

Supervisors Approve Letter of Support for the Performing Arts Center

July 10, 2024



Last week, Partnership of Performing Arts founders Nick and Lisa Rail addressed the Crescent City Council. This past Tuesday, Nick and Lisa asked the Board of Supervisors for a similar Letter of Support. The Letter(s) of Support were unanimously approved by the County and City.

Benefactor Nick Rail shared the need for the community to come together to build a magnificent building which will seat 800 and transform the Arts in public education in Del Norte County.

Rail shared, "... its time to replace the Crescent Elk Middle School Auditorium with a first class, acoustically superior Performing Arts Center. The PPA will be built on the campus of Del Norte High School.

A true stage, comfortable seating, professional lighting and sound and excellent sightings, regardless of where one sits from nose bleed to front row Center. The Center will also offer our performing Arts structure the lifeline they need to grow and prosper.

The UC Davis Office of Cooperative Extension conservatively estimated the Center will pump \$1.9 million annually back into the local economy when complete.

A detailed power point presentation gave the Board an impressive update on the status of the project.

Rail shared shared with Board a tech Center for instrument repair for over a 1,000 musical instruments, many donated by the Rails'.

The Board and Council's support will help raise the estimated \$42 million needed to complete. State Senator Mike McGuire made an \$2.5 million donation to the PPA, last November.

Supervisors praised the Rails' commitment to our community. Nick grew up in Del Norte, moved away and built his prosperous music repair business. The Rails touted "...not all of our youth are college-bound.

Career Technical training is a cornerstone of building viable alternatives for our youth.”

Ground breaking is scheduled for June, 2026. The build-out is scheduled for completion in January 2028.

Fundraising continues.

Donations are graciously appreciated. Please send your donation to Box 1707, Crescent City, CA 95531.

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