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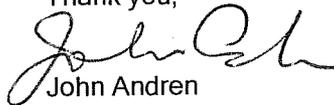
Dear Board of Supervisors:

When the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden (SBBG) signed the Historic Landmark Resolution in 2003, they agreed to two key provisions; to protect the seven identified key structures of historical significance and to protect the historic landscape design concept (in other words, to remain a botanic garden). This resolution in no way gives the Historic Landmark Advisory Commission (HLAC) jurisdiction over landscaping changes or new structures. I urge you to bring clarity to the HLAC commissioners so that the SBBG can proceed with the new Meadow Terrace Exhibit display.

My wife and I make an effort to visit the gardens a couple of times each year. We particularly enjoyed the butterfly exhibit and appreciate the overall ambiance of the entire garden. We like to hike in the local area, and often purchase plants for our home at the SBBG. We look forward to the completion of the Meadow Terrace Exhibit. While I believe it is important that the SBBG addresses necessary concerns, such as assuring that appropriate water runoff is accommodated with the three new 18" sandstone walls, I feel that the Garden should not be required to obtain permits for such changes that any homeowner would be allowed to make without a permit.

The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden is not frozen in time; it is an evolving garden which has taken 81 years to reach its beauty of today. The management of the Garden have proven to be good stewards, and should be permitted to move forward with the Meadow Terrace project. Please bring resolve to this issue by explaining to the HLAC that these decisions are not within their jurisdiction.

Thank you,

  
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden is a fantastic place to visit; you can see plants and trees that you normally would not see in our community. The Garden's are continuously changing and evolving which requires change. The Historic Landmark Resolution that was approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2003 is now being questioned by the Historic Landmark Commission Association (HLCA).

The Meadow Terrace display falls under the compliance of that resolution although it does not affect the structures that are covered. To fulfill its mission, the garden needs the flexibility to create new displays like the Meadow Terrace without interference. When the Board of Supervisors approved the Historic Landmark resolution in 2003, it was approved with language allowing the Garden to continue to change and evolve as a traditional Botanic Garden. The improvement the Garden seeks to make is essentially three modest sandstone stem walls that will create level ground for handicap access. There is no reason to block this expansion.

I visit the Santa Barbara Botanical Garden 4 or 5 times each year. I have attended some of the organized events like Stickman in the past. I enjoy walking through the paths and believe it should be available to everyone. I have lived in Santa Barbara for 32 years and believe that the Garden performs a valuable service and should be allowed to perform modest changes to preserve its' future.

Best,

  
David Chapman

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Dear Board of Supervisors-

I am writing in support of the Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens and their endeavor to make it more accessible and increase fire safety. I frequent the gardens often, as well as volunteer my services at the botanicals. I am a very proud member and stand behind the SBBG. I realize there is contention between the garden and the Historical Landmark Advisory Committee over what is deemed a landmark. It is my understanding that only the structures are protected and the SBBG fully intends to protect these buildings.

I am a 69 year old retiree who is married. Both my husband and I enjoy the Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens. I have resided in Santa Barbara for a long time and take pride in our world renown botanical gardens. I enjoy the visit there and realize that improvements are needed to continue to meet the need of all visitors to the park, specifically the handicapped.

Please take into consideration this letter and many like it when making your decision. I implore you to contemplate the advantages that this project entails as well as the disadvantages, which in my opinion are very few. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for reading my letter. Have a great day.

Thank you for your service,

Sandy Grasso-Boyd

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Grasso-Boyd".

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

The role that Santa Barbara Botanic Garden plays in our community cannot be overlooked. You can take a drive around, not only Santa Barbara, but the many surrounding communities such as Solvang, and observe the beautiful private yards which reflect the natural flora of California. Many of these yards are influenced by strolls taken through the SBBG. In fact, several of my own plants were purchased at their retail nursery. Please give the SBBG your approval to complete the Meadows Terrace project.

My husband and I enjoy our visits to the SBBG and marvel at the ability to walk through the serene forest, hike across the desert, and stroll through the canyon natural area all in one day. The herbarium and other educational demonstrations are always fascinating! The people who live near the Garden forget how fortunate they are. It's appalling that they would oppose the improvements that the Garden wants to make. The Garden's administrators have gone beyond the necessary steps to try to appease these neighbors, yet it seems that the neighbors have turned a deaf ear and refuse to listen.

Someone needs to tell the neighbors that the Garden is not their own personal park, and that they have no authority to try to micromanage the SBBG's efforts to make improvements. That someone is you. Please put a stop to this nonsense and give the SBBG the approval they need to complete the Meadows Terrace project so that those of us who appreciate the beauty of the SBBG can continue to enjoy their efforts.

Yours truly,

*Marcia Andren*

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