theater or art-house venue.

May 15, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 3 - Kaufman, Newsom, Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 15, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.