

# Save Sierra Madre Playhouse

from the devastating effects of AB-5

HERE IS THE LINK TO HELP SAVE INTIMATE THEATER and SMP:

<https://tplla.org/save-our-theaters/>

\*IMPORTANT: This link does NOT work on FireFox. Please use Google Chrome or another browser to sign.

**Now is the time to contact your legislators. Please don't wait!**



The California Assembly and Senate are back in session to consider only COVID-19 and AB-5 legislation. Proposals to amend AB-5 are being considered now.

AB-5 changed the rules by which creative talent can be considered an independent contractor by making all of them employees of the theater for which they work – even if they work as little as one day. The wages and payroll taxes will bankrupt many small theaters. We are advocating for a carve-out exemption for small non-profit theaters which will allow all non-union production personnel to be considered independent contractors with whom we can negotiate the terms of their remuneration.

**For a full explanation of AB-5 and why we need you [click here](#).**

Please help us by taking 30 seconds to send a letter (pre-written for your convenience) to your State Assemblymember and State Senator (they will automatically receive it), asking that they vote to exempt small non-profit theaters from AB-5. This letter will let your representatives know that you support a carve-out for small non-profit theaters from the new employment rules enacted on January 1, 2020.

**Please encourage anyone you know who cares about theater to take action!**

On behalf of all of us here at SMP and in the broader theatrical community, thank you for your ongoing support. We wouldn't be here without you.

Please stay safe!

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