
Subject: Agency Lease Proposal: ARC + YRC Facilities
Attachments: Agency Lease Proposals.pdf; Attach A Proposed 55+ Changes.pdf; Attach B Town Staff Coordinator 55 Plus.pdf; Attach C Agency Investment YRC Parking.pdf

From: Nancy Rollett [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 3:32 PM
To: Laurel Prevetti [REDACTED] >
Cc: Mary Badame [REDACTED] >; Matthew Hudes <[REDACTED]>; Maria Ristow <[REDACTED]>; Rob Rennie <[REDACTED]>; Rob Moore <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Agency Lease Proposal: ARC + YRC Facilities

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Laurel,
Happy Spring!

We are seeking the opportunity to renegotiate the leases for the ARC and YRC facilities. Please see the attached proposal along with supporting attachments A, B and C.

Please let me know if you have questions; I'll look to you for next steps and timing.

Warm regards,
Nancy



Nancy Rollett

Executive Director

Direct: 408.207.4900

LGS Recreation

Main Office: 408.354.8700

208 E. Main St, Los Gatos, CA 95030

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March 27, 2024

Town of Los Gatos
Attn: Laurel Prevetti
Town Manager
110 E. Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Re: Los Gatos-Saratoga Community Education and Recreation Lease Agreements

Dear Laurel,

On behalf of the LGS Recreation ("Agency") Board of Directors, I am respectfully requesting an opportunity to negotiate the lease agreements for the Adult Recreation Center (ARC) located at 208 E. Main Street, Los Gatos and the Youth Recreation Center (YRC) located at 123 E. Main Street, Los Gatos.

ARC Background

The Agency has leased the ARC building since 2009 with an initial term through 12/31/2029 and option to extend the agreement for two additional five-year periods. The current fee is \$19,840.67 / month for the 12,000 square foot building. The Agency pays utilities of approximately \$29,000 / year and is responsible for interior maintenance. The Town provides exterior maintenance, weekly landscaping maintenance, and pays for trash and recycling removal.

The Agency is prompted to renegotiate the terms of the lease and associated 55+ program services as both are outdated:

We are seeking a five-year lease with two 5-year renewal extensions and free use of the instructional spaces used to provide 55+ services, estimated to be 84% of the ARC.

Note: Any spaces offered to future potential 3rd party service providers should be reduced from the proposed lease payment.

The Agency proposes modifying the list of 55+ services governed by the lease as some items are no longer relevant. **Please see Attachment A for the list of proposed changes to 55+ terms.**

- The Agency proposes lease payments for the administrative spaces should be redirected to fund the needs of local community service providers. Examples include partially funding the FTE for a Social Worker / Case Manager. Another

option is partially funding the Live Oak nutrition program to bring a “social lunch” to the ARC and / or partially offsetting their monthly budget shortfall.

- Historically, community service providers such as Live Oak Nutrition and NUMU have unintentionally competed with the Agency for the limited resources available from the Town. Our goal and intention is to work together by sharing resources and extending our collective reach in the community.
- The Town was expected to fund a Senior Coordinator position to contribute towards the 55+ effort. The position was funded for less than a year and has not been restored in the last 15 years. **Please see Attachment B regarding the Town Staff Coordinator role.**

Additional Considerations

- The current arrangement obligates the Agency for lease payments of \$250K per year plus the operating expense of the 55+ program, an expense of another \$250K per year, at minimum. It is the only Agency program area that operates at a loss.
- In the foreseeable future, the Agency Board will no longer fund the cost of the 55+ program using profits from other program areas. Thus, the program is unsustainable under the current arrangement.
- The Agency is requesting the Town re-evaluate the past practice of lease payments for use of the instructional spaces at the facilities. The facilities are a community asset to address the Town’s strategic priority of enriching the quality of life for residents.
- The Agency is expected to house additional third-party service and program providers at the ARC. In some cases it make take away from instructional space. The ARC is already space constrained due to the popularity of programs. More than 50% of instructional hours at the YRC are used for 55+ adult enrichment programs.
- The Agency has done our part to fundraise and write grants to support senior programs. Lease payments coupled with the cost to operate the program undermine Agency efforts and do not reflect the spirit and philosophy of a fair and equitable partnership.
- The Agency has recently made significant improvements to the ARC including painting all doors and trim, retexturing walls, dropped ceilings in common spaces for noise abatement, a television the lobby, digital door keypads, and video cameras. It reflects our commitment to using the space and goal of making it more comfortable for the community and more functional for staff.
- Finally, I am the lead grant writer for the Agency. Although I am a member of the administrative team, I am a champion of the 55+ program. My contribution towards the success of the program should be considered when assessing the fee for administrative offices - for which it’s assumed there is no 55+ contribution.

YRC Background

The Agency has leased the YRC building since the late 1960's, although the last formal YRC lease agreement expired in December 2011 and has been a month-to-month arrangement thereafter. We are seeking a five-year lease with two 5-year renewal extensions.

The current fee is \$2,759.25 / month for the 6,479 square foot building. The Agency pays utilities of approximately \$15,500 / year and is responsible for interior maintenance. The Town provides exterior maintenance, weekly landscaping maintenance, and pays for trash and recycling removal.

Additional Considerations

- **Please see Attachment C identifying the Agency's investment in YRC parking spaces along the north side of the building.** Parking should be memorialized in the lease agreement.
- It is misleading to assume the YRC only hosts youth programs. More than 50% of YRC space is used for 55+ adult programs. This should be considered in the lease calculation in which instructional space for 55+ programs should be free.
- The Agency has recently made significant improvements to the YRC including a new kitchen and breakroom, replaced flooring, repaint and textured walls. It reflects our stewardship of the space and interest in continuing use of the property.

General Considerations:

- Provision to cease payments in the event of another pandemic shutdown should be considered along with a standard termination clause.
- The Exhibit B Inventory of Fixtures is no longer relevant as furniture and equipment are beyond their useful life and have been replaced at the Agency's expense.
- Recommend fees structures for nonprofit rental groups be updated to comparable rates of surrounding community centers.
- Recommend political or current events discussion groups be prohibited from using the facilities.
- Rules affecting building improvements, subleasing, exterior signage, lighting and security cameras should be included in the lease agreement.

Our recommendation for the formula to develop lease payments may be something along these lines:

ARC 16% Administrative space (less 3rd party users) x current lease rate = Lease ~or~ Amount used to fund Case Manager / Social Lunch.

YRC 50% Space (used for youth programs) x current lease rate = Lease ~or~ Amount used to fund Case Manager / Social Lunch.

Ideally, the lease should include provision to reinstate the Town Coordinator position.

Note: As a basis of comparison, the Agency pays ~\$52K / year for use of all parks and every facility in the City of Saratoga. Under the City model, Saratoga also pays for utilities, custodian, IT, maintenance, etc.

The ARC and YRC are truly community assets. The best and highest purpose for their use is to serve the enrichment and recreation needs of the community; not to extract rent. The current arrangement for recreation services is unnatural and unduplicated in the State of California. Please consider this an opportunity to create a more sustainable solution and uninterrupted continuity of service for the Town, the Agency and our community.

Sincerely,



Nancy Rollett
Executive Director
Los Gatos-Saratoga Recreation
208 E. Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Cc:

Mayor Badame, Vice Mayor Hudes and Council Members Ristow, Rennie and Moore

Attachments:

- A – List of Proposed Changes to 55+ Program
- B – Town Staff Coordinator Role
- C - Agency's Investment in YRC Parking

Recommended list of items from the 2009 lease agreement to be modified, discarded or are no longer relevant:

DIRECT SERVICES:

OUTDATED	CHANGE TO
Wednesday Afternoon Movies (once per month)	Movie Showing
Senior Show	Senior Social or Live Oak "Social Lunch"
Senior Center Newsletter (bimonthly)	Senior Center Newsletter – The PRINT
Information and Referral to Other Agencies	Information and Referral to Other Agencies – The HUB
Recreation Classes will be expanded significantly as demand warrants. Examples include: language, arts and crafts, computer and other internet classes.	Ongoing support of volunteer facilitated programs, partnerships with outside agencies (ex. West Valley College), socials, and flexibility to change offerings based on changing member interest. Ex. Socials, clubs, presenters, players groups, etc.

INDIRECT SERVICES:

- AARP Tax Appointment scheduling, phone calls and management create a burden for 55 Plus Staff. In future years we may reduce the number of appointments offered at our location.

Remove/No Longer Relevant:

- Brown Bag Grocery Distribution
- Live Oak Senior Nutrition (*see proposal to partner for 'social lunch' at the ARC*)
- BART Tickets
- Older Women's Group
- Happy Hoofers Walking Group (should be moved to direct services) and title change to Tuesday Town Walk.

Update Terminology to Reflect Current Practice:

OUTDATED	CHANGE TO
"55+ Alive Driving Class"	AARP Driver Safety Course (by appointment)
Health Presentations	Guest Speaker

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT PROCESS

DATE

12/11/09

SIGNATURE

[Signature]

Department Head

Town Attorney

Town Manager

PLEASE RETURN ORIGINALS TO CLERK DEPARTMENT

09.279

VENDOR NAME:

~~Project Sentinel~~

Los Gatos recreation

VENDOR NUMBER:

☐ Business License Required

For Clerk/Finance Only:

☒ IHH # 09-316 Expiration Date: 2/10

☐ P.O. Required

☐ No P.O. Required

Finance

SUBJECT

Lease Agreement between Town of Los Gatos and Los Gatos-Saratoga Community Education and Recreation.

BACKGROUND

The Town launched its pilot senior services program approximately eight years ago, through a dedicated Senior Center and a Senior Coordinator staff position. This program has been a great success, both providing directly and supporting the provision of services to local seniors. Recently an opportunity has arisen to expand the Town's partnership with Los Gatos-Saratoga Community Education and Recreation (LGS Recreation) to enhance the delivery of senior services.

DISCUSSION

In August 2009, the Town Council authorized staff to enter into negotiations with LGS Recreation to explore the possibilities that an expanded partnership in the area of senior services could offer.

FISCAL

The proposed partnership between the Town and LGS Recreation would result in annual savings to the Town in FY 2009/10 of approximately \$160,000, and increased revenue of approximately \$62,000, a total benefit to the Town of approximately \$222,000

RESOLUTION NO. 1988-92

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENTS
WITH MASONIC LODGE AND RECREATION DISTRICT
PROJECT 8718
RECREATION DISTRICT PARKING LOT

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos to reconstruct the Recreation District Parking Lot in the Town of Los Gatos; and

WHEREAS, the Masonic Lodge and the Recreation District have signed an agreement for sharing the costs of construction with the Town.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor hereby authorized to sign the cost sharing agreement with the Masonic Lodge and the Recreation District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos held on the 16th day of May, 1988, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS Joanne Benjamin, Thomas J. Ferrito, Robert L. Hamilton, Brent N. Ventura and Mayor Eric D. Carlson


NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS None

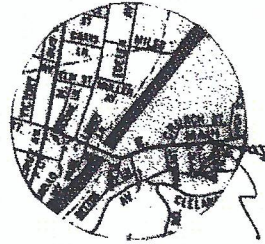
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS None

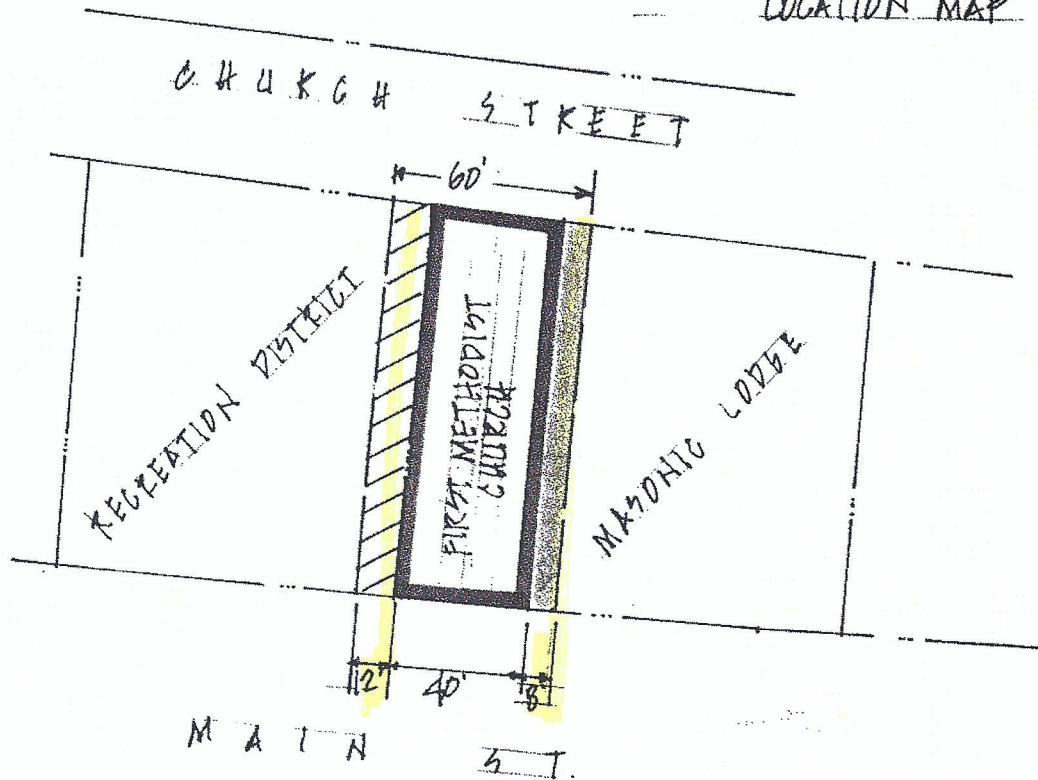
SIGNED: 
MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS

ATTEST:


CLERK OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS



LOCATION MAP



LEGEND:



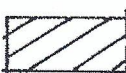
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- MASONIC LODGE PROPERTY 
- RECREATION DIST. PROPERTY 

EXHIBIT "A"

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AGREEMENT

TOWN CLERK

AGR: 88. 31

IN

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BID

This agreement, made and entered into this 25th day of May, 1988, by and between the Los Gatos Masonic Hall Corporation, a corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Hall," the Los Gatos-Saratoga District Recreation Department, a public recreation district, hereinafter referred to as "District," and the Town of Los Gatos, a municipal corporation of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "Town,"

WITNESSETH:

That, whereas, Hall, as Lessee, holds a 25-year lease from The First Methodist Church, covering certain property used as a parking area lying between property of Hall and property of Town, and being approximately 40 feet in width fronting on East Main Street in the Town of Los Gatos, State of California;

That, whereas, approximately 8 adjacent feet of the property of Hall fronting on East Main Street is used as a parking area;

That, whereas, approximately 12 adjacent feet of the property of Town fronting on East Main Street is used as a parking area;

That, whereas, District, as Lessee, holds a lease from Town covering the building and lot upon which the building stands, including the previously mentioned 12 feet used as a parking area;

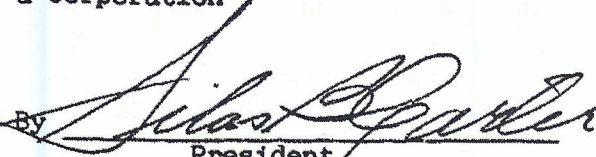
And, whereas, the parking area surface is in poor repair and requires replacement and minor improvements; that the reasonable value of this improvement is the approximate sum of \$20,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto, as follows:

- 1) All parties shall have the right to joint use of said parking lot for the patrons and employees of District; patrons and employees of Hall; along with the congregation of The First Methodist Church according to the agreement and leases in effect.
- 2) Town agrees that it will complete the improvement plans and specifications for the reconstruction of the parking lot; that it will prepare the bidding documents for the project and conduct the administration of the bidding procedure; award the bid and supervise the construction of the parking lot improvements.
- 3) Town agrees that it will install landscaping and irrigation facilities at its expense. Maintenance of these facilities shall be shared equally with Hall according to the previous agreement, September 26, 1955, extended to May 4, 2004.
- 4) Hall agrees that it will pay the sum of \$5,000, as one-quarter (1/4) of the estimated cost of the reconstruction and improvement of the parking area.
- 5) District agrees that it will pay the sum of \$5,000, as one-quarter (1/4) of the estimated cost of the reconstruction and improvement of the parking area.
- 6) Town agrees that it will pay the sum of \$10,000, as one-half (1/2) of the estimated cost of the reconstruction and improvement of the parking area.
- 7) Should the bid from the lowest responsible bidder be greater than the estimated cost of \$20,000, the involved parties shall have the option to review this agreement for renegotiation of the shared costs. Should no new agreement between the parties be made, the project will not be constructed.
- 8) Should the bid from the lowest responsible bidder be less than the estimated cost of \$20,000, Hall and District shall each pay one-quarter (1/4) of the bid price and the Town shall pay one-half (1/2) of the bid price.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals as of the day and year first above written.

LOS GATOS MASONIC HALL CORPORATION,
a Corporation

By 
President

By 
Secretary

LOS GATOS-SARATOGA DISTRICT
RECREATION DEPARTMENT, a public
recreation district

By 
President
TERRENCE TOWER

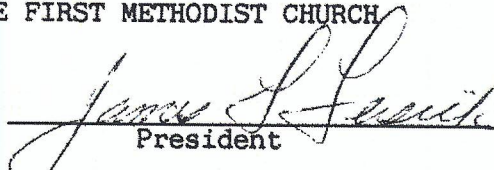
By 
Secretary


TOWN OF LOS GATOS, a municipal
corporation

By 
Mayor of the Town of Los Gatos

By 
Clerk of the Town of Los Gatos

APPROVED
THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

By 
President

By 
acting Secretary

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Subject: FW: Proposal for Town Council
Attachments: 2024 Town Proposal (1) (1).pdf

From: Kimberly Snyder <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 4:29 PM
To: Laurel Prevetti <[REDACTED]> [ov](#)>
Cc: Jan Schwartz <[REDACTED]>; Katy Nomura <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Proposal for Town Council

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Laurel,

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly and providing that information. Please find our proposal attached and let us know when a closed session may be possible.

I'll work the board on attending the public finance committee meetings.

As always, I appreciate your help.

Warm regards,
Kimberly

On Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 3:47 PM Laurel Prevetti <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you reaching out. I hope you are both doing well.

Our proposed budget is currently in preparation for distribution on April 22nd. We welcome any proposals and we will work with the Mayor to set a future closed session for discussion and next steps.

If you want to discuss the proposal publicly, the Finance Commission will be discussing the Proposed Budget on April 29, May 6, and May 13. The Council holds its Budget hearings on May 21.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,

Laurel

From: Kimberly Snyder <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 2:28 PM
To: Laurel Prevetti <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Jan Schwartz <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Proposal for Town Council

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Laurel,

The board and I have been working on a proposal that we would like to share with the town council for budget consideration for this upcoming fiscal year. What would be the best way to proceed?

Thank you for your help and guidance on this matter.

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March 26, 2024

Dear Los Gatos Town Council: The Honorable Mayor Badame, Vice Mayor Hudes, and Council Members Ristow, Moore, and Rennie

NUMU is requesting \$350k investment over the next three years.

Since rebranding and opening at the Los Gatos Civic Center, New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU) has achieved tremendous growth. The Museum is a beacon for arts and history in the Bay Area, attracting 6,500+ annual visitors, 30% from the Town of Los Gatos. We receive County, State and Federal recognition and funding. This proposal will enable the museum to invest in programs and exhibits that enhance our ability to attract visitors that contribute to the strength of our town's local economy – dining, shopping, and spreading the word about the attractions of Los Gatos. It ensures the stewardship of the Permanent Los Gatos History Collection and creates a suite of programs geared to attracting and serving seniors.

Specifically, this request includes support for the Los Gatos History Project for the next three years (June 30, 2024-July 1, 2027), as well as funding a monument sign at the Los Gatos Civic Center. This proposal aligns with the Town's 2024-2026 Strategic Priorities significantly enhancing community vitality and quality of Life in Los Gatos. As outlined in the strategic plan:

- Community Vitality
 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Efforts
 - Community Where Older Adults Thrive
 - Events & Other Town-Wide Efforts
 - Community Engagement
 - Environmental Sustainability/Climate Resiliency

Request #1: Provide \$100k per year over the next 3 years in matching funds for the Los Gatos History Project for accessible programming, exhibitions and collections stewardship.

Overview

The Los Gatos History Project makes our permanent art and history collection accessible in-person and through an online database. This project invites the community to experience the under told stories of our town's local history through programs and rotating exhibitions. Our professional museum staff is uniquely qualified in delivering exhibitions and programs, collections care and display. The museum has actively secured funds since 2019 to help fund this project. Most recently the museum received a grant from the **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)** to fund the project. The \$65k per year investment represents 50% of the total program budget, the



required matching funds for the national IMLS grant. The additional \$35k will provide partial matching funds for a new exhibition specific IMLS grant and an NEH grant.

Secured Funding to date

- **The County of Santa Clara Historic Grant Program** (2019-2022) invested **\$260k** in initial funding.
- **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)** grant of \$190k (matching grant over 3 years 2022-2025) to continue our work stewarding the Town's history– this grant requires a 1:1 match
- Since 2021 NUMU has raised an additional \$125k to continue this work over the next three years
- **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)** \$120k in matching funds Muwekma Ohlone Exhibition. Application submitted November 2023, award notification date August 2024.
- **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)** \$75k in matching funds Frank & George Exhibition. Application submitted August 2023, award notification date June 2024.

Upcoming Projects/Programs

- Produce history related exhibitions and programs sharing untold histories of Los Gatos and the surrounding areas that support the town's DEI goals.
 - Upcoming Exhibitions:
 - *The Los Gatos History Project: exploring untold stories:* rotating exhibits highlighting and displaying the wide range of artifacts from the Permanent Collection.
 - *Revitalization: Culture, Heritage and Traditions of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe* (2025/26.) Building on the successful Muwekma Ohlone exhibits of 2021, which traveled to the DeSaisset Santa Clara University Museum in January 2024, and has been requested by Alameda Creek Watershed, Stanford, CSU Monterey Bay and Grace Hudson Museum in Ukiah, CA.
 - *The Boys: Frank Ingerson and George Dennison* (2026-) NUMU has the most comprehensive collection representing the lives of these prolific artists and life partners and their home, Cathedral Oaks, a mountain destination for creatives in mid-20th-century Los Gatos.
 - Accessible Programs
 - Monthly Free Public Art & History Tours on Free First Sundays.
 - Private Tours for local senior groups.
 - Monthly e-newsletters and social media posts
 - Collection Lab: Lectures & talks with scholars, subject matter experts and local community partners. Examples include:
 - Billy Jones Railroad



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- How to archive your family's collection (catalogit)
- Caring for your collection
- Lectures with Los Gatos History Bill Wulf
- History Still Life Drawing Workshops
- Talks with the Curator
- Loma Prieta Earthquake 35th anniversary
- Footbridge Aspiring Artist Mural Program: NUMU provides a 3 week camp for ages 8-12 to create a mural to be placed on the footbridge celebrating life in Los Gatos. Students learn about Los Gatos history and art basics.
- Presenting at statewide conferences bringing attention and visibility to the important work achieved in Los Gatos.
- **We are asking the Town to participate in preserving and presenting its history.**

The Collection

The Town has highly valued the importance of preserving the Town map from 1891. This is only one of the invaluable historical pieces in our collection.

- Recently acquired the collections of **local historian Bill Wulf** and **the Billy Jones Family**. These are truly historical treasures of Los Gatos history.
- To date the museum has digitized over 2,600 artifacts in our permanent collection. This funding would ensure that we can digitize our entire collection which far exceeds our original estimate of 3,000 artifacts, making them accessible for the Los Gatos community and beyond. (View the database: <https://hub.catalogit.app/4267>)
- Town support is critical to continuing this project, keeping the Town's history maintained and accessible.

Request #2: \$50k Investment in increasing the Museum's Visibility

The museum has increased its reach in the Bay Area. Through strategic investments in marketing initiatives we will attract visitors to our exhibitions, programs and community events, encouraging Los Gatos tourism, while enhancing services and programs to our local residents. This will provide a source of direct revenue for the museum and generate indirect revenue in the town. Our vision is to make the Civic Center a central community hub. This initiative is an effort to elevate and beautify the space attracting visitors from Los Gatos and beyond.

- Increase Visibility at Civic Center
 - **Monument sign on Main Street (\$50,000)**

NUMU's relationship with the Town of Los Gatos is vital to us and our ongoing ability to serve our community. Thank you from all of us for your continued support.



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In partnership,

Kimberly Snyder, NUMU Executive Director

Jan Schwartz, NUMU Board President



Museum's Impact FY23 (July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023)

6,000+ Annual Visitors (30% from Los Gatos, 25% from San Jose)

100+ Exhibiting Artists (Bay Area)

- Marie Cameron, Alexander Hernandez, Kathy Aoki
- 83 emerging high school artists
- & more!

1,800+ Digitally cataloged and archived items from the Permanent Collection

10 Rotating Art and History Exhibitions

- *Reclamation*
- *ArtNow 2023: Unarmed Truth*
- *Terra Firma*
- *ArtNow, Annual High School Juried Exhibition and Educational Program*
- & more!

380+ Artworks & Artifacts Displayed

24 Programs & 24 Workshops, highlights include:

- Content Pick-Up Party (~300 visitors)
- Aspiring Artists Footbridge Mural Project
- Honoring the Earth with Mosaic America
- & more!

30+ Community Partners, including

- Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area
- Mosaic America
- San José State University
- Los Color
- Santa Clara Office of Education
- Los Gatos Library
- Los Gatos Art Association
- & more!

Museum's Strategic Priorities

1. Visibility - signage, marketing
2. Financial strength
3. Improving operations - fill all positions with competitive packages
4. Board development - ambassadors for the Museum and the community

Subject: A Letter to the Los Gatos Town Council - Rental Assistance
Attachments: Rental Assistance Funding Proposal - 05.14.2024 Approved Draft.pdf

From: LG Anti-Racism Coalition <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 6:57 PM
To: Council <[REDACTED]>; Mary Badame <[REDACTED]>; Matthew Hudes
<[REDACTED]>; Rob Rennie <[REDACTED]>; Maria Ristow <[REDACTED]>; Rob
Moore <[REDACTED]>; Laurel Prevetti <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Town Manager <[REDACTED]>; Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: A Letter to the Los Gatos Town Council - Rental Assistance

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

To the Los Gatos Town Council and Staff,

The leaders of non-profit and faith organizations present you a proposal to be discussed at the incoming council meeting. The organizations presenting this proposal include the following organizations: West Valley Community Services, SVdP conference at St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's Church in Los Gatos, the Live Oak Senior Nutrition Center, Los Gatos United Methodist Church, Congregation Shir Hadash, and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Los Gatos, and the Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition.

Attached is the letter of our proposal to increase our resources dedicated to rental assistance in the Town of Los Gatos. With the finalization of the budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 incoming, we request that you consider our proposal during the next town council meeting.

We look forward to sharing our perspectives and participating next week.

Regards,
Jeff Suzuki

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President of the Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition



Addressed To:

**The Hon. Mary Badame, Mayor of Los Gatos,
The Hon. Matthew Hudes, Vice Mayor of Los Gatos,
The Hon. Rob Rennie, Council Member of Los Gatos,
The Hon. Maria Ristow, Council Member of Los Gatos,
The Hon. Rob Moore, Council Member of Los Gatos**

From:

**Jeff Suzuki, President, Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition
Sujatha Venkatraman, Executive Director, West Valley Community Services
Sue Ahmadian, President, SVdP conference St. Mary's Church, Los Gatos
Rev. Gregory Kimm, Pastor, St. Mary's Church, Los Gatos
Kathy Mlinarich, Executive Director, Live Oak Senior Nutrition Center
Marna Taylor, Coordinator for Shower Ministry, Los Gatos United Methodist Church
Pastor Daniel Diss, Los Gatos United Methodist Church
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As community and faith leaders who live and/or serve Los Gatos, it is our fervent belief that we must collectively address the housing affordability crisis. Working-class families and those on fixed incomes like our senior citizens have experienced unprecedented economic pressure as the cost of rents and basic necessities continue to grow without any sign of stopping. To maintain the tight-knit and resilient character of our community, we must continue to strengthen our systems of support and social safety.

There is unprecedented and unmet demand for such assistance. And as the homelessness crisis progressively worsens, it has become increasingly evident that it is much more expensive, difficult, and complicated to bring an individual back into housing than it is to keep them in their homes. Some studies estimate that leaving a person chronically homeless costs taxpayers \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year per person.¹ An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Therefore, we propose that the Town of Los Gatos reserve a total of \$30,000 for rental assistance programs that operate and assist residents in Los Gatos. At the moment, West Valley Community Services receives \$15,000 a year from the Town of Los Gatos to provide rental assistance to struggling tenants in our community. Under our proposal, an additional \$15,000 would be allocated in the form of grants to

¹ <https://peerta.acf.hhs.gov/content/all-ending-homelessness-all-americans>

nonprofits and/or faith-based organizations that are capable of administering and distributing rental assistance in Los Gatos for the Fiscal Year 2024-25.

The \$50,000 we deployed last year to help provide services to unhoused individuals is a true success story. These resources saved lives and improved the overall quality of life in our community. Los Gatos residents overwhelmingly have expressed a deep appreciation for such proactive initiatives. Our proposal represents another proactive step to build a more just community and fulfill our shared responsibility to care for our neighbors.

Thank you for your time and consideration.