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Dear Friend,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Showbox. I appreciate your time and input, and that you care so much about our community that you took the time to write.

There are some places that make Seattle, "Seattle." The Showbox at the Market is one of those places. It is a vital and significant part of the Seattle music scene, which I've loved for decades. The plan to redevelop the site took our town by surprise, stirred emotion, and caused an outpouring of support for the venue.

Seattle has a long history of rallying behind spaces we love in order to preserve the soul of our community. The Pike Place Market was saved and is iconic. The Paramount was saved – and has hosted many significant events from Nirvana to Hamilton. What was once a church, The Sanctuary was incorporated into one of Seattle's coolest new buildings – and continues to be a special gathering spot. These are examples of how our new buildings can continue to reflect our shared spirit.

This can be a model for the Showbox community. Right now, our City departments including the Office of Arts and Culture and Office of Film and Music are working directly with both the Showbox and the developers to reach a resolution that preserves the priorities of the community.

For any landmark application, the City will conduct a careful review including referral to Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, the Landmarks Preservation Board, and City Council for consideration of whether the site should be designated a landmark. This will include a robust community and public engagement. For future permitting decisions, the City of Seattle entrusts Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to follow all laws, policies and procedures.

We're grateful for your continued dedication to improving the City of Seattle, and we encourage you to keep advocating for issues important to you and your community. To all the supporters of the Showbox, keep making your voices heard.

Thank you,

Jenny