

RESOLUTION NO. _____

DATE: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ABRAVANEL HALL

WHEREAS, Abravanel Hall is a Salt Lake County-owned and operated facility that has served as the permanent home of the Utah Symphony since 1979; and

WHEREAS, Abravanel Hall has long served as an iconic cultural and architectural landmark in Salt Lake County, recognized for its exceptional acoustic design and architectural significance; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council acknowledges the historical and cultural importance of Abravanel Hall to the residents of Salt Lake County, and its vital role as a performance venue for the Utah Symphony and other cultural events; and

WHEREAS, Abravanel Hall is located within the Sports, Entertainment, Culture, and Convention District recently established by the Utah Legislature and Salt Lake City, and plays a crucial role in the eastern part of this District, serving as an anchor for cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council supports efforts to revitalize downtown Salt Lake City and recognizes that the integration of Abravanel Hall into any redevelopment plans related to the Sports, Entertainment, Culture, and Convention District must take into account the Hall's cultural significance and the need to maintain its architectural and acoustic integrity; and

WHEREAS, the public has demonstrated strong support for the preservation of Abravanel Hall, with petitions garnering over 50,000 signatures in opposition to any plans that would alter or demolish the hall; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council recognizes that while renovations may be necessary for the long-term maintenance of Abravanel Hall, such renovations must be

undertaken with care to ensure the Hall’s historical, architectural, and acoustic integrity is preserved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salt Lake County Council states and affirms a commitment to preserve Abravanel Hall in its present form and on its current site, recognizing it as an essential cultural institution within Salt Lake County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Salt Lake County Council intends that any renovations to Abravanel Hall shall prioritize the preservation of the Hall’s unique architectural and acoustic design while creatively integrating it into the broader revitalization of the Sports, Entertainment, Culture, and Convention District.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Salt Lake County Council will work closely with the Smith Entertainment Group, the Utah Symphony, the State of Utah, Salt Lake City, and distinguished philanthropists who have generously supported the symphonic arts, to ensure that Abravanel Hall continues to serve as a vibrant cultural hub for the next fifty years and beyond.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2024.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Laurie Stringham, Chair

ATTEST:

Lannie Chapman
Salt Lake County Clerk

REVIEWED AS TO FORM

Deputy District Attorney Date

Council Member Alvord voting _____
Council Member Bradley voting _____
Council Member Bradshaw voting _____
Council Member Granato voting _____
Council Member Harrison voting _____
Council Member Stewart voting _____
Council Member Stringham voting _____
Council Member Theodore voting _____
Council Member Winder Newton voting _____