

Some Milestone Dates in Lompoc Theatre's History

1927:

The Knights of Pythias build the Lompoc Theatre, along with commercial office space in the adjoining commercial office space.

May 27, 1927:

The Lompoc Theatre opens its doors, and film producers such as the Universal Film Corporation and distributors attended, bringing statewide recognition to Lompoc. Cecil B. DeMille is said to have sent the following message: "May your new theater have the success it so rightly deserves."

1985:

Last time a film was projected onto theater's Cinema-Scope screen. With the exception of occasional special events, the theater has been mostly unused since the mid 1970s.

July 2003:

The Lompoc Housing and Community Development Corporation (LHDC) announces plans to restore the Lompoc Theatre and signs a purchase option agreement with the Calvert family. LHDC completes the purchase of the theater building and adjoining parking lot in April 2006.

May 2007:

LHDC holds gala groundbreaking ceremony for the theater restoration project.

March-June 2008:

LHDC notifies the City of Lompoc that their plans to restore the theater are on hold pending the development of funding sources, and reports the estimated cost to restore the theater and add a balcony is now almost \$10 million.

September 2011:

The president of LHCDC announces the organization's intent to dissolve.

Sept. 2, 2012:

Grassroots group of community members gather to discuss way to restore and reopen theater. This group would later incorporate on Oct. 23, 2012 as the Lompoc Theatre Project Corporation, a 501.c.3 tax exempt, public benefit nonprofit.

May 6, 2014:

The Lompoc Theatre Project and City of Lompoc sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Jan. 23, 2015

Oversight Board agrees to release the existing Redevelopment Agency (RDA) lien of \$700,000 for a nominal fee of \$1. The state Department of Finance must give final approval before lien can be released.