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To: Rochester City Council

From: Avon Players

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Avon Players is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. We are applying to the State of Michigan Charitable Gaming Commission for a gaming License. We will be using this license to participate in the charity poker clubs, and various fundraising activities such as Euchre tournaments, Chinese raffles and silent auctions. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for the Councils time and consideration.

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## **Avon Players**

## Quality Community Theater since 1947

Avon Players is a nonstock, nonprofit Michigan corporation organized to promote and develop civic interest in—and enthusiasm for—nonprofessional dramatic and musical productions throughout the Greater Rochester Area. It seeks to generate community amusement, interest, and education in theater and to provide an opportunity for self-expression.

During a typical season, the troupe's multi-talented volunteers bring to the stage five full-scale productions: British farces, award-winning dramas, Broadway musicals, and spine-tingling mysteries. In addition to the five regular season offerings, Avon Players puts on a Youth Theatre production – usually a large-cast musical – for students in the sixth through twelfth grades.

## A Part of the Community

Avon Players has been an integral part of the Rochester community since the days when it was Avon Township—the reason for the name of the group. It has been actively involved with many of the area's civic efforts, by either entertaining or loaning the playhouse. Avon Players has done:

- Music reviews for Appreciation Nights for Rochester's Meals on Wheels volunteer delivery people.
- Singing during Christmas events such as "Langiappe Night" for the Downtown Development Authority
- A free 2 hour concert for the Kiwanis Summer Concert in the Park Series at Rochester Municipal Park
- A movie premiere party for the Rochester-Avon Historical Society in the theatre and lobby. The movie, narrated by Mort Crim, chronicled the history of the Rochester area from its early pioneer days.
- Performing at the annual Art & Apples weekend.
- Singing at the annual Christmas Parade
- Rochester Hills Public Library events such as "Spread the Cheer—Volunteer."

Avon Players also frequently supports local fundraising efforts by schools and other organizations by donating free tickets.

During the last decade, we have watched the community around us develop and grow, particularly the new homes and the new Stoney Creek High School that have sprung up around our playhouse. We are proud to have developed and grown along with them as a theater group, and to have been a "home" for so many talented individuals and theatre-loving patrons in our community. We happily intend to maintain both our presence and reputation in this community for many years to come.