

Darcy: *There is no question in my mind that I want to convince the Council to reject the proposal and keep the theatre open. Even though I don't live in Prosper, my personal experience of working in a theatre helps me imagine how the people living there might think and feel.*



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The Facts <u>Rejecting</u> the Proposal
<i>Town Council took over the theatre when the theatre's owners retired three years ago.</i>
<i>Replacing the theatre could negatively affect the businesses beside it.</i>
<i>The FastPoll.com evidence clearly shows that:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• The majority of voters believe the theatre should be kept open.</i><i>• Sue Chan (barrelofun49) shared that there are few places for her and her friends to hang out.</i><i>• Frederick Oman (freddy888) loved the 24-hour horror movie marathon.</i>
<i>Events, like the International Film Festival, can draw people together.</i>
<i>The Aurora Theatre is a town landmark, standing for 75 years. (Prosper Prattler)</i>
<i>The HiTTT.com evidence describes special deals with the theatre and Mom and Pop's Diner to celebrate the theatre's 75th anniversary.</i>
<i>The Prosper Players need a performance space.</i>
<i>The Academic Journal study says that young people are online too much. They need time together to feel connected in the community, so they need a place to do that.</i>

The Facts <u>Supporting</u> the Proposal
<i>Proposal supporters will likely refer to financial reasons to close and sell the theatre.</i>
<i>They might identify jobs created if it should sell to Baileys, a major chain of burger restaurants.</i>
<i>Supporters also argue that community youth don't seem to be attending the theatre, partially because it is in need of renovation.</i>
<i>If people don't go, the Aurora Theatre will continue to cost the town money.</i>

Choosing My Position

In light of these observations, I will choose to advise the Prosper Town Council to (Indicate your choice below.)

- ☐ ACCEPT
- ☒ REJECT

the proposal, because . . .

(Write your reason to either accept or reject the proposal.)

The community needs this theatre space for so many reasons, which is why I am rejecting the proposal to close it. The events that are held there, the gathering space it offers, and the entertainment it provides (especially to teens) make the theatre just too important to lose.

Choosing My Format

I have chosen the following format for my response:

- ☒ Letter
- ☐ Speech

Organizing My Response



In my **introduction**, I will . . .
(Remember to greet the audience specifically, and state your specific purpose for addressing them.)

- *In my introduction, I'll mention I'm writing a LETTER.*
- *I'll then explain my purpose: to convince them to reject the proposal and keep the theatre open.*

In my **first** body paragraph, I will focus on this key idea:

In my first body paragraph, I'll focus on the needs of the community (places to come together for important events, growth, etc.).

I will support my key idea with these **persuasive reasons** and **supporting details**:

- *The FastPoll.com evidence clearly shows that:*
 - *The majority of voters believe the theatre should be kept open.*
 - *Sue Chan (barrelofun49) shared that there are few places for her and her friends to hang out.*
 - *Frederick Oman (freddy888) loved the 24-hour horror movie marathon.*
- *Events, like the International Film Festival, can draw people together.*
- *The Prosper Players need a performance space.*
- *The Academic Journal study says that young people are online too much. They need time together to feel connected in the community, so they need a place to do that.*

In my **second** body paragraph, I will focus on this key idea:

In my second body paragraph, I'll talk about what needs to be done to keep the theatre open.

I will support my key idea with these **persuasive reasons** and **supporting details**:

- *Money needs to be invested so renovations can be done.*
- *Planning larger events there will bring in more revenue.*

In my **third** body paragraph, I will focus on this key idea:

In my final body paragraph, I'll talk about the opposing views. While they may seem to support economic growth, I'll argue that keeping the theatre open and helping it succeed would actually contribute to the future of the community even more.

I will support my key idea with these **persuasive reasons** and **supporting details**:

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- *They might identify jobs created if it should sell to Baileys, a major chain of burger restaurants.*
- *Supporters also argue that community youth don't seem to be attending the theatre, partially because it is in need of renovation.*
- *If people don't go, the Aurora Theatre will continue to cost the town money.*

My thinking:

- *Selling to Baileys will affect local businesses in a negative way.*
- *If everyone goes there, local shops like Mom and Pop's Diner may be forced to close, losing jobs.*
- *If we invest money in making the Aurora nicer and better suited to host local events, we could make the Aurora Theatre even more important to the community.*
- *If we publicize well, we could draw crowds for International Film Festivals and other cultural performances, boosting tourism in our community.*

In my **conclusion**, I will . . .
(Remember to thank the audience, and remind them what you would like them to do and why the issue is so important.)

- *Thank the council members for listening to my ideas.*
- *I'll remind them that their goals are to serve their community and help secure its future.*
- *I'll also remind them that the majority of voters think it should stay open. They see the value in preserving town history, and have likely grown up seeing movies in the theatre. The Aurora Theatre is literally at the heart of the town of Prosper.*