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Mayor Mike Rawlings
Dallas City Hall
1500 Marilla St.
Suite 5EN
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mayor Rawlings and Dallas City Council:

AIA Dallas recognizes the Kalita Humphreys Theater complex as one of Dallas' most important architectural treasures. It is internationally recognized for its design, its role in the history of theater in America, and as the sole freestanding theater by America's most prominent architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

We feel strongly that the Kalita Humphreys' brightest future requires a thoughtful and inclusive strategic plan. The plan should consider the 2010 master plan and include a more robust dialogue with the broader community and potential users of the complex. Community input is vital for developing an economic model that provides for both the long-term maintenance and operation of the facility.

A new strategic plan will provide the City with an opportunity to consider a much broader cross-section of the community, reflect the substantive changes to the arts landscape since the existing master plan was prepared in 2010, and incorporate the recommendations of the new Dallas Cultural Plan.

Thank you for your commitment to maintaining and activating the Kalita Humphreys complex. AIA Dallas looks forward to working with the City of Dallas, arts advocates, and community members on this shared effort.

Sincerely,

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2019 AIA Dallas President

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