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State of Nevada
Hearing for Senate Finance Committee
Tuesday, April 15, 2003
on
Senate Bill 380

Testimony by Dr. Linda L. Clements
of the
Dayton Historical Society
and
Friends of the Dayton Valley Library

My name is Dr. Linda Clements and I am here representing the Dayton Historical Society and the Friends of the Dayton Valley Library. We urge you to help preserve the historic Odeon Hall and Saloon. You have already heard about the significance of this building—undoubtedly the most important historic building in Dayton. We have been fortunate that the current owners, Max and Mia Kuerzi, have preserved this structure for the community, but after years of very hard work, the time has now come when they need to sell their business and the building and retire. I understand that budgets are tight and many worthwhile projects are competing for available funds, but we cannot be confident that new owners would preserve the Odeon. Its loss would be extreme to both the community of Dayton and the entire State of Nevada.

This building played a significant role in the history of Dayton—the site of the Nevada's first gold discovery and Nevada's oldest settlement. The centerpiece of Dayton, the preserved Odeon would serve as a focal point of community activities. Both the Dayton Historical Society and Friends of the Dayton Valley Library endorse the Odeon preservation plan advanced by Do-Mor for Dayton and urge you to pass SB380. Please help our community preserve this historic structure!

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