



March 26, 2018

Mr. Chuck Matthews, Director  
North County HHSA  
County of San Diego  
170 Mission Avenue  
Oceanside, CA 92058

**RE:** Resolution Regarding Poway OnStage's Alignment with Live Well San Diego's Vision

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Poway OnStage fully supports Live Well San Diego's vision – Building Better Health, Living Safely and Thriving.

**WHEREAS**, Poway OnStage is the d.b.a. for the Poway Center for the Performing Arts Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that was founded in 1988.

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Poway OnStage is “to entertain, educate and enrich” North San Diego County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Poway OnStage is in its 27<sup>th</sup> year of presenting its annual Professional Performance Season with nationally and internationally renowned professional performers from the worlds of music, dance, comedy, drama and more for 8,700+ audience members from diverse communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Poway OnStage is in its 19<sup>th</sup> year of collaborating with the Poway Unified School District in providing its Arts in Education Initiative to more than 4,500 K-12 students, including those in Title 1 and low-equity schools through: interactive Introduction to Instruments assemblies for all fourth graders presented by middle and high school band students; free, week-long Children's Theater Camp, including in-school workshops; and Master Classes with visiting artists;

**WHEREAS**, Poway OnStage specifically helps people Thrive through its two programs, its Professional Performance Season and its Arts in Education Initiative. Along with serving the public through its Professional Performance Season, Poway OnStage is also committed to reaching out to the underserved. For example, Poway OnStage recently invited blind and



visually impaired adults enrolled at the Braille Institute to come to a performance (at no cost to them) by blind musician Jose Feliciano and meet him personally after the show. Our Arts in Education Initiative is committed to outreach to low-income, academically at-risk students. This year, schoolchildren from Title 1 and low-equity schools (Los Penasquitos, Midland, Pomerado, Valley and Sundance) participated in Introduction to Instruments programming (along with thousands of children from other PUSD schools); and schoolchildren from Midland and Sundance (Title 1 schools) as well as those from other elementary schools participated in Poway OnStage’s in-school workshops as part of its Free Children’s Theater program; and


**WHEREAS**, Poway OnStage regularly surveys audience members, students, parents and teachers resulting in written testimonials confirming the value of our programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Poway OnStage is committed to keeping prices affordable for families, including half-price youth tickets (supported by GEICO), discount tickets for seniors and students, ticket giveaways to military and low-income residents, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, Poway OnStage values and supports the health and well-being of its employees. At the January 25, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board approved an update to the employee benefits package. It now allows part-time employees to receive holiday pay and accrue vacation time at approximately 2/3 the rate of full-time employees. In addition, Poway OnStage is in the process of updating its Employee Policy Manual to include an anti-bullying/anti-harassment policy that will mirror a similar policy that the City of Poway includes in its own Employee Policy Manual.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED that through these programs Poway OnStage supports the County of San Diego’s Live Well San Diego’s vision and joins as a partner organization on the path to improve health and wellness in the region.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 30th day of March 2018 by the Board President on behalf of the Board of Directors of Poway OnStage.

By: 

Attested: 

Date: 3/26/18