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Ms. Isabelle Leduc
Assistant City Manager City
of Albany
1000 San Pablo Avenue
Albany, CA 94706

Dear Isabelle,

The 14th Annual Albany FilmFest will take place in October, providing a popular community event for local residents. Films will be screened on Thursday evening October 10, 2023, and the mornings of Saturday October 12 and Sunday October 13, 2024.

Albany FilmFest sincerely appreciates all of the support that the City of Albany has given over the years. With the closing of the Albany Twin Theater, we were fortunate to find a venue just a few blocks down San Pablo Avenue, the Rialto Cerrito Theater. This venue worked out even better than expected with some of our largest audiences yet, including a sell out. It proved to be a convenient location for Albany and El Cerrito residents alike, and it also provided the professional movie theater desired by filmmakers. Many pre- and post-festival events, including the awards presentation at the Albany FilmFest Gala, took place in Albany and will continue to be located in Albany.

We request the following support from the City of Albany in fiscal year 2024-25:

- **The allocated \$10,000 donation:** It is AFF's understanding that the City put aside \$10,000 in each of its fiscal years to support the Albany FilmFest. This was done in August 2023. We respectfully request this same funding for the 2024 Albany FilmFest. All donations and sponsor funds are handled by Albany FilmFest's fiscal sponsor, Independent Arts and Media (IAM). IAM is a registered 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. I have attached an invoice to the City with all of the pertinent information about how to remit the funds to IAM.
Jeremy Allen's staff time: estimated at 4 to 8 hours for film program preparation.
- **One-time use of the Community Center big room:** for a free community screening of The Best of the Fest in November or December 2024.
- **Use of a Community Center meeting room:** 1-2 times for organizational meetings.

Very truly yours,

Jack Kenny

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Partnerships Director