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To esteemed Mayor Goss and dedicated city council members!

As your work for the year comes to a close, I wanted to send you my final appeal for consideration of the Sierra Madre Woman's Club as a recipient of funds. Since there have already been emails and live council meeting requests, I thought I would create this final request in an easy bullet point form:

- The Woman's Club was founded in 1907, the same year of the city's incorporation as a CA city. Club and city partnership goes back to the beginning.
- In the Woman's Club 115-year history, it has **never** asked for financial support from the city. (These hard-working and determined women would rather bake 100 chicken pot pies or make 100 tea sandwiches etc. than ask for what they feel is a handout.) I have included a short history of the club of the very early days and its formation.
- The Club has taken advantage of grants and have utilized a grant writer for years but not a lot has come from this effort.
- Currently, our youngest Board member is 27 years old and our eldest is over 95.
- Our grant request for Covid losses was fulfilled by the city, and we are so grateful. This is one of the reasons we were able to double last year's philanthropy budget.
- Despite fundraising efforts and funds set aside for regular maintenance or improvements, we will greatly fall short of our needs.
- Our clubhouse, Essick House, is listed in the LA County Museum of Art's Guide to Architecture in Southern California.
- There will be plans for 3-phase distribution of funds and contracted work. (This is in process.)
- There will be a hire of a fundraising coordinator/strategy specialist who has deep connections in the local and surrounding donor communities. (This is in process.)
- In the fundraising world, green organizations that contribute usually do so AFTER the org/cause has received LOCAL support. It makes sense that large donors "clean up" or donate once they see

that local support has been given. If local city members or community have not shown significant support or shown they value the cause, how can we as a Club expect to receive from other donors outside of our own community???

- We currently serve 83 members, and counting.
- 100% volunteers (except our one rental manager)
- Our effort begins with your support. It can also end without it.

We appreciate your consideration.

Veronica D Vasquez

President,
Sierra Madre Woman's Club

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Hello everyone,

Here is the short history of the woman's club and how it and the city worked together when it all started.

Thank you!

Veronica Vasquez
President
Sierra Madre Woman's Club

CHAPTER XIX

ORIGIN OF THE SIERRA MADRE WOMAN'S CLUB

MRS. MAYBELLE CALEY BARKER

ON A CRISP, moonlight night early in the month of January, 1907, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Copps and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dietz wended their way to the Captain Osgood lemon ranch on South Lima Street, where they had been invited for supper and an evening of Five Hundred.

As they sat around the table of their genial host and hostess, Mrs. Osgood remarked that the previous day she had attended a meeting of the Friday Morning Club in Los Angeles, she being a charter member, and had been asked by Madame Severance, president-emeritus of the Club, if Sierra Madre had a Woman's Club. Mrs. Osgood had answered, "No, Sierra Madre cannot support a Club."

The Osgood dinner guests immediately started to take exceptions to this answer of their hostess. Mrs. Copps and Mrs. Dietz were sure that if the right people in Sierra Madre were contacted, a Woman's Club could be organized. They even offered to make a canvass of the town, interviewing women who might be interested in such an organization. Mr. Dietz said that he, too, would conduct an interview of all merchants in town to see what they thought of the idea.

On the following Monday, Mrs. Copps and Mrs. Dietz started out to canvass the town for prospective members. Among those interviewed was Miss Lydia Webster, then president of the Women's Guild of the Episcopal Church. She promised to bring the subject up at the next meeting of the Guild. This she did, and found the women very enthusiastic, as were the ladies whom Mrs. Copps and Mrs. Dietz had contacted. Mr. Dietz also found the merchants in town in favor of this community affair. So intensely interested was Mrs.

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Chas. E. Bentham, wife of the Episcopal Rector, that she extended an invitation to all women of the community who were interested in such a project, to meet at the rectory on February 23rd, 1907.

February 23rd turned out to be a day for a California cloudburst, but in spite of the downpour thirty women met at Mrs. Bentham's invitation. Mrs. E. T. Pierce had prepared a Constitution and By-Laws, which she read and which were adopted. This was signed by those present, but on account of the heavy rain which had kept many prospective members from attending, it was decided to keep the charter membership open until the March 7th meeting.

Mrs. J. A. Osgood was elected president at this meeting, and Mrs. Charles Ferry secretary pro-tem. The ladies decided to ask Mr. A. N. Adams for the use of the old Town Hall for a future meeting place. Mr. Adams agreed to allow them to use the hall and he, with the assistance of Messrs. L. E. Steinberger, Capt. Osgood and Louis Dietz, gave the old hall a thorough cleaning in readiness for the second meeting of the Club on March 7th. On that day the charter membership roll was brought up to 54 names, the following having signed:

Mrs. W. S. Andrews	Mrs. Louis Dietz
Mrs. Burton Andrews	Mrs. J. E. Ferry
Mrs. C. H. Baker	Mrs. Chas. Ferry
Mrs. C. E. Bentham	Mrs. Nellie Gary
Mrs. Minnie Bronson	Mrs. Edith Hawxhurst
Mrs. W. F. Brugman	Mrs. C. W. Hill
Mrs. M. A. Cadwell	Mrs. N. H. Hosmer
Mrs. Wm. P. Caley	Mrs. Kate Holmes
Mrs. Jas. M. Campbell, Sr.	Mrs. Catherine Humphries
Mrs. Edith Crisp	Mrs. Anna Jackman
Mrs. R. S. Criswell	Miss Alma Jones
Mrs. S. C. Collins	Mrs. C. W. Jones
Mrs. Marcus W. Copps	Mrs. C. S. Kersting
Mrs. E. W. Camp	Mrs. George Letteau
Mrs. Cora Costello	Mrs. Lee Lyons
Mrs. J. C. Dickson	Miss Alice Lockwood

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Mrs. M. I. Maxgood	Mrs. Alice Staples
Miss Hattie Marvin	Mrs. Ivor Thomas
Mrs. A. D. Morgan	Mrs. Eva Thornburg
Miss Julia Nichols	Mrs. L. C. Torrance
Mrs. J. A. Osgood	Mrs. E. H. Vannier
Mrs. Ida Potter	Mrs. I. N. Ward
Mrs. J. C. Pegler	Mrs. Tasker Webster
Mrs. E. T. Pierce	Miss Lydia Webster
Mrs. Maggie Steinberger	Mrs. Martha Williamson
Miss Elizabeth Steinberger	Mrs. Harriet Wright
Mrs. Laura Stevenson	Mrs. Nellie Yerxa

The following regular officers were also elected:

President.....	Mrs. J. A. Osgood
Vice-President.....	Mrs. L. C. Torrance
Secretary.....	Mrs. Minnie Bronson
Treasurer.....	Mrs. W. S. Andrews
Directors.....	Mesdames Marcus Copps, J. C. Dickson, Geo. Letteau and Louis Dietz

For over two years the Club met in the old Town Hall. Many fine programs were enjoyed and many outstanding social affairs took place. Remembered by many was the Club's first Christmas party, given for the children of Club members. Santa Claus, dressed in a red suit, came riding down the hill on a burro and up the steep steps of the hall into the auditorium, where he distributed gifts from a huge gunny sack thrown over his shoulder. Another, a grandmothers' party, was held on the lawn of the home of Lawyer and Mrs. E. W. Camp. Madame Severance, president-emeritus of the Friday Morning Club of Los Angeles, was the honored guest. She was then 89 years old.

Also a Colonial Tea, held at the Town Hall on Washington's Birthday, February 22nd, 1908, with the guests in Colonial fashions dancing the minuet. From 1908 to 1909 Mrs. C. E. Bentham directed the Club as its second president.

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In the fall of 1908 we find the Woman's Club acting as hostesses to the street cleaning gang. On Saturday, November 9th, Mayor C. W. Jones proclaimed a holiday for "Street Cleaning Day". At 6:30 in the morning Uncle Henry Hosmer, of Revolutionary stock, shot off several sticks of dynamite to awaken the people so they would get ready for work, then the church bells and school bells were rung. Bert Andrews called up City Marshal Caley and wanted him to arrest Mr. Hosmer for disturbing the peace. One hundred men turned out to clean the weeds from the streets of Sierra Madre. Those who could not help sent a day's wages of \$3.00 and Japs were hired to assist with the work. White-collared men of Sierra Madre, such as the editor of the News, C. W. Hill, appeared dressed in their best bib and tucker including stiff collar and tie, to pick up one weed at a time and carry it like a bouquet to the wagon and throw it in. The Woman's Club served a fine lunch at noon at the Town Hall to the workers, free of charge. Menu included escalloped potatoes, baked beans, cold meats, pies and cakes and hot biscuits and lots of good hot coffee. The affair was such a success Sierra Madre decided to make it a yearly affair.

Just about this time Monrovia built their Woman's Club House and our club ladies were invited to the opening program. When they returned home that night it was unanimously agreed that "if Monrovia could have a Woman's Club House, so could Sierra Madre." This started a huge money-earning campaign. First, there were lots to buy, and they selected two fine lots across from Norris' store on West Central Avenue. Ways and means of earning money in those days were limited. Chicken pie suppers were popular. The club women worked under great difficulties as the Town Hall had no facilities for serving suppers, there being neither gas nor electricity. The ladies carried their oil stoves up the steep and narrow stairway, also pots and pans and dishes and silver. In summer, ice cream socials were popular. The Steinberger, Lawless and Letteau families owned cows and donated the cream. Club women had peaches and strawberries in their gardens. Mrs. Nellie Yerxa

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and Mrs. Elizabeth Dietz mixed up the concoction for the ice cream, while Freddie Hinton, Louie Torrance and Don Baxter turned the crank of the freezer and were rewarded by being allowed to lick the dasher when the ice cream was frozen. Food sales and card parties were also given for benefits. Mr. E. H. Hoffman of the Hoffman Hardware Company, wholesale, Los Angeles, owned a lovely home on West Central Avenue, and offered his spacious grounds to the ladies for a lawn party, saying he would match every dollar they raised by selling tickets. The whole town turned out and the receipts were enormous, enough so that a down payment on the lots could be made, leaving a balance of \$1800. A few months later this was raised by selling stock certificates of \$100 each to eighteen charter members. With the lots clear, efforts were made to raise money for the clubhouse. Mr. Hoffman came to the front again, saying he was sure that he knew a man in Los Angeles who would finance the clubhouse. This man was contacted and agreed to furnish the \$10,000 which I believe was the cost of the original club building without any of the annexes which were added in later years.

On May 10th, 1909, the laying of the cornerstone took place. It was a sizzling hot day and Mrs. Lawless suggested serving orange jello and home-made cake after the ceremony, at the old town hall where they were to adjourn. By the time the program was over and the guests had gathered at the hall, the orange jello was back to its liquid form again and Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Dietz, with much laughter poured it into glasses and served it as a beverage with the home-made cake. For years, this was a standing joke among the ladies. On this memorial day for the Club, one of the Charter members, Nellie Ingram Baker (Mrs. C. H. Baker) wrote the song of dedication used in the ceremony. The program was as follows:

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PROGRAM

Sierra Made Woman's Club'

Laying of the Corner-stone.

May 10, 1909

Mrs. George H. Letteau, President

Estudiantina	(Lacome)	Monday Musical Club
Invocation	Rev. Jas. M. Campbell, D.D.	
"Our New Home"	Mrs. J. A. Osgood, President Emeritus	
"Our City"	Mayor C. W. Jones*	
"Organizations"	J. W. Keys, Pres. Board of Trade	
Address	Father Barth, of the Catholic Mission	
President's Address	Mrs. Chas. E. Bentham	
Laying of the Corner-stone		
Music—Dedication Song	Nellie Ingram Baker	
Benediction	Rev. C. E. Bentham, Rector of the Church of the Ascension	

The club house was completed on July 1st, 1909 and a big ball was held in celebration of the opening. Mr. Frances P. Conrad had the honor of taking the first photograph of the new club house. The Club joined the General Federation of Clubs in this year.

For over forty years, now, the Sierra Madre Woman's Club has been most active in all civic affairs of the city, carrying out faithfully and tirelessly the Object for which they were organized: "To stimulate intellectual development; to promote unity and good fellowship; and to strengthen individual, philanthropic and reformatory effort."

MAYBELLE CALEY BARKER,
Club Historian.

The Mayor's address on "Our City" carried weight as can be seen in reviewing the following bits from it in the light of Sierra Madre of today:

*Ed Note: See extracts following.

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"Suffice it to say the few early ranchers who located upon this favored spot had much to do with the final setting. . . . They preserved the grand old oaks, they planted numerous and beautiful shade trees along the highways, adorned their door-yards with choice tropical plants and flowers, they developed the profitable orange and lemon groves. . . .

"Nature and our worthy pioneers have done much to make of this place an earthly Paradise . . . but today . . . Civic Pride . . . seems to me to be . . . lacking among a goodly number of our citizens . . . an asset no city can afford to overlook . . . a thing no citizen can afford to be without. A city whose inhabitants possess a high standard of Civic Pride is a city of beauty and attractiveness no matter how much or how little the cost of her buildings.

The humblest home in our city can be made attractive and beautiful. . . . The public highways and parkways belong to the city, therefore your share of the care of these is that portion which lies directly in front of your property. . . . The children should be imbued with the idea of Civic Pride and there is no more appropriate place nor way, than upon the Public School grounds by example and precept. . . . Plant trees and flowers where only weeds now grow.

"No organization has done so much to further the cause of Civic Pride as the Sierra Madre Woman's Club, and if the men would keep pace with their wives they must needs stir! . . . With such an organization as the Sierra Madre Woman's Club, with its influence and its coterie of women who know HOW and have the CHARACTER to LEAD, . . . the rainbow of optimism for a city beautiful glows with unusual splendor."

SIERRA MADRE WILD FLOWERS

Editor's Note

After the Woman's Club was well established in their new building they initiated many civic activities, prominent among them being an annual flower show. One outstanding feature of this show was the exhibit and classification of wild flowers, the profusion of which so colorfully blanketed the whole landscape

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of Sierra Madre. Prizes were offered to school children who exhibited the largest number of varieties and the best specimens of local wild flowers.

Interest in these contests grew from year to year and soon the displays became quite as beautiful and informative of the flora of the community as the exhibits of cultivated flowers.

The accompanying table of native flora was compiled in the early years of Sierra Madre by one of her teachers, Mrs. Chloe B. Jones, and may be instructive and interesting to botany students any time. The sad fact is, however, that many of the specimens have given way to the builders as they have turned vacant property into homes and cultivated gardens.

THE FLORA OF SIERRA MADRE

By Chloe B. Jones

- Arbutus, Menziesii Madrono
- Amsinckia, Spectabilis
- Brodiaea, Capitata
- Bloomeria, Aurea
- Clematis, Ligustici Folia (Virgin's Bower)
- Columbine, Aquilegia truncata
- Coliusia, bicolor
- Castilleja, parviflora
- Compositae, represented by Sunflowers, Daisies, Thistles, etc.
- Cream Cups, Platystemon Californicus
- Clover, (bur) Medicago denticulata
- Currants, (wild) Ribes aureum
- Conifers, (several species)
- Datura Stramonium, (Jamestown weed)
- Euothera, bistorta
- Erythraea, venusta
- Eriodictyon, tomentosum
- Eriodictyon, glutinosum (Yerba-Santa)
- Filaria Erodium, moschatum
- Fuchsia, Zauschneria, Californica
- Geranium, Carolinicum

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- Gooseberry, (wild) *Ribes Menziesii*
 Greasewood
 Godetia, *quadrivulveria*
 Hosackia, *Maritima*
 Kale, *Brassica campestris*
 Lupines, (several species)
 Larkspur, (red) *Delphinium Cardinale*
 Lathyrus, *palustris*
 Lily, (tiger) *Lilium Humboldtii*
 Lily, (Mariposa) *Calochortus lyoni*
 Lily, (white) *Calochortus albus*
 Linaria, *Canadensis*
 Lilac, (wild) *Ceanothus thyrsiflorus*
 Laurel, (mountain) *Falmia glauca*
 Manzanita, *Arctostaphylos tomentosa*
 Menlla, *Martima*
 Mimulus, *glutinosus*
 Mustard, *Brassica nigra*
 Mountain Maple
 Nightshade, (black) *Solanum Nigrum*
 Nightshade, (purple) *Solanum umbelliferum*
 Nemophila, *insignis*, (Baby blue-eyes)
 Orthocarpus, *purpurescens*
 Oak, (several varieties of)
 Peony, *Peonia Brownii*
 Phacelia, *grandiflora*
 Phacelia, *Whitlavia* (blue bells)
 Poppy, (common) *Eschscholtzia Californica*
 Poppy, (tree) *Dendromeum rigiduni*
 Pink, (mountain) *Gilia Californica*
 Pink, *Gilia Capitata*
 Pentstemon, *cordifolius* (Wild honeysuckle)
 Pentstemon, (scarlet) *Centranthifolius*
 Pentstemon, (purple) *Spectabilis*
 Pimpernel, *Anagelis Arvensis*
 Radish, (wild) *Raphanus Raphanistrum*
 Rose, (wild) *Rosa Californica*
 Sorrel, (yellow) *Oxalis comiculata*

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- Snapdragon, *Antirrhinum glandulosum*
Sumac
Shooting Stars, *Dodecatheon media*
Sage, (thistle) *Salvia Carduccea*
Sage, (blue) *Salvia Columbariae*
Sage, (black) *Andibertia stachyoides*
Sage, (white) *Andibertia polystachya*
Shepherd's Purse, *Capsella Bursa-pastoris*
Sambuccas, *glauca*
Tobacco, (wild) *Nicotiana glauca*
Verbena, *Hastata*
Violet, (yellow) *Viola pedunculata*
Vetch, *Vicia Americana*
Yucca, *Whipplei*

Amber Tardif

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I tried unsuccessfully to review the online documents on the website relating to this project. Despite not being able to review it, I object to allowing the total project size to exceed the 3,000 sq ft of floor area.

Sincerely,
Brian

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I SIGNED THE PETITION FOR THE REFERENDUM

NOW what happens?

Protect Sierra Madre had only 30 days to get the signatures of 10% of Sierra Madre voters, asking for an election (a referendum) to overturn the City Council's approval of the Meadows project. 1,300 signatures (more than 10%) are now being reviewed by the County. Although some may be disqualified because the signature is different from that on file or for another technicality, we are certain to have enough qualified signatures for a referendum.

Once the official Certification is returned to the City Clerk, it will be presented to the City Council. They will then have 3 options - to rescind their approval of the project, to schedule the election on the referendum for Nov 2024, or to call an earlier special election. A special election is generally requested by the developer, who would then pay for that election.

It is important to note that a vote to overturn City Council's decision, approving The Meadows Specific Plan, does not make any permanent change. It does, however, stop the Meadows project that the City Council approved, for at least a year.

New Urban West can present the same or a different housing project to the City Council a year after the vote.

Because NUW has invested so much time and money in this project, and because they are the Passionists choice of developer, there is NO question that they will return in a year with a project to develop the parcel.

But, the people will send a clear message, by voting to overturn the approval, that they want the developer and the City Council to be open to making changes in any project to develop the monastery parcel, and to consider the citizens' opinions in those changes.

Property owners do have a right to do with their property whatever is allowed by our ordinances and State law. They are allowed to sell their property and to receive fair market value for it. But our regulations make sure that the rights of a property owner can NOT negatively impact the rights of other residents or be contrary to the policies established in our General Plan.

Our ordinances include many requirements and safeguards that can prevent ANY development that does not conform to Sierra Madre standards. The City is able to restrict or deny any development that would be contrary to our General Plan policies and ordinance requirements.

Our ordinances consider the impact of any development on surrounding property owners, and require that a rezoning must not grant a special privilege to a single property owner.

Sierra Madre has established objective design and development standards in our zoning ordinances to ensure that any development, whether reviewed by our Planning Department, Planning Commission or City Council, will be held to the same standards that have limited overdevelopment in our City.

We have protections in place - when our General Plan and Ordinances are fairly applied to EVERY applicant!

But because in 2020, a negotiated agreement between the former City Manager and a representative of the Passionists in Illinois known as the "Memorandum Of Understanding" allowed a SPECIFIC PLAN for the Meadows Project, the Passionists were able to evade those protections in our ordinances that every other property owner is bound by. And the City Council approved that Plan.

Citizens of Sierra Madre were never made aware of these negotiations with the developer which took place during the water hookup moratorium.

Citizens were not made aware of the planned MOU as it was signed at the first Council meeting it was presented, a few months after the moratorium was lifted - and during the Covid shutdown.

The City Council, before entering into that binding agreement, never considered, or discussed with the Citizens, any other possible option that might allow the Passionists a fair market price for their land, protect the serenity of their retreats and ALSO protect the values of our General Plan. They never considered, or pursued with their constituents the possibility that the State and Conservation groups might now have funds that could help the city buy and conserve the land for the environment, the wildlife and the Citizens.

They never considered, or discussed with the Citizens, whether the impacts of a development that they are required to limit under our existing ordinances, might be preferable to the special privileges they extended to the single landowner. Special privileges that were never presented to, or discussed with, the Citizens of Sierra Madre.

By voting to approve the referendum to overturn the City Council's approval of the project, we citizens will make it clear - we do NOT think the project approved is the best plan for that parcel.

We residents believe that the City Council should enforce the General Plan and Ordinances that protect the special nature of our town. And, most importantly, feel that they must consider the opinions of the residents who love Sierra Madre, who they have promised to represent.

December 13, 2022

Gene Goss, Mayor
City of Sierra Madre
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RE: Public Hearing 1. Sierra Madre Playhouse Capital Campaign Appeal and General Fund Overview

Dear Mayor Goss,

At this time, I do not support awarding the Sierra Madre Playhouse funding for its much-needed capital improvements because of the many unfunded capital needs in the City. I am particularly concerned about completing the Sierra Madre Public Library repairs and "meaningful" expansion sufficiently to build a safe, functional facility that doesn't require unanticipated reductions in collections and services.

As a resident and former Library Director for the City, I believe it is inappropriate to use City general or restricted funding sources until the City has developed and released project schedules, plans, and budgets for the library and public safety facilities. Primarily, I am concerned that the library can maintain its current level of services and collections in the new building. At this time, I want the City to release the necessary planning documents for a successful project. (1) A floor plan with shelving units and furniture (study/computer carrels, comfortable reading chairs, tables with chairs, equipment, etc.) will determine how many people can be inside the library simultaneously using its services. (2) An indoor space sufficient for library programs. The concepts for outdoor program space might be attractive, but ultimately, it fails to meet library programming needs because it is outdoors. It may be an addition but not a substitution for parents with young children and older library users, who are more vulnerable to heat and poor air quality, to meet indoors with proper HVAC. (3) Space for historical archives. (4) A detailed project budget and timeline.

I appreciate the generous grants the City received for the library building and the preliminary staff plans and estimate. However, it is too early to know the actual costs of completing this building project to meet library service needs documented in many City reports. Therefore, I recommend that the City decline the request from the Sierra Madre Playhouse.

Regards,

Toni Buckner

Cc: City Council Members, Library Board of Trustee Members, City Manager Reynoso, City Librarian Regan