## **Taylor Day**

From:	St. Joseph's Cultural Center <
Sent:	Wednesday, April 6, 2022 11:27 AM
То:	Public Comments
Cc:	saintjosephsculturalcenter@gmail.com; Daniel Ketcham; Jack Linda
Subject:	Saint Joseph's Cultural Center/ Grass Valley Museum

Members of the City Council, my name is Dyane Albrecht, I am a board member of Mount Saint Mary's Historical Preservation Committee, HPC, we are responsible for Saint Joseph's Cultural Center/Grass Valley Museum oversight.

At a recent board meeting we had Dan Ketchum, president of Nevada County Historic Society and Linda Jack, chair of Grass Valley Historical Commission speak with us. We were interested in learning how other historical sites in our community are funded and managed. They recommended several steps to increase the communities awareness and suggested we speak at a City Council meeting.

With your permission I would like to present our 'story' at a future council meeting, perhaps in May or June. The intent of our out reach is threefold:

- Increase awareness of our history and significance in our community
- Seek additional board members and docents
- Begin a conversation on funding options for preserving our historic site (#855)

Please direct me as to how I can be scheduled on a future agenda and let me know of any advance materials that might be required.

Thank you,

**Dyane Albrecht** 

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## **Taylor Day**

From: Sent: To: Lian Trowbridge Friday, April 8, 2022 3:17 PM Public Comments

Hello Grass Valley City Council, my name is Lian Trowbridge and I live and attend high school in Grass Valley. Our community is of great concern to me, and climate change threatens every aspect of a prosperous future for us and future generations. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely, Lian Trowbridge April 4, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of encouragement from the perspective of a longtime volunteer at the Grass Valley/Nevada City Animal Control Shelter. I typically work closely with staff several times a month and have been highly impressed with the level of professionalism, sensitivity to the animals, communication with the public, and management of the day-to-day activities of the Shelter.

City animal shelters are often unsung heroes of their communities. Their duties are many and varied. The overarching goal is to house lost pets and reunite them with their owners as well as find new homes for animals in need. Within this goal, daily duties include enforcing local laws governing animals, responding to concerned calls from the public, working with other law enforcement personnel, providing a safe and healthy environment for the animals currently in the Shelter, and coordinating veterinary care. Our Shelter also provides direct services to the public that include an ongoing intake of new animals, adoptions, animal assessments with follow-up behavioral training, collaboration with other shelters, coordination and training of volunteers, and the provision of educational outreach. Our Shelter is a busy place, indeed.

Our local Shelter was built in the 1950's with some improvements and modifications over the years. However, it sadly remains an old building with outdated infrastructure and kennel arrangement. It is well known that the public's expectation of local shelters has changed considerably over time from a facility of simply managing the local animals within their jurisdiction to an enriched facility that houses animals in pleasant surroundings that promote sound physical health and well-being, provides additional veterinary care, provides additional socialization opportunities and training for challenging animals, interfaces with the public to promote owner responsibility, and provides outreach services to facilitate adoptions and successful pet ownership.

A look at some of the other city and county shelters in the area can give our community new ideas on how to bring the current facility up to modern standards. This might include a major renovation or rebuild on the current site as well as look at all the other options.

Thank you for your time and consideration of how to address the current status of our Grass Valley/Nevada City Animal Control. A more modern facility would undeniably be a sound asset to our communities and allow law enforcement personnel to better provide the enrichment services that Nevada County citizens have come to appreciate and expect.

Sincerely,

Therese Hukill-DeRock