



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 AT 12:00 PM**

**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS**

Amended Additional Documents to the September 4, 2024 City Council Meetings. The attached documents include submitted written public comments and amendments to the agenda. Submit by no later than 12:00 p.m., on the day of the City Council meeting. Correspondence received after this time will be distributed the following business day.

**AMENDED ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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CS. A. Linda Kopperud - South Pasadena Preservation Foundation Lease  
CS. A. Saba Harouni Lurie - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913  
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CS. A. David Clark - South Pasadena Historical Museum \_ Eviction Letter

CS. A. Lynne Miller - Eviction of museum

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CS. A. Delaine Shane - South Pasadena City Council\_ September 4, 2024\_ Closed Session Agenda

CS. A. Maeva - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

CS. A. Stephanie Becker - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

CS. A. Ed Donnelly - Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave

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CS. A. Suzann Berti - Wednesday, closed session council meeting regarding SP Iron Works Museum, 913 Meridian, South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

CS. A. Eric Jensch - Please keep South Pasadena Preservation Foundation.

CS. A. Marshall St.John - Museum Eviction Notoce

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CS. A. Etan Rosenbloom - Please retract the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation eviction

CS. A. Matthew Robert Crow - SPCC Meeting Wednesday 04 SEP 2024 Closed Session RE Negotiations

CS. A. Therese Molina - Meridian Iron works

CS. A. FM - Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 Closed Session Council Meeting Agenda Item\_ Real Property Negotiations S.P. Iron Works Museum 913 Meridian Avenue South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc

CS. A. Megan McGrail - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

CS. A. Tim C - Save the SP museum

CS. A. Gabriela King - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

CS. A. Timothy Minnig - South Pasadena Museum

CS. A. Gallagher Lawson - Urgent\_ Support Needed to Save the South Pasadena Historical Museum

CS. A. Vance Sanders - SAVE SO PAS HISTORICAL MUSEUM

CS. A. Holly McGee - Reinstate the SPPF's lease!

CS. A. Victoria Kay Steele - South Pasadena Preservation Foundation

CS. A. Janice Chow-Ng - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

CS. A. Wendy Edwards - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave - SPPF

CS. A. Jessica Bradford - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

CS. A. Zach Broussard - Historical Museum

CS. A. Jim Tavares - Closed Session Council Meeting, Meridian Iron Works Historical Museum

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CS. A. Joanna Linkchorst - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

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CS. A. Alisa and Fernando Diez - Public comment on closed session agenda item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave. SPPF

CS. A. Jodi Reagan - South pas historical museum

CS. A. Anastasia Lewis - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF PUBLIC COMMENT\_

CS. A. Joe Potts - RE\_South Pasadena City Council\_ September 4, 2024

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CS. A. John and Colleen Donovan - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

CS. A. andy and Barbara eaton - South pasadena historical museum

CS. A. John Lawrence - Meridian Ironworks

CS. A. Barbara Field - Public Comment re Historical Museum

CS. A. John Lawrence - SPPF Meridian Ironworks

CS. A. Benjamin Bascom - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

CS. A. Josiah T. Peralta - Save South Pasadena Historical Museum!

CS. A. Brian Bright - SP Iron Works Museum 9\_4 closed session item comment

CS. A. Joya Chrystal - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

CS. A. Caitlin Yuen - Save the South Pasadena Historical Museum

CS. A. Katie Clark - Public Comment Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

CS. A. Cambria Kattar - Museum

CS. A. Kerry Britton - Fwd\_ Preserve Sp Historical Museum

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CS. A. Krista M. Ocon - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

CS. A. Luther Luedtke - Re\_ Weds, 9\_4\_24\_ Public Comment, Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 923 Meridian Ave - SPPF

CS. A. Kathy Anderson - Please reverse the Eviction

CS. A. Dan Anderson - Reverse The Eviction

CS. A. Loreli Warmack - Urgent\_ Request to Reverse the Eviction Notice for the South Pasadena History Museum

CS. A. Luther Luedtke - Weds, 9\_4\_24\_ Public Comment, Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 923 Meridian Ave - SPPF

CS. A. Malia Miglino - Reinstate SPPF Lease

CS. A. Robert Reid and the Reid Family - Please renew lease for SP History Museum

CS. A. Ansley Layne - Petition to reverse eviction on SPPF

CS. A. Joanne Nuckols - Closed Session A1 913 Meridian

CS. A. Connie - Rescind Eviction Notice for the South Pasadena History Museum

CS. A. Mary Kathryn Campbell - 913 Meridian

CS. A. Jennifer Hedge-Ng - Support for reinstating SPPFâ€™s museum lease and opposition to the eviction

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CS. A. Dr. Lisa Cody - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A\_ South Pasadena Preservation Society Eviction  
CS. A. Kathryn Martorano - Ironworks Museum  
CS. A. Jacqueline Ibarra - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF  
CS. A. Casa Del Green - Please allow the historical society to stay in the ironworks building  
CS. A. Mariah Eccleston-Banwer - Protect Meridian Iron Works  
CS. A. Peggy Christ - Fwd\_ South Pasadena Iron Works Museum-Lease Termination Notice-Closed Session Wednesday, September 4, 2024  
CS. A. Sarah Kales - City Eviction Response  
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CS. A. The Maines Family - SPPF Museum  
CS. A. Heidi Sanders - Private comment regarding the South Pasadena museum on the closed session agenda  
CS. A. Becky Nicolaides, Ph.D. - Proposed closure of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation  
CS. A. David Lauritzen - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF  
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CS. A. Marisol Grier - South Pasadena Historical Museum Eviction  
CS. A. Isabel Moreno - SPPF Eviction notice - Opposed  
CS. A. Emilio Oliveira - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_ 913 Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF  
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CS. A. Anne Bagasao - September 4 Closed Session Public Comment  
CS. A. Gail Blesi MacCarthy - Public Comment\_ SP City Council September 4, 2024  
CS. A. Cheistine Lo - Eviction notice  
CS. A. Travis & Nichole Dunville - Closed Session Item A  
CS. A. Betsy Merritt - Closed Session Council Meeting, Agenda Item A\_ Real Property Negotiations, S.P. Iron Works Museum, 913 Meridian Ave., So. Pasadena Preservation Foundation  
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Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

CS. A. Steven Lawrence - PUBLIC COMMENT\_ South Pasadena City Council\_  
September 4, 2024\_

CS. A. Jennifer Trotoux - Public comment on Museum lease for Closed Session  
9\_4\_2024

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CS. A. Deb Clem-Venegas - URGENT!! Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item  
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CS. A. FÃ©lix F. Guti rrez, Ph.D. -Partnership!

CS. A. Molly Phaneuf - SPPF

CS. A. Brendan Boken - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_913

Meridian Ave â€“ SPPF

CS A. Joe Castillo - Opposition to SPHF eviction

CS. A. Yvonne LaRose - Public Comment for 9\_4\_24\_ Historic Preservation Museum

CS. A. Curt Hettinger - Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1\_913

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CS. A. Jack MacCarthy - Public comment

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CS A. Andreina Imery - Petition to Reverse Eviction of South Pasadena History Museum

CS. A. Chris Sanagustin - Re\_913 Meridian

**From:** [Mike McCollum](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Jon Primuth](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 5:18:58 PM

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**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the City of South Pasadena. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to urge the council to vote against the eviction of the South Pasadena Historical Museum.

I am a resident of South Pasadena on [REDACTED], and I have two kids at the highschool. In addition, I own an historic building on Alhambra Road in neighboring Alhambra, and I am the Vice President of the Alhambra Historical Society.

Through my experience with the Alhambra Historical Society, I can say that few things are as important to the health of a town and community as studying, honoring, preserving, and teaching about its history. This gives us a sense of place, identity, and purpose in our rapidly changing, chaotic, and increasingly "lonely" world, as well as a venue for serving and meeting others and connecting across generations. At the same time, no one can dispute that it is becoming more and more difficult to maintain our local historical societies, attract volunteers, and make them relevant to newer generations.

To give further context, just a few years ago, the previous board of the Alhambra Historical Society, incorrectly believing there were not enough volunteers ready to take up leadership, attempted to vote for the dissolution of the society, which would have resulted in the museum shutting down and all of the society's holdings being given to the city. A group of concerned people, with the full support of the city council members, stepped forward to ensure this did not happen. We have since been deeply involved in improving the historical society and our museum, and just last month, in recognition of this, the society was gifted an historical home in Alhambra - the home of Francis Story, one of the pioneers of the city, who invented the Sunkist brand to help local orange growers and was an early president of the LA Chamber of Commerce.

I mention this because it shows that whatever problems and challenges a local historical society might be facing, they are solvable. People do care deeply about these societies and museums, and the city governments should be and typically are staunch allies in this important work, because they understand the value these societies bring to their community.

When I visited the South Pasadena Historical Museum, I was amazed at the quality of the display and building. It is clear to me that the volunteers have poured significant amounts of thought, time, money, and energy into this museum. The museum is also located in a perfect place - in a beautiful historic building right there by the old oak tree and next to the metro stop, making it easily accessible to visitors, the many people who come to our wonderful farmer's market every Thursday, as well as the students who routinely walk through that area to and from the school or the library or the shops on Mission. It would be a true shame if the city were to lose this gem.

I do not know the details of why the city wishes to evict the museum or why the museum believes there are misunderstandings and that any issues can be resolved. However, I would hope that our city does not view its relationship to the museum as merely a "landlord," but instead as a partner, ready to explore every avenue for solving this issue and keeping the museum intact. I hope the city recognizes that the museum and its work is an important part of the fabric of our town, helping to make South Pasadena what people all over know it to be: an historic, local, walkable, kid friendly gem of a town.

If anything, and at the very least, I would urge the council to make public whatever the issues are, so that we all can debate these issues openly, and roll up our sleeves and figure out a solution together to keep the museum in place. Something of this magnitude should not be decided behind closed doors in a closed session.

Respectfully,

Michael McCollum

**From:** [Carol LaBrie](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** SPPF's historical museum  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 1:25:17 PM

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Greetings,

It's come to my attention recently that the Historical Museum has been served notice to vacate its home. This is very unwelcome news. I strongly oppose this eviction.

I'm writing to implore all of our city officials to reverse this action, and to reinstate the lease for the SP Preservation Foundation and our cherished museum.

It's been a very disturbing time for residents of our city, who love it dearly. While I support progress and many needed changes, it must be balanced with what is special here: South Pasadena's history, our beautiful historic structures, our neighborhoods, our traditions, and the small town ambiance here. It seems as though we just keep receiving more pieces of bad news, and hearing of more bad ideas.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Carol LaBrie



**From:** [Kyle Chrystal](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 8:46:19 PM

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Wednesday, September 4th, 2024  
Closed Session Council Meeting  
Agenda Item:  
Real Property Negotiations  
S.P. Iron Works Museum  
[913 Meridian Avenue](#)  
[South Pasadena](#) Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Chrystal

[Resident, South Pasadena]

**From:** [Michael Rabanera](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** South Pasadena Historical Museum Eviction?  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 12:33:15 PM

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I've read that the museum is being evicted because of "misinformation", I was hoping you could clarify the reason.

Michael Rabanera





**From:** [Castula Paredes](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 7:06:06 AM

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Castula Paredes

Resident, South Pasadena

**From:** [Laura Kieffer](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Save the South Pasadena Historical Museum  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 5:29:19 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my concern for the South Pasadena Historical Museum and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation. I urge you to address and correct the misinformation that prompted the city to issue a notice for the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation to vacate the building. The city and the foundation have always collaborated effectively, and I believe they can continue this partnership. I encourage the council to listen carefully to the Board of Directors of the preservation foundation and their experts, and to take steps to resolve the misunderstandings that have led to these unfortunate events. Please allow the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation to continue housing its collection in the city's ironworks structure.

Thanks, Laura Kieffer



**From:** [Minga N](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 2:01:58 PM

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I am writing as a concerned neighbor of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

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Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

**From:** [Charley Lu](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** support for reinstating SPPF's museum lease and opposition to the eviction  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 8:39:01 AM

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Dear Mayor Zneimer and City council members:

My name is Charley Lu, resident of 21 years.

It seems there were miscommunications in the lease renewal process. Please help to reach a new lease agreement and protect South Pasadena's history and culture.

Thank you for your leadership.  
Charley

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Laura Schroffel](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** SAVE SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 8:45:33 AM

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Please do not remove the SPPF from their building. The care work that the organization provides as stewards of history is vital for a serious cosmopolitan city center. As a preservation worker at the Getty Research Institute I understand the value of this work and implore you to not disrupt SPPF's mandate.

Thank you

Laura Schroffel

Neighbor and archivist

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the Historical museum  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 6:05:33 PM

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Hi, emailing to show support in not closing the Historical museum of our city. We love visiting that museum and my children enjoy the South Pasadena tour they take in the walking tour of the museum in 3rd grade to learn our city history.

Thank you,  
Monica Ott

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**From:** [Chris Nichols](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [City Manager's Office](#); [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Janet Braun](#)  
**Subject:** South Pasadena museum  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 2:09:05 PM

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Dear Mayor Zneimer and city officials,

I am writing to express my support for the South Pasadena Historical Museum. This small museum is a big resource for the city. It reinforces the small town community feel and commitment to historic preservation in South Pasadena which is a role model for the whole region.

The museum is charming and quaint, just like South Pas. Operating any non-profit is a labor of love and always challenging so kudos to the museum for keeping their doors open and welcoming for all these decades. Please help them however you can.

Thank you.  
Chris Nichols

**From:** [Leni Ferrero](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Save the South Pasadena Historical Museum location  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 5:31:06 PM

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To the City Council,

As a very longtime resident of South Pasadena I can't imagine why SPPF would be given an eviction notice for the museum. Please see that this egregious mistake is not allowed to continue. It's a perfect location, run by a well qualified group.

Thank you.

Leni Ferrero  


**From:** [robin.newquist](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** History Museum  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 7:37:00 AM

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Please continue the lease accommodation with the History Preservation Society. The Museum is a South Pasadena jewel.

Robin Newquist 

**From:** [Christina Sauma](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** City Eviction Response – S.P.P.F.  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 9:06:28 PM

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"ccpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov Subject: Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF PUBLIC COMMENT: Greetings Mayor and City Council Members, I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF). The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum. I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage. Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,"  
Christina Sauma

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**From:** [Liane Schirmer](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Save South Pasadena Museum  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 10:46:49 PM

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This museum is an invaluable piece of our unique culture in South Pasadena, a reminder of our past, and a place to take friends and connect with the town we love so much.

Destroying this vital community touchstone will severely damage the spirit this city has fought so long to create. We are proud of our history, and it's important for our children to feel a connection to our past in order to value our present.

Surely, if this move is for economic reasons, there can be another way, for the short term gain is far outweighed by the damage to our shared culture.

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**Liane Schirmer**



**From:** [Ron Rosen](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Ronald Rosen](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the Iron Works under SPPF Control  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 11:20:29 AM

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I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF). The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ronald Rosen





**From:** [Christine McIrwin](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Do not evict the south pas museum  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 8:45:46 PM

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Hello

We have just recently moved to SouthPasadena. We were so pleased to see the museum and have a resource to learn more about our new hometown. Please let's stop this eviction. This museum is an important part of the city that needs to remain. There are already too any empty buildings- let's not add another

Christy McIrwin

Set Decorator



**From:** [Linda Kopperud](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** South Pasadena Preservation Foundation Lease  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 3:31:09 PM

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I am urging you to retract the city's eviction notice that has been served to the The South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF) for the building that houses the South Pasadena Historical Museum.

It is baffling to me to think that our governing body can not stand behind and support an organization that promotes the history of our great city.

Please reinstate the SPPF's lease so that the museum remains under the stewardship of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation.

Linda Kopperud



**From:** [Saba And Adam](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 8:51:11 PM

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Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

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Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Saba Harouni Lurie  
Resident, South Pasadena

**From:** [Chuck Koontz](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Reinstate Museum Lease!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 9:54:07 AM

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Dear Caretakers of South Pasadena,

Please reinstate the lease for 913 Meridian Av to the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation. As someone who grew up spending summers and holidays in South Pas (a lovely little alley bungalow east of Meridian, south of the 110), I know it is a special place with a heritage that deserves care and celebration.

The work being done by the SPPF is vital to the long-term health of the city. The place has an identity and a memory, and those things will degrade without intentional care. Not just the physical things, but the stories connected to those things, and the way those stories connect with the people.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate the heritage of this great city.

Respectfully,  
Chuck Koontz

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*Librarian for Systems & Special Collections*  
[Biola Library](#) | [Biola Archives](#)

**From:** [Lois Comeau](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Iron Works Museum  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 10:57:09 PM

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My family has lived in South Pasadena since 1947 and I had the privilege of working with Dick Richards when we were at the FBI.

PLEASE SAVE THE MERIDIAN IRON WORKS MUSEUM!!!!!!

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Scott Feldmann](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** South Pasadena Museum Stewardship  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 11:14:50 PM

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Dear City Council,

This is a request to stay the action you are apparently taking in evicting the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation as leaseholders of the Museum.

I've gotten word from a person close to the decision that there has been a mistake made - and it will be best to take time to sort things out. This is especially true given that the City is in a time of transition, recruiting a new City Manager.

When I was the president of the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce I worked closely with the leaders of SPPF and negotiated a mutually beneficial agreement as the Chamber assumed control of the Farmers' Market. This "takeover" had come at the request of City Manager Sergio Gonzalez, after the longstanding nonprofit management in charge of the Farmers' Market had imploded. After a careful period of time, and an open bid process conducted by the City, the Chamber won the privilege of operating the Farmers' Market, and still does to this day. That was a good result for both City and Chamber - and for the community.

Once, when I was the only other listening member in the audience at a City Council meeting, City Clerk Sally Kilby stood up, laid aside her mantle as elected official and addressed Council as a citizen, warning them of proceeding on an action they were considering to remove the Police Chief. I took a chance, not knowing what the heck she was talking about, and stood up and spoke in support of her. I'm glad I did that, despite the repercussions that cost me dearly both personally and professionally. I'm doing a similar thing now - and in all honesty, I'm neither affiliated with South Pasadena as Chamber Prez, nor as property owner. Not a voter. Just a guy who still cares that the SouthPas spirit thrives, and that every voice is heard before it's too late.

Please take time to allow SPPF to respond to whatever the complaints are by which the City has given SPPF cause to terminate a longstanding cooperative relationship. Take time. It favors both parties.

Thank you.

Scott Feldmann  




**From:** [David Clark](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 6:14:10 PM

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Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

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The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

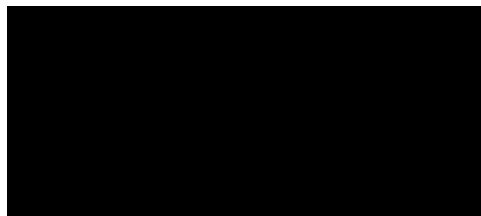
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Clark  
Resident, South Pasadena

**David Clark**

REAL ESTATE ADVISOR  
HISTORIC PROPERTY  
SPECIALIST



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Thank you.

**From:** [Lyn Flygar](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Sept 4th Meeting - Council meeting closed session  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 2:33:47 PM

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Wednesday, September 4th, 2024  
Closed Session Council Meeting  
Agenda Item:  
Real Property Negotiations  
S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Please reconsider your eviction of the Museum from the area of the Gold Line/A Line Station. I love the museum and the history it shares with the public. I cannot imagine the City of South Pasadena kicking out their only history museum. Whatever the issue is, certainly it can be worked out in a more civilized manner.

Lynda Flygar (museum supporter for many years)

**From:** [Sharon Mizota](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 10:59:46 AM

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena and a professional archivist regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. Preserving local history and the unique story of South Pasadena are vital to supporting the thriving, engaged, and informed civic life that I and my family value so much about living here. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Mizota

[REDACTED]

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Sharon Mizota (she/her)

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**From:** [David Clark](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** South Pasadena Historical Museum | Eviction Letter  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 6:01:23 PM

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To whom this may concern,

If you are an elected representative, I would like to thank you for your service and express my gratitude for all your contributions to making South Pasadena an extraordinary place to live. I am a local realtor, volunteer, and resident in South Pasadena. I am also a Californian and local business owner. Preserving history preserves culture and the stories that connect us to who we are as human beings, our cultural heritage, and each other. My wife was born and raised here, and the community holds a very special place in my heart and under my feet. Over the years, I have had the privilege of meeting so many fellow residents and being a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and one thing is a common thread in all of our conversations. That common thread is our elected officials and community residents' actions that have preserved this great city's architectural and historical heritage! If South Pasadena hadn't taken these actions, much of Los Angeles history would have disappeared. Think about that statement in the context of California being the 5th largest economy in the world and Los Angeles being the financial epicenter. Before WW2 in 1942, Los Angeles fed nearly 70% of the entire United States with its agricultural production alone.

The city has been a leader in action and proactive management. From securing our water to limiting pollution, helping local business owners thrive, developing the Farmers Market and The Chamber of Commerce, preserving trees, and creating Preservation Overlay Zones and Landmark Historic Districts. That being stated, we are at a critical point when the closed session meets tomorrow to decide the fate of more than just the former Meridian Iron Works Building. What is at stake is that future generations that grow up here need access to such a vital resource. To hold in their hands and feel 136 years of history since 1888 South Pasadena was officially incorporated. I was hosting the Chamber of Commerce booth just last summer, and I saw children running out of the Historical Museum with joy and wonder across their faces. Their minds explored the former Native American tribes that flourished here along the Arroyo and the vast and eccentric marketing of Cawston and his ostrich Farm. Leadership is more than just a vision and plan. It is more than just the delegate or trustee model of representing a local constituency. Leadership is about the greater good of the whole and building the foundations for all future residents to flourish.

The South Pasadena Preservation Foundation is the heart and soul of South Pasadena. Please set aside differences and opinions and keep this vital resource alive. I know that my elected leaders can work out a convivial way forward to help our city's stories continue to be told for generations to come.

I am counting on you,

David Clark (South Pasadena Resident)

## David Clark

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**From:** [Lynne Miller](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Eviction of museum  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 12:31:25 PM

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City Council members:

Please reconsider your action in continuing the eviction process against the South Pasadena Historical Museum.

I have visited that museum on several occasions and it is a treasure.

I hope that the parties can come to an agreement to stop this action.

Sincerely,

Lynne Miller  
museum visitor

**From:** [Shelley Stephens](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Eviction Notice?!?  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 12:38:27 PM

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Dear City Council:

I was shocked when I heard about SPPF getting an eviction notice. This is stunning - why is this happening? As citizens of this city, we need more transparency.

Why has the City moved in this direction? It just doesn't make sense and creates ill will for all involved. What plans does the City have to maintain and manage this historic property? Are there plans to sell the property?

This is not a good move on behalf of the City. Too many questions abound. Please, come clean and let us know what the real plan is here. The community deserves to know.

Shelley Stephens





**From:** [D. Shane](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#); [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Don Penman](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#)  
**Cc:** [WISPPA](#); [Steven Lawrence | SouthPasadenan.com](#)  
**Subject:** South Pasadena City Council: September 4, 2024: Closed Session Agenda: Public Comment: A. Real Property Negotiations: S.P. Iron Works Museum-913 Meridian Avenue-South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.  
**Date:** Sunday, September 1, 2024 7:36:29 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

As one of the newest Board Members of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc. (SPPF), I respectfully request that you retract the City's eviction notice dated July 25, 2024. The City Attorney's letter contains misinformation. Our Executive Committee is ready to meet with you and City staff to correct this misinformation, so that you can support the renewal of the lease.

Moving forward with this positive approach will enable SPPF to continue to operate the South Pasadena Historical Museum, as well as explore new and innovative ways in which to disseminate our City's glorious history and encourage historic preservation efforts.

In his recent *SouthPasadenan.com* newspaper article (dated August 30, 2024), Mr. Steven Lawrence wrote the following paragraphs:

"South Pasadena's rich history is woven into its architecture, streets, and the community itself. The South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF) is at the heart of a crucial mission: Safeguarding the city's historic character while also supporting affordable housing initiatives.

**This dual commitment demonstrates how historic preservation and community development can complement each other."**

"One of the many ways SPPF educates residents & visitors about historic preservation is through the [South Pasadena Historical Museum, located at 913 Meridian Avenue](#). The museum serves as a hub for community events and educational programs, offering insights into South Pasadena's rich architectural and cultural history."

"Events have included virtual tours, book signings, and community forums on [significant legislative issues](#), which impacts single-family residential living. SPPF has been proactive in protecting the integrity of South Pasadena's historic districts, ensuring they remain vibrant and livable."

Ask yourselves this one question:

**How can evicting a highly respected, non-profit organization with its invaluable artifacts from the museum's building, where generations of members have selflessly dedicated themselves to support and maintain**

**the City's history, be good for the residents of South Pasadena?**

Sincerely,

*Delaine Shane*

Delaine Shane

SPPF Board Member

South Pasadena Historical Museum

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**From:** [Maeva \(My-EEE-vuh\)](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 7:02:30 AM  
**Attachments:** [Investment-in-the-Creative-Economy.pdf](#)

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Hi South Pasadena's City Council,

I hope this message finds you all well.

I am writing to submit a public comment for the following meeting and agenda item:

Wednesday, September 4th, 2024  
Closed Session Council Meeting  
Agenda Item:  
Real Property Negotiations  
S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

My comment is written below in italics and bracketed by quotation marks:

*"Hi. My name is Maeva (My-EEE-vuh). I am an Interdisciplinary Conceptual Artist, Entrepreneur and a Certified Human Rights Consultant based in the West Los Angeles area. Although I am not a resident of Pasadena or South Pasadena, I've visited both areas throughout the years and have even taken classes at Pasadena City College! (And yes, I know that PCC isn't in South Pasadena but it's still nearby!)*

*As someone who advocates for access to the arts as an integrated part of her creative practice, I learned about the South Pasadena Historical Museum earlier this year and have made plans to visit so it saddened me to learn about this situation. It is my hope that the City is willing to reopen the conversation regarding the lease for the museum's building. Preservation of history is so important for future generations as it can help root people into themselves and the surrounding community. We need access to spaces like this as it helps humanity thrive.*

*In these types of situations, it is always better to zoom out and see the bigger picture; when we do that, it is much easier to consider long-term effects of our actions as the things we do now (and in the heat of the moment) will have an effect on people who didn't even have a say in our decisions. (I'm mostly thinking of the people who are children now as they might not be submitting public comment...although I could be wrong!)*

*Either way, I respectfully ask that the Council reconsiders their decision to evict South Pasadena Preservation Foundation and to revisit the lease negotiations.*

*Thank you."*

I appreciate the time you all have taken to help manage the city as I am aware that it is not an

easy task. I'm also attaching a statement that my company, *Artistically Elevated Design*, released in response to the most recent CA budget cycle. Feel free to read it at your leisure.

Thank you again.

Peace and Productivity,  
Maeva [My•EEE•vuh]  
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<https://bit.ly/My-EEE-vuh>  
<https://bit.ly/VisualsAndSounds>

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- This note was thoughtfully borrowed and is attributed to Christina Marie Taylor.

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To: California's Elected Officials

**"When creativity blossoms, thinking emanates. When thinking emanates, knowledge is fully lit. When knowledge is lit, economy flourishes." - A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**

*(Please note that the content of this letter extends beyond the current state budget cycle.)*

I would first like to acknowledge that my colleagues and I are appreciative of the counterproposal to the Governor's May Revise of restoring most of the proposed public arts funding cuts; however, the importance of restoring ALL public arts funding and increasing (and diversifying) future investments cannot be overemphasized as the arts are the foundation through which the flourishing of humans can be achieved and grounded into reality. **As the founder of an art studio that focuses on social engineering for human flourishing, we will always oppose any kind of defunding of the arts as it is harmful to the health of humanity.**

Something I have learned throughout my studies is that it is only through creative thinking that our society moves forward. All civilizations that are a part of the archaeological record have survived due to their arts, whether it be writing, pottery, architecture or some other form of art. This is another reason why it is imperative that we all have access to the arts and not just a select few. *We were all here and we all matter...* not just the people who can afford to explore their creativity and their souls. As representatives for our State, you all are uniquely positioned to open that gate.

From birth, we are taught the basics of life through gamification and creative play. These habits are solidified as we age and enter school but then tossed aside as we advance through the school system and enter the economic system; however, every industry relies on creativity to fuel its innovation, but yet, we have not cultivated a culture that reliably supports these skills and the development of a creative mindset. Although we are moving in a beneficial direction with the passing of Prop 28, the rate of technological advancement increases exponentially so shifting the way we view the function of the arts is imperative for our characters and hearts to keep pace with the development of that technology. *(it's important that we don't inadvertently annihilate ourselves; hopefully, you agree...)*

**"Practice any art: music, singing, dancing, acting, drawing, painting, sculpting, poetry, fiction, essays, reportage...no matter how well or badly;  
not to get money and fame...but to experience becoming.  
To find out what's inside you...to make your soul grow."**

**- Kurt Vonnegut**

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*The unedited version of a verbal comment I provided at the California Arts Council meeting on Friday, 5/24/24, is reproduced here:*

**"If you are silent about your pain, they'll kill you and say you enjoyed it."**

**- Zora Neale Hurston**

Our sector has received feedback from legislators who have said that we aren't loud enough about what we need to thrive. However, I want to acknowledge that sometimes people aren't silent about their pain but are actually very vocal; in cases like that, it is the lack of access to the ears of those that have the power and the strength of character to change things for the better through their actions. The strength of our character is revealed through the actions that we take and the actions that we do not.

There is a reason that it is Human Right #27 that states that we have the right to access the arts and to enjoy the arts.

Reducing funding violates this right as it would restrict access to the arts as was demonstrated by the CAC's Program Policy committee's proposed recommendations in response to the potential funding cuts. Due to understanding the impact that cutting any public arts funding would cause, this would be intentional harm perpetrated by our local and state governments and our elected officials.

There's a difference between taking \$1 from someone that has \$10 and taking \$1 from someone who has \$100,000. The impact is more severe in the former scenario...and The Arts and Culture sector is the former in this example. Impact outweighs Intention every time...as it should.

In actuality, public arts funding should be increased to support human flourishing. Many of the issues Americans complain about within the interpersonal realm of society can be mitigated through healthy character development, which is only achieved through engaging with the arts. *(In this context, engagement means practicing, contemplating and/or enjoying the arts.)* Even those who are opposed to the arts due to religious reasons still engage with the arts if they are adhering to a sacred text, which is a form of literature.

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Historically speaking, the State has benefited from our sector in a variety of ways. Although reciprocity has largely been absent in the relationship between the Creative Economy and the State, we have the opportunity to change that. If the healthy and sustained character development of humankind and the forward momentum of our society is a priority, [our State's elected officials] should reconsider divesting in the arts because our work sector is an essential element in solving the puzzles that unlock the potential of our society.

Although we helped our nation to sustain and recover throughout the pandemic, we ourselves have not been taken care of. Artists are officially the State's Second Responders so let's not fire the doctor after the doctor has healed us...for if we do, it is a reflection of a character deficit that goes much deeper than any deficit in a state budget. (*May we always remember the role the arts played, and is still playing, in our healing process.*)

Furthermore, as arts advocacy is a part of my artistic practice, I began thinking about the proposed cuts from different perspectives and something interesting came to mind: The people of California support the arts and want it uplifted within their communities, which was demonstrated by the passing of Prop 28. Is our government and its state and local agencies bound by "*the supplement, not supplant clause*" of Prop 28 when considering their budget allocations for the arts?

I ask this because the proposed cuts in funding would come on the heels of a major investment into our sector and looks eerily similar to school districts violating "*the supplement, not supplant clause*" of Prop 28. We are hoping that the impetus for the proposed cuts isn't from the subconscious knowing that there is increased investment in the arts in California's schools. If it is, then [the State's elected officials] would be using the availability of Prop 28 funding to supplant other potential state arts funding. This would break the State's own stipulation and would set a terrible precedent for the State's regions to follow; this type of thinking has the potential to devastate our field if other government entities begin to cut their budget allocations for the arts as well.

**"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." - Benjamin Franklin**

Again...

**"If you are silent about your pain, they'll kill you and say you enjoyed it."**

**- Zora Neale Hurston**

Thank you.

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### Regarding GO-Biz: A Vision for the Development of the Creative Economy

**"Compassion and Empathy allow us to think of new ways for freedom to exist...  
only then are we allowed to have a conversation worth having."**

**- Maeva Asare**

Not only are the Arts the soil from which all other industries are born (*as artistic ideas literally give rise to our culture and our values*), it is our starting point from which we begin our lives as humans. In fact, our artistic and cultural practices are the very essence of our humanness.

As I work with cognates and word associations within the longitudinal study in my creative practice, I tend to notice these linguistic associations in everyday life. "Artist" and "non-profit" are not synonymous and are not the only path to support artists within our State. In addition to directly nurturing all facets of being a creative professional through the financial stewardship of State funds, I am a strong supporter of the California Arts Council having the resources and the capacity to give grants to all of the industries within the Creative Economy. The arts are the basis for all of the Creative Economy's subsectors and having a dedicated state agency from which all creative professionals can get support will help organize our sector, thus making it more unified, effective and productive. A self-sustaining Creative Economy can be built and achieved through cross-sectoral collaborations and partnerships.

Our creative workers contribute so much to our state's economy with so little investment from the State. Reciprocity matters and it has been largely absent in the relationship between our sector and the State; however, we have the opportunity to change that. Creative professionals should be able to enter our sector and get everything they need, from professional development to funding support. Although I tend to encourage the idea of "thriving before growing," these expansions would build the necessary bridges that could shape a prosperous future for our workers that our sector has yet come to know. The ability to thrive as a creative could be a real possibility for everyone in our sector.

For instance, I had to seek support outside of California in order to upskill and participate in a board leadership training that was specifically designed for board members of arts nonprofits. (*The training was offered by an arts organization based in a different state.*) Programs and trainings designed specifically for our sector should be readily available for artists and other creative professionals within our own state. **Artistically Elevated Design** is in agreement with CAC's Vice Chairperson, Leah Goodwin, who said that a minimum investment of \$50M in CAC funding is required to even begin making a meaningful impact within our sector. The only thing I'd add is the diversification of how the CAC invests in our sector as it would create a more beneficial impact and shift the way the Creative Economy functions.

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**"Practice any art."**



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*To bring this letter to a close, I've included an updated version of my written comment from the 5/24/24 CAC meeting regarding the California Arts Council and GO-Biz:*

As for moving the CAC to GO-Biz, I'd need more information and data before giving an opinion; however, as an artist who owns a business and encourages other artists to become entrepreneurs, our sector would benefit from the CAC having the resources to support artist-owned small businesses in the form of grants. This funding would help the economic development of artists and our sector. It would also support the rebranding of the arts and culture sector as a thriving economic driver (*who comes in peace but also means business*).

It would be much more beneficial if there were a partnership formed between the CAC and GO-Biz that would allow the CAC to directly address some of the findings of the portfolio review that was done by Scansion/WolfBrown in August 2022.

*(The summary of the study can be found on pages 22 - 34 of the CAC August 2022 minutes; there is a link to the Council Meeting Book with the report on page 20. Tab F of the Council Meeting Book will pull up the report.)*

The report highlighted that there was a gap of meaningful support within the way the CAC currently functioned and invested in the field. Key Finding #2 on page 24 listed "individual artists, artist collectives, small businesses, small cafes, community enterprises, etc" among the groups of people not strongly supported by the CAC although it is within their purview.

**Artistically Elevated Design** maintains the perspective that these gaps can be addressed once we reframe how we view the Arts and Culture work sector within the whole of the economy. In addition to direct grants, an example of meaningful investment could look like developing a new funding stream that encourages organizations to develop capacity-building programs for artists to increase their business acumen. (*Every creative worker should have the skills to freelance due to the nature of our sector.*) Rather than reducing CAC funding, a \$5M to \$10M investment in a partnership between the CAC and GO-Biz could be a great start to developing artists as capable business owners and key players in the growth and development of the economy.

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And as a gesture of respect for all of my colleagues who work for and/or have established arts nonprofits, I'm including a passage that was written on page 14 of the portfolio review (pg. 102 of the Council Meeting Book):

**By shining a light on the diverse individuals, informal groups, and non-arts organizations that contribute much to California's arts ecosystem, we by no means intend to belittle the important work of the many committed arts nonprofits in the state. Rather we want to emphasize that if the grantmaking focus is only on nonprofits (even if that definition is expanded to other entities that seek grants through fiscal sponsorships), large portions of the ecosystem that enriches the lives of Californians with meaningful artistic and cultural activities is overlooked.**

In closing, I do want to acknowledge that this comment and proposed changes came at a time when the Employment Development Department (EDD) raised concern within the film industry about artists' ability to use loan out companies within our state. Our right to be independent and to be respected as business owners (and to operate as such) is important and can be strengthened by a partnership between GO-Biz and an independent, fully resourced CAC.

*It is my hope that we can all work together to shift California into a state that is respectful, enjoyable, accessible and a better place for all of our citizens to flourish. May we all have access to opportunities to explore the depths of our souls because with access comes the freedom to choose and the availability of better choices.*

Peace and Productivity,  
Maeva (My•ĒĒĒ•vuh)  
Artist/Founder/Owner

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## STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY WITH CREATIVE PROFESSIONALS

*"Compassion and Empathy*

*allow us to think of new ways for freedom to exist...*

*only then are we allowed to have a conversation worth having."*

*- Maeva Asare*

Artists are the weavers of the destinies of the children of tomorrow; we are the cartographers of the creative mind, whose maps help those lost on their journeys. Art is where the soul meets science so the beauty flows from our fingertips as if they were the extension of the finger from Michelangelo's *The Creation of Adam*...if only Adam were an artist, he would have made the conscious decision to complete the connection.

Either way, here we stand now...resilient through it all despite the ever-changing perception that society has of us. All of us are just resident spiders on God's door adorning it with our own interpretation of a web...beckoning for the onlookers to be brave enough to knock...and if they're lucky (and to their surprise), She might just be home and open the door.

*"Only when we understand the value of health,*

*can we understand the value of time...*

*then we can appreciate the value and function of money."*

*- Maeva (My•ĒĒĒ•vuh)*

It is important to honor basic human rights before respecting biological and social/societal roles. Dignity matters. Artists are worthy of respect and are people worthy of a living wage and healthcare! Everyone in the world throughout time has consumed our products and yet, many have tried to invalidate the artists creating them. Advancement in the arts affects advancement in other creative fields and across work sectors; investing in the arts is an investment in the health of a culture: on the community-level and the individual-level.

*Authored by Maeva (My•ĒĒĒ•vuh), LA-Based Artist/Founder/Owner*

*<https://bit.ly/My-EEE-vuh>*

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*Peace and Productivity*

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I am writing as a concerned resident of Los Angeles regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Stephanie Becker** (she/her), Project Specialist | Collections Department, Getty Conservation Institute |

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**From:** [Ed Donnelly](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 5:15:45 PM

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Mayor and Councilmembers,

I want to voice my concern about the possible eviction of the SPPF collection at the Iron Works Museum.

The SPPF museum has been a valuable resource as I have researched the history of South Pasadena's participation in the Tournament of Roses Parade. If the collection had been mothballed and stored away in a warehouse or shipping container, this research would not have been possible.

Removing this private collection of artifacts and mementos of our local history from a publicly accessible space removes the power of remembering the long-standing traditions of our community.

Please look to find a solution that allows for the continued operation of the SPPF's collection at the current location.

Thank you,

Ed Donnelly



**From:** [Marina Khrustaleva](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 1:18:58 PM

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Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned community member regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.


I served on the Board of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation in 2017-2020. I had a chance to witness the daily commitment of my fellow Board members, and especially long-term South Pasadena resident Tom Field, to maintaining the museum, updating the exhibition, providing tours to local schools, and serving Farmers Market customers. SPPF volunteers always created a friendly atmosphere and were ready to answer the most unexpected questions.

Over the last few years, archivist Colleen Boken invested hours and hours of pro bono work to organize Museum archives. SPPF always welcomes interested visitors and professional researchers. I myself was lucky to conduct research at the Museum to support landmark nominations and Mills Act contracts for numerous South Pasadena historic properties. The Museum is the essential source of information on South Pasadena history, and keeping it available and well-maintained is the greatest service to the community.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Marina Khrustaleva  
Architectural Historian and former South Pasadena resident (2016-2021)  


**From:** [S Berti](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#); [jbraun@southpasadena.gov](mailto:jbraun@southpasadena.gov); [mcacciotti@southpasadena.gov](mailto:mcacciotti@southpasadena.gov); [jdonovan@southpasadena.gov](mailto:jdonovan@southpasadena.gov); [jprimuth@southpasadena.gov](mailto:jprimuth@southpasadena.gov); [ezneimer@southpasadena.gov](mailto:ezneimer@southpasadena.gov)  
**Subject:** Wednesday, closed session council meeting regarding SP Iron Works Museum, 913 Meridian, South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 10:25:26 AM

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Dear Councilmembers:

I value our museum. It is a treasure. It is maintained well. It speaks of our past. Do we not value our past any longer? The South Pasadena preservation Foundation has done a great job of maintaining it and they should remain the leaseholder.

I support the reinstatement of SPPF's lease of the museum and ask that you retract the city's eviction notice to ensure that the museum remains under the stewardship of the SPPF, who have cared for it with dedication and integrity.

Sincerely, Suzann Berti

South Pasadena

September 3, 2024

**From:** [Eric Jensch](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Please keep South Pasadena Preservation Foundation.  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 11:28:19 PM

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To whom it may concern,

We need places like the South Pasadena Historical Museum so we can keep connection to our precious and unique history.

We live in the Alexander Building right next to the farmers market and across the street from South Pasadena Historical Museum. We see people going in and out of the museum looking through their collection of photos and artifacts. Learning from an eager docent about things like the Raymond Hotel and the Ostrich farm and looking at all these interesting treasures inside. All while inside that cute historical blacksmith building.

If we lose a place like that it won't be replaced. It's important we all do everything in our power to preserve it.

I'm confident you will,

Eric Jensch  
  




**From:** [Marshall St. John](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Museum Eviction Notoce  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 6:47:06 PM

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Ddo the city fathers plan to turn the museum into a 7-11? Whatt is the purpose of such an anti historic suggestion. KEEP THE MUSEUM AS IT IS!!

Marshall St.John  


**From:** [Tayler Garbe](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 8:03:36 AM

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Dear Whom It May Concern,

As a fellow South Pasadenan I strongly oppose the eviction of a South Pasadena monument. I strongly support the reinstatement of SPPF's museum lease.

There is too much charm to this city for it to be destroyed. I hope this counts for something.

Thank you.

Tayler

**From:** [Etan Rosenbloom](#)  
**To:** [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Don Penman](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#)  
**Cc:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Please retract the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation eviction  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 8:31:29 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

This is a public comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF.

I am writing as a devoted student of Los Angeles County history, and a longtime lover of South Pasadena's many historic landmarks.

This past week I heard the disturbing news that South Pasadena has served an eviction notice to the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF), housed in the historic building at 913 Meridian Ave.

The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving the community.

Their location, inside a building that is historically significant on both local and national levels, is in itself a huge boon to their ability to interpret the history of South Pasadena, and attract tourists, history lovers and locals to learn more about the region.

From what I've read the eviction notice issued to the SPPF is based on misinformation and misunderstandings. I urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice, renew the lease with the SPPF and conduct a full, transparent review of the situation before taking such a drastic measure.

Please allow the SPPF to continue its essential role in maintaining the historical museum at its current location.

Sincerely,

~Etan Rosenbloom

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** SPCC Meeting Wednesday 04 SEP 2024 Closed Session RE Negotiations  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 4:02:11 PM

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> Mayor and honorable members of the City Council  
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> Regarding RE Negotiation Item under Government Code Section 54956.8  
> 1. Property Address: 913 Meridian Avenue  
> Agency Negotiator: Donald Penman, Interim City Manager  
> Negotiating Party: South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.  
> Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment  
>  
> Now that I am getting older I am really appreciating history  
> especially as I have had the privilege of working on some historic  
> structures in England in my professional career as a Civil Engineer  
> that are wonders of Victorian Engineering. These structures have  
> remained and preserved at some cost despite their becoming  
> structurally and functionally obsolete for their original purpose. -  
> The Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol Designed by IK Brunel MICE  
> was built as a major traffic route from Clifton to Leigh Woods and is  
> now used for pedestians and cars. - The Thames Tunnel designed and  
> built by his father as a pedestrian tunnel and then for use by the  
> latest electric commuter trains. Both of these structures are still  
> in use today with their engineering and architectural features intact,  
> only because of the will to pay for preserving the significant aspects  
> of the past. Without this attitude there would likewise be no  
> Stonehenge or Tower of London, both being functionally obsolete. As  
> both are Citoes South Pasadena is not so different from London and  
> Bristol, only not as old.  
>  
> I know that many in this City, including yourselves have personally  
> spent a large amount of their lives preserving the historic fabric of  
> the city and the City has spent tens of millions of dollars in doing  
> so fighting against the I-710 Freeway Extension over the years. A  
> small relatively young city like South Pasadena has even more reason  
> for preserving its past as there is not only the need to preserve our  
> independent identity, but also enable those not so old, like my three  
> Children Elizabeth, Victoria, Stephanie who are being brought up here  
> understand where we come from as a City.  
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> The South Pasadena Museum is a little gem with its great collection of  
> old pictures and some artefacts (that arn't part of Disneyland's  
> Railway Station) and having it avoids these great things being in a  
> storage shed or connex, unable to be looked at. The South Pasadena  
> Preservation Society is a great Institution that has and will do great  
> things, but in the age of "Fake News" it needs to be more than  
> something that exists as a website and a few meetings, but rather  
> something tangible like a museum. I know of no proper museum that  
> does not rely on the humongous support from either government or

> billionaire sponsors. Our little museum is no different. So, it  
> would be appropriate that any lease agreement should be such that it  
> effectively subsidizes this grass roots charitable effort rather than  
> breaking even or even trying to make a profit. I know times are hard,  
> but this is not something that we can loose by penny pinching. Please  
> take note of these personal remarks when making your difficult  
> financial decisions, whilst standing up to that army of amateur citizen  
> bean counters.

>  
> Matthew Robert Crow



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> Regards  
> Matthew Crow

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Meridian Iron works  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 11:07:01 PM

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Please do what is best for a city that prides itself on our history and heretage. Retain the historic building with the Preservation Foundation. .

Therese Molina.

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

**From:** [FM FM](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Don Penman](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#)  
**Subject:** Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 Closed Session Council Meeting Agenda Item: Real Property Negotiations S.P. Iron Works Museum 913 Meridian Avenue South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 5:12:54 PM

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S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

What "misinformation" are you acting on?  
This is not reasonable  
Please protect  
Not take away the building  
Hundreds and thousands of us are monitoring this situation  
And are deeply disturbed

Please do the right thing!

Don't be ridiculous or unreasonable

You guys work on behalf of the constituency

Listen to us

We don't like this development

And want support and security  
for the building instead

Listen and act

I will expect your cooperation

Thank you in advance

-FM  
Constituent

To all of you - employed off our tax dollars:

**Evelyn G. Zneimer, Mayor**  
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**From:** [Megan McGrail](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 8:55:32 PM

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Agenda Item:  
Real Property Negotiations  
S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Greetings Madam Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

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I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Megan McGrail  
Resident, South Pasadena

**From:** [T.C](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Save the SP museum  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 6:28:56 AM

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Hi. Moved here over a dozen years ago and the charm of the city was captured in the weekly farmers market and museum where we learned about the city and became a part of it. Please don't lose this critical piece of history and instead lean into making it better.

Thanks,  
Tim C.

**From:** [Gabriela King](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 8:51:03 AM

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Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Gabriela King  
Resident, Pasadena

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Timothy Minnig](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** South Pasadena Museum  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 4:42:02 PM

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My name is Timothy Minnig. I live at [REDACTED] I have lived in this city since the early 1970s, and my mother still lives on Summit Drive. Please renew the lease for this essential community resource.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Gallagher Lawson](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent: Support Needed to Save the South Pasadena Historical Museum  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 9:42:09 AM

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I am writing to urgently request your support in preventing the eviction of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF) from 913 Meridian Ave, home to the South Pasadena Historical Museum for nearly 40 years.

The South Pasadena Historical Museum is a cherished community asset, carefully maintained by SPPF since 1987. Their stewardship has ensured that the city's history is preserved with integrity, dedication, and care. Evicting SPPF would not only displace the museum but also sever the vital connection between this historic site and those who have tirelessly worked to protect it. Both citizens of South Pasadena and neighboring cities don't want to see these resources go.

As the City Council convenes in a closed session on Wednesday, September 4th, I urge you to act in the best interest of our local communities by reinstating SPPF's lease and retracting the eviction notice. This decision is critical to maintaining the museum under the guidance of those who understand and value its significance.

Thank you,

Gallagher Lawson

**From:** [Vance Sanders](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** SAVE SO PAS HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 8:49:34 AM

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Dear People in Charge,

The South Pasadena Historical Museum doesn't seem like it's very important to you.

The very idea you are trying to evict the history of South Pasadena from South Pasadena is ludicrous.

We like our town. We like the history of our town. You can't change history.

The museum is an internal part of the charm and the importance of South Pasadena,

You have not idea what bear you are attempting to poke.

Don't be "Progressive" and "Modern", be "Kind" and "Empathic" and realize that what we like about South Pas is the old stuff, like the museum.

There are numerous empty store fronts on Mission. Use those for your progressiveness.

Sincerely,

Vance Sanders



**From:** [Holly Rose McGee](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Reinstate the SPPF's lease!  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 9:26:09 AM

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Hello,

It has come to my attention that the City of South Pasadena has served an eviction notice to the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation at 913 Meridian Ave. Please DO NOT evict the museum! This local history museum is beloved by the community, and serves as a source of inspiration and information to both South Pasadena and beyond. Please do not close this museum.

thank you,  
Holly McGee, MLIS  
Archivist

**From:** [Victoria Steele](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** South Pasadena Preservation Foundation  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 2:28:37 PM

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Please reinstate SPPF's lease and retract the City's eviction. History is important and it is under attack in many ways today. Please preserve the museum and allow SPPF to continue their valuable work. Thank you.

Victoria Kay Steele



**From:** [Janice Chow-Ng](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#); [Don Penman](#); [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
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PUBLIC COMMENT: Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

Our family moved to South Pasadena from Portland, Oregon in the Summer of 2023 for the qualities of this small city that make it perfect for young families like ours. That first Summer here, my husband took my then 3rd grader to visit the museum while visiting the Farmers Market and found the docent to be friendly and knowledgeable , giving them a convenient opportunity to learn about the history of the community we newly called home.

This city has grown on us after just one year because of its small town charm and because there seems in so many ways to be intention in preserving the history and culture of SoPas. The city's historical museum is an important fiber of this community , and it's existence is a show of that intention. It's location in a key part of town where the residents and visitors congregate for community events like the weekly Farmers Market, Active Streets bike rides and others give valuable opportunities for all to learn and appreciate our city's history. Having a wonderful museum like this in the space it's in , in a small town like ours, really makes a statement in what our city values. Taking it away would truly send a sad message of what is important to our city's leadership.

SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Janice Chow-Ng, husband, and 2 children

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Wendy Edwards](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave - SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 9:15:19 PM

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Re: Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 Closed Session, Council Meeting Agenda Item:  
Real Property Negotiations  
S.P. Iron Works Museum, 913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident 50-year resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Wendy Edwards  
Resident, South Pasadena

**From:** [Jessica Bradford](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 7:48:11 PM

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Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

The South Pasadena Historical Museum has been an asset to this community for many, many years, providing our town's residents, visitors, and most especially our children with a connection to our city's rich heritage. My son and his classmates grew up visiting the museum during our weekly Thursday night dinners at the farmer's market and on school field trips. It is where he (and I) learned about this town's first settlers, viewed sepia-toned images of early South Pas, and, of course, delighted in reading about the Ostrich Farm! One of the things we treasure about South Pas, unlike many other southern California cities, is its dedication to historical preservation, from its abundance of 1920's Arts & Crafts homes to the endurance of landmarks like the Fair Oaks Pharmacy. It is what keeps South Pasadena from becoming yet another soulless, big-box and strip-mall infested city, and it's part of what keeps our property values high and our quality of life one of the best in LA County. It would be incredibly short sighted, and a very sad loss for our community, if our museum is forced to close.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Bradford  
Resident, South Pasadena (1925 Mission Street)

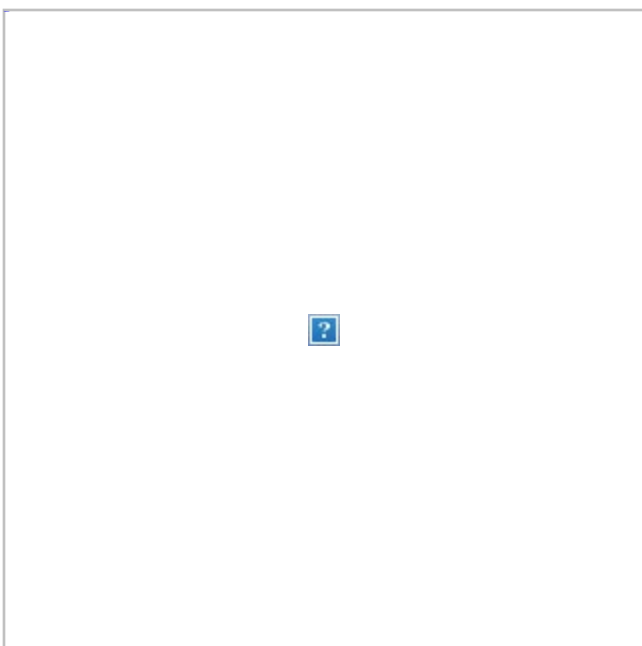
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Jessica Bradford  
President, 2BPR





**From:** [Zachary Broussard](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Historical Museum  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 9:55:05 PM

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Dear Council,

As a longtime resident of the South Pasadena, it pained me to watch Videology leave our town. It pains me to see so many empty storefronts. While we cannot control commerce, we can maintain our charm by preserving the pieces of the city that make it so special. I hope you all see the value in clearing up the issue with the Historical Museum. It would be shortsighted to let such a gem lapse in your watch.

Zach Broussard

**From:** [Jim Tavares](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Closed Session Council Meeting, Meridian Iron Works Historical Museum  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 7:32:28 PM

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Wednesday, September 4th, 2024, Closed Session Council Meeting  
Agenda Item: Real Property Negotiations, S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Dear Esteemed City Council,

As a past President and Board Member of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, I was concerned to learn that SPPF was served with an eviction notice asking it to vacate the Meridian Iron Works, home of the South Pasadena Historical Museum. I sincerely hope you will see past whatever unfortunate situation has led to this, and recognize the potential represented by SPPF's continued curation and operation of the Museum.

The Museum building and its contents are a perfect marriage and serve as an experiential walk through yesteryear that will only become increasingly scarce as time goes on. In fact, the dissolution of the museum by removal of its contents, all of which were carefully curated and collected for over a century by preservationists and concerned and passionate citizens alike, would be both a harbinger of and possible peak on the way to a slippery slope of changes that would serve to undo so much of what SPPF and the City itself have endeavored to accomplish over recent decades: demonstrate the tangible value of preservation, instill affection for the unique character of South Pasadena, and remind people of what can be lost without an involved and curious citizenry.

The Historical Museum is an essential hub of and catalyst for that involvement and curiosity.

For over 40 years, SPPF, in partnership with the City, and underwritten by the munificence of City management, has operated the museum for the benefit of the community, with thousands of visitors, from curious passersby to engaged school children and Scout troops, stopping in to learn more about the heritage and history of the land on which they stand, where they live, and/or where they are spending their formative years. Has SPPF's operation of the Museum been perfect and met even SPPF's wishes for what it should become? No. Would SPPF love a grant or generous donor to hire a docent staff to keep the Museum open 7 days a week? Yes. Does SPPF have the ability, desire, and commitment, and expertise to continue to operate the Museum and increase its value to the city? Absolutely!

I hope you will reinstate the lease that allows SPPF to operate the Museum and keep its collection there for generations to come. Few things evidence a passionate, engaged citizenry like a non-profit scratching tooth and nail, giving of their time, week after week, to provide a service to the public out of sheer passion. Few things speak to the necessity of such institutions as the trend of apathy toward preservation and dissolution of historical landmarks around California, the country, and the world.

When we don't know where we came from, and understand the bigger tapestry we're weaving ourselves into, we often can't understand our current context, or tell whether we're headed in the right direction. They are the questions of nearly every child and every great explorer in history: Why? How? SPPF's curation of the Museum has sought to help the community understand the Why and How on their time, on their terms, and make it a part of their own historical context.

Losing that would be a tragedy.

Sincerely, and with thanks for the generosity and commitment of City management for its role in providing the Museum to City residents,

Jim Tavares

**From:** [Joanna Linkchorst](#)  
**To:** [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Don Penman](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#)  
**Cc:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 2:35:19 PM

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Dear Mayor Zneimer, City Council Members, and staff

I am writing as a concerned resident of the San Gabriel Valley regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

This museum has, more than once, brought us into town to enjoy the shops, restaurants and festivals. I believe having an historic anchor in a city is a valuable draw. This wonderful place is often crowded on festival days.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joanna Linkchorst



**From:** [Alexis Crockett](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 7:20:00 AM

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Wednesday, September 4th, 2024  
Closed Session Council Meeting  
Agenda Item:  
Real Property Negotiations  
S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

Throughout my childhood, my grandmother would take me to cultural locations in the South Pasadena and Pasadena area, sparking my passion for the built environment and developing my respect for the past and how it relates to my future.

Now, as a local and an employee at another SGV-area museum, I really cannot fathom this attack on local and state history! More than ever, its important to maintain the strength of our roots. The harder it is to access it, the more unmoored the world becomes... the less respect people have for *where* they live and *who* they live around. South Pasadena and Pasadena are known as bastions for community culture and memory -- don't take it away!

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Sincerely,

Alexis Crockett

Resident, Arcadia

**From:** [Jocelyne Bravo](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 1:43:49 PM

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Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing in a concerned matter regarding South Pasadena closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

The SPPF has been steadfast of Pasadena city's history for over 40 years, and serving their community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on misinformation which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and their visitors at the museum.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining the historical museum.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely  
Jocelyne Bravo.

**From:** [Alisa Diez](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment on closed session agenda item A, 1:913 Meridian Ave. SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 7:29:22 PM

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Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

I am a 34 year resident and to say I am angry, saddened and disappointed with the mishandling of this matter is an understatement.

The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

There is not a citizen of this city that does not love that museum and appreciate the vital work that SPPF does. If you truly represent us, you will work to resolve this issue and renew the lease with SPPF.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alisa and Fernando Diez


34 year residents and active community members of South Pasadena

**From:** [Jodi Williams](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** South pas historical museum  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 4:00:56 PM

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As a current resident of South Pas now raising three boys here, and whose great grandpa (Paul Powell) moved to town in the early 1900's to direct films, the South Pasadena historical society is an important part of our legacy. Please do not evict the museum. They are a cherished part of the community.

Thank you,  
Jodi Reagan  


**From:** [Anastasia Davydova Lewis](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF PUBLIC COMMENT:  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 6:20:51 PM

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Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

As a proud resident of South Pasadena's District 3, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

As a UCLA and Pasadena City College alumna, I have a strong connection to our community and its rich history. The SPPF has been an integral part of preserving and celebrating that history for over four decades. Their dedication to operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with transparency and passion is truly commendable.

I have personally contributed artifacts to the museum and make it a point to visit every farmers market. The museum is a treasure trove of our city's heritage, and the SPPF's efforts to maintain and showcase it are invaluable.

It is disheartening to learn that the eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on misinformation. This action threatens to undermine the foundation's crucial work and its strong ties with the community and museum visitors.

As a constituent of District 3, I urge my representative, Jon Primuth, and the entire City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations. Their work is a testament to the spirit and character of South Pasadena, and it must be protected.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our beloved community.

Sincerely,  
Anastasia Lewis  
Resident, South Pasadena - District 3

**From:** [Joe Potts](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** RE:South Pasadena City Council: September 4, 2024: Closed Session Agenda: Public Comment: A. Real Property Negotiations: S.P. Iron Works Museum-913 Meridian Avenue-South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 11:21:42 AM

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RE:South Pasadena City Council: September 4, 2024: Closed Session Agenda: Public Comment: A. Real Property Negotiations: S.P. Iron Works Museum-913 Meridian Avenue-South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Esteemed Councilpersons:

STOP! HIT THE PAUSE BUTTON! TAKE A STEP BACK!

RE:South Pasadena City Council: September 4, 2024: Closed Session Agenda: Public Comment: A. Real Property Negotiations: S.P. Iron Works Museum-913 Meridian Avenue-South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Esteemed Councilpersons:

STOP! HIT THE PAUSE BUTTON! TAKE A STEP BACK!

“The mission of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation is to foster awareness and appreciation of the historic heritage of South Pasadena and to advocate and facilitate preservation of significant examples of that heritage.”

If it your goal to destroy a revered South Pasadena institution that has served the community for over a half century and has been instrumental to its very existence, regardless of open public discourse, then I heartily congratulate you all!

If it is your goal to continue your alienation from the citizens and social and cultural institutions which they heartily and most generously support, then kudos are in order!

If it is your goal to relegate the proud and independent history and vital memories of the selfless individuals who have been vital to South Pasadena’s very life through their generous and selfless contributions then we now bow down to you!

If not:

Pause this eviction immediately.  
Move this discussion out into the realm of open public discourse.  
Explain your reasoning clearly.  
Reassure the public that there are no hidden agendas.  
Listen and respond to community questions and feedback.

I respect the Council and its membership for its selfless hard work and community dedication and deeply regret that its image has become so recently tarnished and demonized through its seeming refusal to educate its fellow citizens of its machinations and opinions as regards actions which community members perceive to be of potentially existential importance.

Joe Potts  
Mission West

**From:** [Andrew Salimian](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Janet Braun](#)  
**Subject:** Real Property Negotiations, 913 Meridian Ave  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 11:03:11 AM

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**RE:**

Wednesday, September 4th, 2024  
Closed Session Council Meeting  
Agenda Item:  
Real Property Negotiations  
S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,


I am writing to you as the Director of Advocacy of the Los Angeles Conservancy, in support of our partner organization the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF). The Conservancy is concerned about the potential eviction of the SPPF from its longtime physical home at 913 Meridian Ave, which will be discussed in closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024.

The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of South Pasadena's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving the community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

The Conservancy respectfully urges the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Andrew Salimian**  
Director of Advocacy  
Los Angeles Conservancy  


Pronouns: He/Him



**About the Los Angeles Conservancy:**

The Los Angeles Conservancy is the largest local historic preservation organization in the United States, with nearly 5,000 member households throughout the Los Angeles area. Established in 1978, the Conservancy works to preserve and revitalize the significant architectural and cultural heritage of Los Angeles County through advocacy and education.

**From:** [John and Colleen Donovan](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 6:36:00 PM

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Hello Mayor and City Council Members,

We are writing as concerned residents of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

We respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John and Colleen Donovan

[Redacted Signature]

**From:** [Andy Eaton](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Barbara Eaton](#)  
**Subject:** South pasadena historical museum  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 7:34:02 AM

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It was with great dismay that we read in this morning's paper about the possible eviction of the museum from its spot on meridian St. The museum has been a source of valuable historical information about our city for many years and is a drop in spot for many on farmers market Thursdays. For a small museum it is incredibly well organized thanks to a dedicated archivist who has been working for free.

We don't know what the "complaints" have been related to the museum, but we have a hard time believing that the city could find a better use for the building. Our city has always valued its heritage and I would hate to see us lose this gem because we are short sighted. Surely the issues with the lease can be resolved without eviction

andy and Barbara eaton  


**From:** [John Gmail](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Meridian Ironworks  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 3:00:59 PM

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I'm I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
John Lawrence

Resident  


**From:** [barbara field](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment re Historical Museum  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 10:27:07 AM

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Hello.

I want to contribute my opinion on the subject of the South Pasadena Historical Museum.

I've resided in South Pasadena since 1987. I've been a homeowner here since 1990. I raised two sons here. I've been a member of South Pasadena Preservation Foundation for the past few years.

Among the things I've valued about South Pasadena is it's commitment to its history and its small town charm. The little museum is a huge part of that. I feel great nostalgia for it and civic pride, and I've observed a positive increase in the museum's engagement the last couple of years.

The historical museum is an asset to our town and its residents. Evicting the museum from its historical location would be an inappropriate action for the City Council to take.

*Barbara Field*

[REDACTED]


☐ Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary? Does it improve on the silence? ☐

**From:** [John Gmail](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** SPPF Meridian Ironworks  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 2:57:37 PM

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The SPPF museum at Meridian Ironworks is an essential part of South Pasadena's history and culture. As a long time resident who grew up here I am continually baffled by repeated failure of the city council to defend the unique and valuable treasures of this city that they were elected to protect. Whatever is the issue between SPPF and the city needs to be resolved as quickly as possible to allow SPPF to continue their vital work and maintain the Ironworks as it is.

John Lawrence | 

**From:** [Benjamin Bascom](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 11:52:20 PM

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Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

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I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Benjamin Bascom  
Resident, South Pasadena

**From:** [Josiah](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Save South Pasadena Historical Museum!  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 9:04:08 AM

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Hello,

I'm writing to the council to please reinstate the lease for South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF) at 913 Meridian Avenue South Pasadena, CA, 91030. SPPF holds irreplaceable, local artifacts for the South Pasadena Historical Museum for close to 40 years.

LA is such a fantastic place and our cultural institutions are what keeps us connected through time and culture. Any loss of history affects our entire narrative and identity. What makes Pasadena so special is its pride in its history - whether that's through architecture, Vroman's legacy, or our archives. Preservation helps us know our past to better the future and losing history deprives future generations of what they deserve to know, learn, and explore.

Please, I urge the South Pasadena City Council to reinstate SPPF's lease and retract the City's eviction to ensure that the museum remains under the stewardship of those who care for it with dedication and integrity since its opening in 1987.

Thank you,

**[Josiah T. Peralta](#)**

[MSLIS](#) | [He/They](#)  
Committee Member, [SAA](#) Independent Archivists' Section



**From:** [Brian Bright](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** SP Iron Works Museum 9/4 closed session item comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 7:11:56 PM

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913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Honorable Council Members,

Preserving local history is important. It is what separates South Pasadena from Los Angeles, Pasadena, and San Marino as it helps define what a city is, has been, and will become. The South Pasadena Historical Museum in the Meridian Iron Works building is quickly becoming the last bastion for local historical preservation and has been a treasure for our city.

The South Pasadena Preservation Foundation was integral in saving the Meridian Iron Works building and they have curated, archived and shared their vast collection of donated and acquired collection pieces related to South Pasadena in that building for nearly 40 years.

I have seen everyone from locals, tourists, school tours, and scout troops be enthralled by our local history at the museum. Please understand that if this eviction happens it would cause widespread grieving across our community. I sincerely hope you do the right thing and work out a new lease with SPPF so we can continue to preserve our small town's history.

Sincerely,  
  
Brian Bright

**From:** [Joya Golden Chrystal](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 8:37:38 PM

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Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Joya Chrystal

[Resident, South Pasadena]

**From:** [Caitlin Yuen](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Save the South Pasadena Historical Museum  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 7:48:00 PM

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To whom it may concern-

I am writing to you as a lifelong member of the community of South Pasadena. My family has lived in South Pasadena for generations. My father, sisters, and I all attended SPSHS and hold great admiration for the city.

It is with great concern that I recently heard of the eviction notice served to the Historical Museum. Although I know much goes on in regards to these proceedings, I felt the need to reach out and offer my support to the Historical Museum and urge the city to take another look at the detrimental impact the eviction notice will have on not just the city, but the community, and ongoing preservation of the history of the city of South Pasadena.

I hope you reconsider the lease agreement and allow the conversation to continue in hopes of finding a resolution between the city and museum.

Thank you for your time

Caitlin Yuen

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Katie Clark](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Don Penman](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 10:11:57 AM

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Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am very concerned that the South Pasadena Historical Museum operated by the SPPF has been served an eviction notice from the Meridian Ironworks. For years I have enjoyed visiting this museum during visits to the Farmer's Market and also toured it with my children on school fieldtrips. I greatly appreciate the time and effort that SPPF has put into documenting our town's history.

I want to signal my concern regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The SPPF needs this prime location to showcase our town's history and it would be a great disservice to our community to evict the historical museum.

Sincerely,

Katie Clark



**From:** [Cambria Kattar](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Museum  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 6:23:17 PM

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#### **SAMPLE EMAIL FOR WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

To: [ccpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:ccpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov)  
Subject: Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF

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Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Cambria Kattar  
[Resident, South Pasadena]

**From:** [Kerry Britton](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Preserve Sp Historical Museum  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 11:19:12 AM

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Re: Wednesday, September 4th, 2024  
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Agenda Item:  
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S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Please reconsider this issue. The museum, once lost, can never be restored. I've only lived in South Pasadena for one year, but I've visited the museum a dozen times with my little granddaughter who finds it fascinating. I've also taken visitors- because we love the farmers market, and it adds another feature to that adventure.

Sincerely,

Kerry Britton

**From:** [Carol](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Evelyn Zneimer](#)  
**Cc:** [Sheila Pautsch](#); [City Manager's Office](#); [Don Penman](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Support for reinstating SPPF's museum lease, and opposition to the eviction  
**Date:** Monday, September 2, 2024 5:11:05 PM

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Wednesday, September 4th, 2024

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S.P. Iron Works Museum

913 Meridian Avenue

South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Dear City Councilmembers:

I value our museum. It's one of the nicest small town museums around. It has beautifully curated exhibits. If you've not visited recently, you should go check out the up-dated displays. The South Pasadena Preservation Foundation has done a wonderful job overseeing it and they should remain the leaseholder.

I support the reinstatement of SPPF's lease of the Museum, and ask that you retract the City's eviction to ensure that the museum remains under the stewardship of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, who have cared for it with dedication and integrity.

Thank you,

Carol Kramer  
South Pasadena  
September 2, 2024

**From:** [Krista Ocon](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 10:28:32 PM

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I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

This museum has been a treasured part of the character of our fine city. What in the world is going on that the City would be seeking to evict this important part of our community?

I respectfully urge the City Council to immediately retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. I understand that the Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Krista M. Ocon

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**From:** [Luther Luedtke](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#); [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Weds, 9/4/24: Public Comment, Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1:923 Meridian Ave - SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:02:11 AM

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Dear South Pasadena Council Members,

As an American historian and long-time resident of South Pasadena, I'm dismayed to hear that the South Pasadena Historical Museum has been told to vacate the Iron Works Building where it has served our community so meaningfully for over 40 years. The museum is a gem at the heart of South Pasadena providing material artifacts and text for children and adults alike about our rich social and cultural heritage. The centeredness that it provides is ever more important amidst all the political and demographic changes we are experiencing. This is not the time to turn our backs on the identity and legacy that make South Pasadena such an exceptional place to live and raise our families--and which the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation so faithfully serves.

I trust you will do whatever is necessary to assure that the SPPF lease is reinstated and the eviction notice withdrawn.

Respectfully,

Luther Luedtke  


**From:** [Kathy Anderson](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Please reverse the Eviction  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:58:19 AM

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Please do the right thing and reverse the eviction notice the city sent in error to the historic Meridian Iron Works Build. Please.

Kathy Anderson

**From:** [Daniel Anderson](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Reverse The Eviction  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:57:59 AM

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Dan Anderson

**From:** [Lori Warmack](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent: Request to Reverse the Eviction Notice for the South Pasadena History Museum  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:57:27 AM

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Hello,

I recently learned that the South Pasadena History Museum has received an eviction notice for their location in the former Meridian Iron Works Building. I have enjoyed this museum on many occasions and it's played an integral role in providing local residents with a vital link to the community's rich historic past. Its location in a historic building, along with its proximity to the farmer's market and the Gold Line, makes this local treasure accessible to a broader segment of the community, then might be the case if it were relocated.

Please reverse this eviction notice and renew the museum's lease immediately.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warm regards,  
Loreli Warmack

**From:** [Luther Luedtke](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#); [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#)  
**Cc:** [Jenny Bright](#)  
**Subject:** Weds, 9/4/24: Public Comment, Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1:923 Meridian Ave - SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:56:38 AM

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I trust you will do whatever is necessary to assure that the SPPF lease is reinstated and the eviction notice withdrawn.

Respectfully,

Luther Luedtke  


**From:** [Malia Miglino](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Reinstate SPPF Lease  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:50:17 AM

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Good Morning,

I have been made aware of the eviction notice of SPPF from historic Meridian Iron Works building and I am pleading that you reinstate their lease.

For over 40 years their efforts at preserving the incredible history of South Pasadena from within this building has meant so much to the community. Being centrally located on Meridian and in the traffic path of the Thursday Farmers Market, ensures hundreds of people are exposed to the history of this beloved town and the preservation efforts to keep it around. It would be detrimental to lose that.

I beg that you reconsider, fix the mistake and reinstate their lease.

Thank you,  
Malia Miglino

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Robert Reid](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Don Penman](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#)  
**Subject:** Please renew lease for SP History Museum  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:40:05 AM

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913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

As a long timeresident, property owner and tax payer of South Pasadena, I and my family, urge you to please clarify any misunderstanding and/or unresolved issues with the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc. to provide for a fair long-term renewal of the lease at 913 Meridian, South Pasadena. This historic and cultural landmarks has served our community for decades and stands as a tribute to the many people and cultures that have made South Pasadena the livable city that is is today. Clearly something has gone wrong in this lease renewal process that needs to be rectified and corrected so that we can continue to move forward as a strong community with our rich cultural history. Thank you for your fair consideration of this issue.

Respectfully,  
Robert Reid and the Reid Family

**From:** [SPOOKY FOODIE](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Petition to reverse eviction on SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:38:18 AM

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Hello!

My name is Ansley Layne. I'm a content creator who explores historical buildings and businesses around the greater Los Angeles area. I heard this morning about the eviction of the South Pasadena Preservation foundation in the 1887 Meridian Iron Works Building. From what I understand, this eviction was a mistake and their lease needs to be reinstated by 11am today.

This foundation helps keep the history of Pasadena alive. I want to do my part and bring this to your attention so they can stay in this building. Thank you and let me know if there is anything else I need to do to take action.

Best,  
Ansley Layne



**From:** [Joanne Nuckols](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Closed Session A1 913 Meridian  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:37:22 AM

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City Council members, I will not be able to attend the closed session to speak in person tonight so please take my written comments seriously.

As the first Chairman of SPPF in the early 80's I was intimately involved with the purchase, restoration of the Meridian Iron Works building and in founding of the museum which was a request of the City of South Pasadena, which SPPF took on full time. This museum has been an asset to the community for 40 years and should continue for another 40 years or more without political manipulation and false information.

Countless hours of volunteer time has been spent by hundreds of people to keep it going and make it shine, not to mention thousands of dollars of donations. In all this time, especially in the early years, everyone worked together to make things work. It might behoove the city council to consider how to do that now given the very divided community which benefits no one, city council, nor most of all the citizens of South Pasadena.

Also, for the last year or so I have been on the lease committee having discussion about the new lease. By the way, in the previous 40 years there was never, ever one problems renegotiating a new lease. One has to question why there is now and solve that problem immediately, whatever it is!

Please reverse the eviction notice and accept again the agreed upon terms verbally discussed at the Firehouse meeting. That is the only sensible solution for the City Council at this time to resolve the controversy.

Thank you for our positive attention to this matter.

Joanne Nuckols  
South Pasadena Resident  
Founding Board member of SPPF, 1983

**From:** [Connie Moreno](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Rescind Eviction Notice for the South Pasadena History Museum  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:36:59 AM

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I've heard that this was done in error....so fix it!!!

Thanks!

Connie, former resident of South Pasadena

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**From:** [mk campbell](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Don Penman](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#)  
**Subject:** 913 Meridian  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:35:40 AM

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Dear councilperson:

I am writing as a concerned homeowner and resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

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Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mary Kathryn Campbell

Pine St, South Pasadena

**From:** [Jennifer Hedge](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Support for reinstating SPPF's museum lease and opposition to the eviction  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:35:30 AM

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Hello City Council,

I'm very disheartened to hear that at the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation isn't having it's museum lease renewed and strongly support renewing their lease.

Preserving South Pasadena history is important along with having this history be easy accesabile to the public. Having a historical museum brings many benifets to the community and its closing would be a sad day indeed.

Also, I don't understand why this important topic is being discussed in a closed session where the public is unable to hear what the perseaved issues are and to give in person public comments.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Hedge-Ng

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Cody, Lisa](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A: South Pasadena Preservation Society Eviction  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:30:49 AM

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Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I write as a concerned resident of South Pasadena and as a professional historian and author of numerous scholarly articles, essays, and books.

The SPPF is a city treasure and its professional work archiving, organizing, and preserving unique historic materials is a gift to our community that cannot be replaced. As a historian whose work depends on the work of archivists and archives, I cannot tell you what a grave loss this eviction and closure will be. The materials that the Society preserves and makes available to the public define the word "unique": many materials exist publicly nowhere else in the world. Small town historical societies and archives are essential resources for not only for professional scholars, genealogists, and property historians, but for the school teachers and students, who use these materials to learn our very own history.

As a resident and parent whose three sons attended Marengo, the Middle School, and High School, we adore South Pasadena and are so very proud of the homes we have been fortunate enough to own and care for. We have loved learning about the town's history from the Ostrich Farm to the popsicle factory, seeing pictures of our beautiful homes when they were built and so on. The historical materials preserved by the Society help us understand our deeper roots here.

However, as many of you will know, South Pasadena, like many southern California towns and districts, has a more complex, even troubling history that is necessary to acknowledge and grapple with. As California historians like Eric Avila and Becky Nicolaides (a fellow resident of South Pasadena) have revealed, understanding the complexity of our society today is rooted in our past. How can we understand the social, political, and demographic patterns of our towns without knowing the full history? To lose access to and the ongoing collection of South Pasadena papers and artifacts will prevent us—and future generations—from knowing where we come from and where this wonderful town will go in the future.

Please understand that the materials held at the South Pasadena Public Library—yearbooks, directories, and local newspapers on microfilm/hard-drive—are valuable, but can only tell part of our story. It is the artifacts, photographs, family and town papers that really bring our history to life. It is in these sources that we can find the full rich story of everybody who has lived here.

I urge you to reconsider the eviction notice of SPPS and I also urge you to consider the invaluable gift we have in this society.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Lisa Cody

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Professor Lisa Cody, FRHistS, FRSA, PhD  
Department of History  
Claremont McKenna College  
Claremont CA 91711

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**From:** [Kathryn Martorano](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Ironworks Museum  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:27:31 AM

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Dear Mayor, Council Members, City Manager and City Attorney,

The South Pasadena Ironworks Museum is a vital part of our community. The South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, thoughtfully and passionately oversees and actively preserves our history.

The Ironworks Museum is an iconic symbol of our love of South Pasadena. There is nothing in South Pasadena that more immediately encapsulates all that South Pasadena means to us.

The location is perfectly placed in the heart of the historic district at Meridian and Mission. Being at the center of the farmer's market and the Gold Line creates an interaction with visitors and residents. It would be very disappointing and discouraging to see anything happen to our museum. Please ensure that our precious museum remains an emblem of our beautiful city.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Martorano  
South Pasadena Resident

**From:** [Jacky Ibarra](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:27:06 AM

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I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.



Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ibarra

Resident, South Pasadena

**From:** [Casa Del Green](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Please allow the historical society to stay in the ironworks building  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:24:43 AM

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Hi, I remember when the historical society started in that building and let's find the finance and the resources to allow Pasadena history to remain in the Ironworks building. There's no way that they should be evicted and kicked out with all the good work. They've done all these years for the city of South Pasadena.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mariah Eccleston-Banwer](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Protect Meridian Iron Works  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:20:30 AM

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As a lifelong and multigenerational resident of South Pasadena I would like to express my concerns regarding the protection and continued preservation of the Meridian Ironworks building by the SPPF and South Pasadena History Museum. In such a small yet historically rich town in constant development to meet the needs of an ever growing population, it is imperative we preserve as many historical resources as possible. This is one of the main reasons our city remains a popular destination to visit and reside.

Thanks!  
Mariah Eccleston-Banwer

**From:** [Peggy Christ](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: South Pasadena Iron Works Museum-Lease Termination Notice-Closed Session Wednesday, September 4, 2024  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:12:27 AM

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----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Peggy Christ [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Tue, Sep 3, 2024 at 1:16 PM  
**Subject:** South Pasadena Iron Works Museum-Lease Termination Notice-Closed Session Wednesday, September 4, 2024  
**To:** <[ezneimer@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:ezneimer@southpasadenaca.gov)>, <[jprimuth@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:jprimuth@southpasadenaca.gov)>, <[jdonovan@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:jdonovan@southpasadenaca.gov)>, <[mcacciotti@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:mcacciotti@southpasadenaca.gov)>, <[jbrown@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:jbrown@southpasadenaca.gov)>, <[dpenman@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:dpenman@southpasadenaca.gov)>, <[spautsch@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:spautsch@southpasadenaca.gov)>, <[rdiaz@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:rdiaz@southpasadenaca.gov)>

Regarding:

Wednesday, September 4th, 2024  
Closed Session Council Meeting  
Agenda Item:  
Real Property Negotiations  
S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Dear Honorable Mayor, City Council Members and City Staff:

I have been a resident of the City of South Pasadena for 49 years and am a lifetime member of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation. I respectfully request that you retract the City's notice of lease termination for the Iron Works Museum Property at 913 Meridian Avenue dated July 25, 2024. Thereafter, I urge you to promptly work cooperatively with the SPPF to renew a lease for the operation of the historical museum.

The City and SPPF have been together in a respectful Landlord-Lessee relationship for more than 40 years. Both parties highly value the historical preservation of the city. SPPF's receipt of this surprising written notification of termination is certainly no way to end a tenancy, nor an extremely important community benefit endeavor.

To quote our City's website "Our History" page: "Few cities in California are better recognized for the quality of its small-town atmosphere and rich legacy. Historic resources are a public benefit to all. South Pasadena residents can make further inquiry about our common history at the South Pasadena Public Library, the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (and the Meridian Iron Works Museum), and through the efforts of the Cultural Heritage Commission."

Simply put, the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation Meridian Iron Works Museum is a city treasure and should not be notified to pack up and leave on short notice. I am very hopeful the lease can be renewed.

Sincerely,

Peggy Christ

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**From:** [Sarah Kales](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** City Eviction Response  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:21:51 AM

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<https://sppreservation.org/city-eviction-response/>

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I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
[Your Name]  
[Resident, South Pasadena]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kelly Muchnick](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:12:51 AM

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

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The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum. As a former student in K-12, I have tiger pride and appreciate the work the museum and SPPF do to support neighborhood connection and appreciation.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Muchnick  
Former resident, South Pasadena

SPHS, Class of 2008

**From:** [Alyse Beale](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Support for SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:11:11 AM

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Wednesday, September 4th, 2024  
Closed Session Council Meeting  
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S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Avenue  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Alyse Beale



**From:** [Nina Lamb](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** South Pasadena Preservation Foundation  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:06:14 AM

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To whom it may concern:

Please reverse the eviction notice against the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation at the 1887 Meridian Iron Works Building. Please allow the organization a path forward to reinstate the lease so they may continue to operate the museum out of that building. Thank you.

Regards,  
Nina Lamb

**From:** [John Larson](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment; j.larson](#)  
**Subject:** SPPF & Museum eviction:  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:04:48 AM

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I am life-long 4th generation South Pasadena citizen.

I am a former South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF) board member, Treasurer, Museum Curator, and President.

I was at the SPPF meeting when then SP Chamber of Commerce President Scott Feldman said he had grossly underestimated the costs involved with running the Farmer's Market he acquired in a hostile takeover from the Mission West folks who built it from the ground up.

I explained the charter and responsibilities of SPPF were strictly defined to cover PRESERVATION activities such as the 710 freeway fight and saving and preserving historical structures.

Non the less, the board agreed to TEMPORARILY eat the costs of staffing the museum as well as paying for bathroom and cleaning supplies and professional cleaning services each week.

Prior to this, SPPF had NO paid employees. The funding could not support that. Until recently SPPF organized and paid for the building maintenance such as the prior complete exterior paint job of red paint.

This flagship foundation, an all volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit, was founded officially in 1972. For fifty-one years SPPF has been, and continues to be, a mainstay for the South Pasadena way of life residents cherish. SPPF is far more than the establishers and operators of the local museum for the last 40 years.

The SPPF has been instrumental in protecting South Pasadena from the destructive expansion of the 710 freeway—a battle that began over 70 years ago. This freeway project threatened to divide South Pasadena again with a second freeway, leading to the acquisition of over 100 homes by Caltrans, many of which have remained in limbo to this day. Thanks to a coalition of dedicated residents, city officials, and groups like SPPF, the freeway plans were eventually halted, and the focus shifted to preserving the city's unique character.

Now I'm told the city has the gall to send the museum an eviction notice. This is inconceivable.

Do you REALLY want YOUR name and legacy associated with the extinction of our small town museum that educates hundreds of people each week who otherwise had no clue of our heritage?

Do you want to end the elementary school field trips to the museum?

I urge you to stop this eviction and work to provide a permanent home for SPPF and the

museum.

- John Larson

John Larson



**From:** [Kris Maines](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** SPPF Museum  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:33:14 AM

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To the City Attorney,

Myself and my entire family oppose the eviction of the SPPF museum. Whatever information that was used in this decision by the city must either be incorrect, unethical or both.

Please reconsider this decision, as the ramifications to the future of our unique and historic city is at stake. This is the role of our City Government to protect.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Maines Family

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Heidi Sanders](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Private comment regarding the South Pasadena museum on the closed session agenda  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:32:43 AM

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Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Heidi Sanders  
Resident, South Pasadena

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Becky Nicolaides](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed closure of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:29:48 AM

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Dear South Pasadena City Council,

I am writing as one who grew up in South Pasadena, and who has written extensively on the history of LA suburbs. I'm a historian, my most recent book is *The New Suburbia* (Oxford University Press, 2024).

I wanted to write a note to urge the Council to NOT close down this important archive and organization - the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation and its archive. In order for us to tell the full history of our communities, the care and nurturing of local archives is ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL. This would be a big blow not only to South Pasadena, but to our understanding of LA History more broadly.

Please Do Not bring an end to this vital organization.

sincerely,

Becky Nicolaides, Ph.D.

Affiliated Research Scholar, Huntington-USC Institute on California & the West

Co-Principal Investigator, Suburban and Urban Cultures in the European Union and US

[www.beckynicolaides.com](http://www.beckynicolaides.com)

Author of *The New Suburbia* (2024) - order at [Oxford UP](#) and [Amazon](#).

**From:** [David Lauritzen](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:35:37 AM

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Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
David Lauritzen

**From:** [Candice Tang](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:35:30 AM

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Dear Mayor of South Pasadena and City Council Members,

I am writing as a very concerned resident of South Pasadena (since 1981) regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

The SPPF has been the heart of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with **the community** and visitors at the museum.

**I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF.** The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage. In these modern times where community, uniqueness, charm, and legacy are rarer to find in cities, especially in large urban ones like Los Angeles, the South Pasadena Historical Museum is even more important than ever before. **Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.**

Thank you for supporting the wishes of the community.

Sincerely,  
Candice Tang  
Proud Resident of South Pasadena since 1981



**From:** [Jason Ng](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#); [Don Penman](#); [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#)  
**Subject:** !!Attention!! Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:34:56 AM

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Hi South Pasadena Mayor and city council members,

I am a concerned resident of South Pasadena and was told that there is a scheduled closure of the SPPF.

Our family of four moved here from Portland, Oregon last summer and was really excited to know and experience the South Pasadena Historical Museum.

for future generations, please save and preserve our rich history and culture.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Jason  


**From:** [Joan Hillard](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation and Request to Retract Eviction Notice  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:40:09 AM

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

As a former Board Member of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF), I am writing to ask you to continue your relationship with this non-profit foundation. Please retract the City's eviction notice, dated July 25, 2024, and continue your negotiations with this foundation whose Board is dedicated to its mission of educating our community about its rich past and encouraging our community about the need for preservation.

It is my understanding that this "Notice to Vacate" is based on inaccurate information which has been given to you. Since the receipt of this notice, SPPF Board members have had a positive interaction with Sheila Pautsch, Community Services Director for the City. It is my hope that this positive approach will correct any misunderstandings so that the SPPF, in conjunction with the City, will be able to continue its operation of the museum as well as expanding its efforts to promote additional ways to spread the news about our City.

As a past SPPF Board Member, I know first hand of board members' efforts to create this museum. Many have donated and/or purchased antique items to the museum itself in order to ensure that it reflects our City's past. Others have been involved in fundraising efforts, i.e., historic house tours, auctions, etc. SPPF Members and Community Members have committed to museum interior design through the formation of information boards, painting, etc. Others act as docents within the museum to engage its visitors. Others have financially donated when SPPF's operations needed supporting. I am one of the many who have done a few of these over the years.

PLEASE consider this matter carefully.

Respectfully,  
Joan Hillard  
Former Board Member, South Pasadena Preservation Foundation

**From:** [Yvonne LaRose](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** General Public Comment: The Invisible 3 Percent  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 9:00:22 PM

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Below are words I shared privately to the Council in September 2023. The sentiments are still valid, the concerns still exist, and the words bear being repeated but this time in a public forum.

We need to be a welcoming and inclusive city not just in word but also in actions - in reality, not some distant and admirable goal and desire. There needs to be due respect paid to all without regard to their actual or presumed station.

Viva  
Yvonne LaRose, CAC  
Organization Development Consultant:  
Diversity/Title VII, Harassment, Ethics

**Sent:** Friday, September 1, 2023 at 02:00:25 AM PDT  
**Subject:** The Invisible 3 Percent

The comments I made in November [2022] with regard to the Invisible 3% of South Pasadena's population, especially in regard to its being represented on any of the City's Commissions or governing bodies returned to my thoughts as Thursday, August 31 [2023] progressed.

I have been sensitive to the fact that my words were definitely heard that night. I have also been quite sensitive to the fact that efforts have been undertaken to identify and evaluate members of that Invisible 3% who can actually qualify to hold such positions and then not only nominate but approve their service.

I just read the agenda for the next Open Session of the City Council. It was with great relief that Omari Ferguson is being considered for appointment to the Public Works Commission to complete a vacant seat on that body.

While I am very glad of this step (along with the subtle recognition), it seems appropriate to express an additional concern with regard to the Invisible 3%. The truism that "one size does not fit all" when it comes to identifying characteristics of any ethnic or racial group is profound.

Thus, the demonstration that was carried out at the last Open City Council meeting of August 16 [2023] was disturbing, to say the least. No investigation about the organizers of that demonstration provided any answers. In actuality, the points that they made were quite accurate. The manner of voicing their concerns and demands for action were successful in gaining attention. No one slept through the demonstration; voices were definitely heard.

And so it goes with representation of the Invisible 3%. To date, they are not seen, therefore,

are dismissed as insignificant and not worth hearing nor taking actions toward their benefit. The myths concerning them still haunt us and prevent them from being meaningful contributors in this city. It's uncomfortable for me to say these are also members of the Invisible 3% who also should be included at the table. However, that assertion is correct with a qualifying reserve. There are certain standards of behavior that must be observed by leaders - all leaders - that should not be set aside. So the caveats about respectful conduct are requirements that need to be upheld.

There is a time and place for strong words that can influence positive change. Those parameters must be upheld.

Meanwhile, I still wait for the day that I can recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and fully believe it applies to all of her citizens. That will also be the day we no longer need to issue a Sundown Town proclamation to remind us that we need to be, and evidence that we are, an inclusive, accepting city that appreciates the full spectrum of diversity for all who come here.

Viva

Yvonne LaRose, CAC

Organization Development Consultant: Diversity/Title VII, Harassment, Ethics

**From:** [Marisol Grier](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** South Pasadena Historical Museum Eviction  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:00:44 AM

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Good Afternoon Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Marisol Grier. I would like to share my concerns over the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF). I am not a resident of South Pasadena, however my children attended Oneonta preschool my fondest memories were made here, my best friends reside here and as our kids grew together the South Pasadena Museum was always a fun stop. It adds your city as a commitment, a priority to maintaining tradition by strengthening bonds through community. I live in Alhambra yet come here and enjoy the parks, The Fair Oaks Pharmacy, walking by the Michael Myers house and of course your Mission District. I have many good friends that reside in your idyllic city still and would not think about moving anywhere else. I am also a Realtor that has SOLD homes here and so many residents love it here because of the historic character homes and preservation that you have established. I know the value of preservation as people covet it and many want to protect the history of where they live and want to share it with others who visit. I believe in the value of preservation and how your city has a vital resource by having a museum in which we can all go tour, visit it is just as important to the landscape of your city as the tree lined streets, and your reputation that you have built as a piece of Americana. The museum is such an integral part of your identity to be used as an educational walk through history for others to enjoy. It truly is an honor to have a special place that is welcoming and for these reasons as a person that has been personally impacted by your museum I too hope that the hard work and dedication of all the stewards, volunteers that have put over 40 years to help build a legacy for South Pasadena I myself know it definitely has contributed to the city's worth and keeps it held in high regards as an example to other cities such as Alhambra. I want to extend my gratitude and Thank You for having such a wonderful museum.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Marisol Grier a South Pasadena admirer and big big supporter.

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**From:** [Isabel Moreno](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** SPPF Eviction notice - Opposed  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:58:27 AM

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Hello,

I am writing in opposition regarding the eviction notice sent to the SPPF from the historical building they are currently operating out of. I am writing in support for reinstating SPPF's museum lease, and opposition to the eviction. It seems appropriate that the building is being used for historical preservation and should remain in this current location.

I hope whomever has the final say will vote in favor of letting the SPPF remain, and not evict them.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Isabel Moreno* =^..^=



**From:** [Emilio Oliveira](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:57:52 AM

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident of South Pasadena regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

I was shocked to hear about the eviction notice served to the South Pasadena Historical Museum. The museum highlights the pride residents take in the history and heritage of this small community, and my kids love looking in the windows when we walk by and getting to ask questions of the curators and even handle some artifacts when we go in. When my wife and I moved our family to South Pasadena 2 years ago, we were charmed by the atmosphere of that historic section of downtown, and the museum had a lot to do with it. The city should be working as much as it can WITH the museum to continue preserving and presenting the city's history to the public.

The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city's history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum and serving our community with dedication and transparency. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Emilio Oliveira

Resident, South Pasadena





**From:** [Alice Paredes](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:55:25 AM

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Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Alice Paredes

Resident, South Pasadena

**From:** [Dean Serwin](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:52:05 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Sincerely,  
Dean Serwin  
Resident, South Pasadena

**Serwin Media Group**  
Entertainment Consulting  
**Dean Sheldon Serwin, Attorney**



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**From:** [Elizabeth Anne Bagasao](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** September 4 Closed Session Public Comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:46:46 AM

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Good morning, City Clerk,

Please add the following as a public comment for Agenda Item A of this evenings closed session meeting of the council.

Dear Mayor and Council:

The news of the eviction of South Pasadena Preservation Foundation from Ironworks building is unfathomable. With as much change as the five of you are driving for our city, I'm not sure why you would think that taking away our museum should be included in the transformation. Evicting a historical organization is the not the type of leadership that you were elected to provide to our community.

Work it out. Preserve our museum. Repair the relationship with South Pasadena's fiercest community activists, the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation. We owe them so much and their efforts will be needed more than ever in the future.

Anne Bagasao

**From:** [Gail Blesi MacCarthy](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment: SP City Council September 4, 2024  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:44:36 AM

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My name: Gail Blesi MacCarthy

Agenda item: A. Real Property Negotiations

913 Meridian Avenue

Comment:

Hello City Council Members,

My husband and I moved to South Pasadena over 32 years ago. We had the very good fortune to raise our sons here, actively participate in this community, and retire here.

I recall accompanying groups of young school children on walking field trips to the South Pasadena Heritage Museum and providing snacks or pizza lunches as the students rested at the old Meridian watering hole.

The children were so eager to learn and the Museum provided local history lessons they would never get from their text books. What a wonderful field trip experience!

Decades have passed. And now, at a time when there's a national debate on the value of facts and the accurate reporting of history, it is particularly shocking that South Pasadena would even consider the eviction of our own Historical Museum.

While there are many changes underway here, let us choose to move forward with an awareness of and an appreciation for the historical context of our City. In terms of its content and it's structure, the Historical Museum offers what no other place can.

Let us continue to set an example here by innovating with a continued reverence for our unique history. Perhaps it would be helpful to develop new ways of highlighting the lessons and services this museum offers? If so, community members would be able to make suggestions for such enhancements.

I urge the Council to preserve this local treasure and precious resource for our rare and beautiful City.

Sincerely,

Gail Blesi MacCarthy

(Parenthetically and on a personal note: I was born and raised on the west side,

where iconic structure after structure was torn down to make way for the latest [usually ugly] thing. South Pasadena is a rare gem! Let's take great care of it.)

**From:** [Christine Wu](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Eviction notice  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:44:28 AM

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Hi! Please rescind the eviction notice for the South pasadena preservation foundation history museum and reinstate their lease! Thank you!

Cheistine Lo

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Travis D](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Closed Session Item A  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:58:51 AM

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City Council Members,

We are writing to express our concern about the eviction notice given to the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation. While we don't have all the specifics, there appears to be some misunderstandings that need to be cleared up. We hope that you and Donald Penman, Interim City Manager will listen to the SPPF and come up with terms that are reasonable for all parties. If you can't come up with a solution tonight, please agree to postpone any further process on the possible eviction and set up another meeting sooner than later.

Kind regards,  
Travis & Nichole Dunville



**From:** [Betsy Merritt](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Don Penman](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#)  
**Subject:** Closed Session Council Meeting, Agenda Item A: Real Property Negotiations, S.P. Iron Works Museum, 913 Meridian Ave., So. Pasadena Preservation Foundation  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:53:48 AM  
**Attachments:** [NTHP ltr to So. Pasadena City Council re So. Pas. Preservation Foundation - Sept 4 2024.pdf](#)

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Please see the attached letter from the National Trust for Historic Preservation urging the City of South Pasadena to withdraw its eviction notice for the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation.

Thank you for considering these comments from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Sincerely,  
Betsy Merritt

Elizabeth S. Merritt, Deputy General Counsel  
National Trust for Historic Preservation





National Trust *for*  
Historic Preservation®

September 3, 2024

South Pasadena City Council  
1414 Mission Street  
South Pasadena, CA 91030

Re: Closed Session Council Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 4th, 2024  
Agenda Item: Real Property Negotiations, S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Ave., South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

For more than 30 years, the National Trust for Historic Preservation<sup>1</sup> worked closely with the City of South Pasadena and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation in our successful advocacy to stop the construction of the 710 Freeway extension, which would have demolished hundreds of historic homes in South Pasadena. In fact, on July 20 of this year, we celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the federal court injunction that led to the ultimate decision not to build the highway. <https://southpasadenan.com/the-25th-anniversary-of-the-710-injunction-south-pasadena-stopped-another-freeway-through-town>. The City and the National Trust and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation were all co-plaintiffs together, along with other allies, in the successful litigation that led to that injunction.

In light of this important history and this long-standing relationship, we were disturbed to learn that the City has recently issued an eviction notice to the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation in an attempt to force the Foundation out of the historic building that has served as the South Pasadena Historical Museum and the Foundation's headquarters for 40 years. <https://southpasadenan.com/eviction-notice-uncertain-future-for-south-pasadena-historical-museum-decision-sept-4th-closed-session-council-meeting>. This is the place where much of the strategic planning occurred as we collaborated together to fight the 710 freeway.

We understand that the City Council will be having a closed meeting to discuss this issue. We urge the City Council in the strongest possible terms to cancel and withdraw the eviction notice and to resolve the City's relationship with the Foundation in a way that will allow the

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<sup>1</sup> The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a private nonprofit organization chartered by Congress in 1949 to "facilitate public participation" in the preservation of our nation's heritage, and to further the historic preservation policy of the United States. See 54 U.S.C. § 312102(a). With more than one million members and supporters around the country, the National Trust works to protect significant historic sites and to advocate historic preservation as a fundamental value in programs and policies at all levels of government.

Historical Museum to continue its operations and will allow the Foundation to remain in the building.

Thank you for considering these comments from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth Merritt". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Elizabeth S. Merritt  
Deputy General Counsel

**From:** [James Christ](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** South Pasadena Iron Works Museum  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:52:28 AM

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Dear Honorable Mayor, City Council Members, and Staff,

I've been reading in the local papers that the City of South Pasadena plans to terminate its lease with SPPF over the operation of our beloved Historical Museum. As a resident of South Pasadena for nearly 50 years, I find this very disturbing. The artifacts and exhibits of the Museum are an absolute treasure that is a welcome sign to residents and visitors alike. This shows how much we love our city and is a centerpiece location that displays that pride.

I urge you to reconsider and renew the lease with S.P.P.F.

Sincerely,

James Christ

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Casey Dukes](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:38:45 AM

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Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Casey Dukes  
Resident, South Pasadena

**From:** [Brook Collins](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Please save the Museum!  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:12:14 AM

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My family has been living here for 2 generations and could not believe that the city was considering killing one of South Pas's most treasured monuments. I urge you to please reconsider it's lease. It would be a great loss to our community, culture and history if it were to be evicted.

Thank you for your time,  
Brook

**From:** [Muiréadhach Gill-Íosa](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:03:30 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Murdoch Gilliosa  
Resident, South Pasadena

**From:** [Steven Lawrence](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Don Penman](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT: South Pasadena City Council: September 4, 2024: Closed Session Agenda: Closed Session Public Comment: A. Real Property Negotiations: S.P. Iron Works Museum-913 Meridian Avenue-South Pasadena Preservation Foundation  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:03:00 AM

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PUBLIC COMMENT: South Pasadena City Council: September 4, 2024: Closed Session Agenda: Closed Session Public Comment: A. Real Property Negotiations: S.P. Iron Works Museum-913 Meridian Avenue-South Pasadena Preservation Foundation

Greetings Mayor Evelyn Zneimer, District 2 elected councilmember & Mayor Pro Tem Jack Donovan, City council members Michael Cacciotti, Jon Primuth, Janet Braun, and city leadership staff.

Respectfully,

**South Pasadena's rich history is woven into its architecture, streets, and the community itself.** The South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF) is at the heart of a crucial mission: Safeguarding the city's historic character while also supporting affordable housing initiatives. This dual commitment demonstrates how historic preservation and community development can complement each other.

One of the many ways SPPF educates residents & visitors about historic preservation is through the South Pasadena Historical Museum, located at 913 Meridian Avenue. The museum serves as a hub for community events and educational programs, offering insights into South Pasadena's rich architectural and cultural history that is best performed by the experts and residents of The South Pasadena Preservation Foundation.

Events have included virtual tours, book signings, and community forums on significant legislative issues, which impacts single-family residential living. SPPF has been proactive in protecting the integrity of South Pasadena's historic districts, ensuring they remain vibrant and livable.

How can evicting a highly respected, non-profit organization with its invaluable artifacts from the museum's building, where generations of members have selflessly dedicated themselves to support and maintain the City's history, be good for the residents of South Pasadena?

**I recommend you to retract the eviction, and restore the updated museum lease to SPPF.**

Thousands of families, residents, visitors, and business support this message. Let's show our residents that you believe in the story we tell about our little, important, city.

In friendship and neighborly goodwill,

Steven Lawrence



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Past Resident List. 2  
Recent Past Boardmember SPPF  
Past President SPPF  
2014~2024

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486,000 readers in the local metro area

**From:** [Jennifer Trotoux](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment on Museum lease for Closed Session 9/4/2024  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:01:15 AM

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Closed Session Council Meeting  
Agenda Item:  
Real Property Negotiations  
S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.


Honorable Council Members:

As the president of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, I could have many things to say about the museum, the lease, and SPPF's role. But I will focus my comments on the aspect of it being a community-led endeavor for nearly 40 years. I have seen how it engages community members as volunteers, or in the past as part-timers, and how much it means to people to come into the museum and chat with their friends and neighbors about discovering local history, as I myself have done while on volunteer duty there.

Although I'm a museum professional in my full-time role with one of the nation's most respected house museums, I am very aware of how volunteers play a crucial role in creating and sustaining a community. At the Gamble House, we have had 58 years working in this tradition of volunteers making a place run for the public on a weekly basis, and it has made Pasadena stronger, the Gamble House stronger, and the people involved stronger and more connected to their community. I have seen clearly that the same is true of the people of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation and their role in creating and running this museum.

Whatever alternative plans may be floating out there for maintaining a local history museum, perhaps run by another entity, do not forget the importance of the dedicated non-professionals who make an impact on these institutions -- or the impact that the institutions have on them and the people around them. These are the kinds of things that add value to people's experiences as South Pasadenans and make meaning in their lives.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Trotoux

  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation board president

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Jennifer Trotoux  
(pronounced "Tro-2")

**From:** [Jenny Bright](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Closing the SPPF Museum  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:09:12 AM

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S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Having had the honor to serve as the SPPF museum director for almost three years now, it has been a joy to share our city's history with the community, including the touring school and scout groups who light up with excitement when they visit and come well prepared by their teachers to learn greater details. We often meet adults who come in to greet us with their children and grandchildren to recall their fond memories of tours and visits as a child.

Also, it is moving to witness the fascinating donations of local historical items coming in as donations from South Pasadena residents and all over the country. Honestly, this notice to vacate the building and remove the collection from the public truly breaks my heart and spirit.

SPPF was integral in saving the Meridian Iron Works building, the oldest commercial building in South Pasadena. In that building, their 501c3 non-profit has curated, archived and shared its vast collection of donated and acquired South Pasadena collection pieces with the community for nearly 40 years.

SPPF is an organization dedicated to serving the community and has been for nearly 50 years. The South Pasadena Historical Museum is just one of many examples of SPPF's public service. Please consider all that they have contributed to the historical fabric of this unique small town that has managed to preserve its heritage and values despite being tucked inside a rapidly sprawling metropolis.

With Gratitude,

-Jenny Bright

**From:** [Deborah Clem](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** URGENT!! Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:06:27 AM

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S.P. Iron Works Museum  
913 Meridian Avenue  
South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.

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Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

I moved to South Pasadena because I thought it had a wholesome charm that would enhance my children's lives as they learn and grow. The museum has been a staple of our downtown neighborhood and inside a space for our local residents to get transported into the history of this small town. The value that a small building like this has on the soul of this city is priceless and I urge you to reevaluate the priorities surrounding this decision and threat on the lives of the local residents. Not to mention that it is that small town charm and historical value that brings in money from films and television productions that shoot here. Economically, if our city diminishes the aspects of our city that enhance this appearance we will be diminishing hundreds of thousands of dollars from the entertainment industry which specifically comes to this city for the old historical charm it offers or as the industry sees it "new england charm."

Please revoke your eviction notice and take the time to help preserve this relic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Deb Clem-Venegas

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Felix Gutierrez](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Felix Gutierrez](#)  
**Subject:** City Leaders Should Continue South Pasadena Historical Museum-SPPF Partnership!  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:09:31 AM

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Dear Members of the South Pasadena City Council and City Officials:

I write you to offer my strong support for your leadership in finding ways to continue the 40+ year partnership between the City of South Pasadena and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation. This arrangement is in keeping with the city's best tradition of cooperation, collaboration, and coordination for the benefit of the city and its people.

The museum is a valuable and respected community resource that became a reality in the early 1980s through the leadership of city council members, government officials and bodies, and community organizations working together to make an Impossible Dream happen.

Working together they saved the Meridian Iron Works from demolition, obtained Federal restricted block grant money for preservation and restoration of historical landmarks, and arranged for the SPPF to identify, secure, restore and publicly display more than 200 years of artifacts. These date back to the original indigenous communities and the Spanish and Mexican settlers before the U.S. took possession in 1847 and later became South Pasadena.

As important as the restoration and display is the South Pasadena spirit of city-wide bold thinking and cooperative achievement, much of it led by elected and appointed officials.

Although they may have had different opinions on some issues facing the city, forces from all sides worked together for a project that would benefit all of South Pasadena.

As documented in my research on *South Pasadena Review* coverage of the era, the museum is a monument not only to the city's physical past. It is also a monument to the "can dream/will do" spirit of civic and community cooperation that brought together a range of activists toward a common goal.

I urge you to continue in that spirit of cooperation for the public welfare to find ways to continue a partnership that has served South Pasadena so well. The spirit of an earlier generation can be still with all in South Pasadena. Under your leadership it will continue for future generations.

Best Wishes in Your Deliberations and Decisions,  
 Félix F. Gutiérrez, Ph.D.

**From:** [Molly Phaneuf](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 8:33:53 PM

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Don't take this building away from the SPPF. Great building. Great history.  
Thanks, Molly

**From:** [Brendan Boken](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 5:57:16 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Brendan Boken

Resident, South Pasadena



**From:** [ma](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to SPHF eviction  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 5:30:19 PM  
**Attachments:** [Opposition SPPF September 4 2024.pdf](#)

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Dear sirs,

Please see attached opposition to the eviction of South Pasadena Preservation Foundation and South Pasadena Museum.

Thank you.

# *LOS ANGELES PARLOR NO. 45*

## *NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST*

September 4, 2024

To:

City of South Pasadena  
1424 Mission St.  
City Council meeting  
South Pasadena, CA 91030

From:

Joe Castillo, President NSGW Los Angeles Parlor #45  
PO Box 2326  
San Gabriel, CA 91778  
(626) 205-0017

**Subject: Letter of Support for South Pasadena Historical Museum and Foundation**

Dear sirs,

I am contacting you to oppose the eviction of the South Pasadena Historical Preservation Foundation and closure of the South Pasadena Museum.

The Native Sons of the Golden West were established in 1875 to preserve the history of California and Los Angeles Parlor #45 is one of 70 parlors (chapters) located throughout the state. Our mission is to continue to preserve the unique history of our great state and the eviction and closure of local historical museums and organizations is not in the best interest of the people and communities of our Golden State.

Los Angeles Parlor #45 fully supports the South Pasadena Historical Foundation and South Pasadena Museum and opposes all attempts to evict them and discontinue their operations within the City of South Pasadena.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

*Joe Castillo*

Joe Castillo  
President, NSGW Los Angeles Parlor #45

**From:** [Yvonne LaRose](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for 9/4/24: Historic Preservation Museum  
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Watching this city evolve in so many aspects is an interesting journey in tracing history. As an aficionada of art, history, culture, and the many aspects of life that accompany them, it was a shock to learn that the occupant of only museum that resides in this city is being evicted.

The details of the basis for the eviction were not available as I read the Pasadena Star News account. Details about the disposition of the building, the search for a replacement tenant, how the contents of the museum will be handled as far as transfer (if the eviction happens), nor whether there will be total reliance on the city's library to manage the lectures, displays, archives, relics.

It's my understanding that the Library has limited resources for the things that are preserved there that relate to the city's history, culture, people (of all ilk), progression of changes, events. It's my interpretation that the content of the archives of the two entities do not overlap. Thus, it seems we want to preserve the Museum as another venue where more can be easily learned about the city and its history.

Additionally, I've witnessed authors who have approached the Museum about stocking books for purchase (not loan) that can be taken home to enjoy or given as gifts so the history of South Pasadena can be spread. I've watched as the Museum prepared for presentations about the Tongva, their culture and history, and the honor they deserve for what they have contributed to this San Gabriel Valley, much less South Pasadena.

There's much more to the Museum that these few words have feebly attempted to present. However, let it be known that the Museum has value to not just the citizens but to visitors from other cities and locations. It seems it would be a tragedy if we were to lose the one place aside from the Library where one can learn more about South Pasadena.

I truly hope the impasses that currently exist can be overcome and the current tenant of 913 Meridian Avenue, in South Pasadena, California may continue at its location.

Viva  
Yvonne LaRose, CAC  
Organization Development Consultant:  
Diversity/Title VII, Harassment, Ethics

**From:** [CRT](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF  
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**Attachments:** [SPPF Council Letter Curt Hettinger 9-3-24.pages](#)

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**Subject: Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item A, 1: 913 Meridian Ave – SPPF    From: Curt Hettinger**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned former resident of South Pasadena and former SPPF board member of seven years regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

I proudly served donating many days and long hours working on museum committees along with my late wife, Margaret “Maggie” Veir. My duties mostly entailed Buildings and Grounds. Maggie, Secretary, with us both on various committees including; docents for the museum and annual Home Tours, fundraising, integrating computer system modernizing artifact preservation, painting, repairs, improvements, HVAC system, reconfiguring displays, Festival of Balloons, Rose Floats, and as the originators advocating and pressing for the creation the So. Pas community’s long running Farmers Market held Thursdays.

Many of us citizens dedicated and volunteering our valuable personal time giving so others could experience an integral part of South Pasadena - it’s history.

To promote South Pasadena through transparency - historical items, records, photos and the like, South Pasadena Preservation Foundation museum opens its doors during Farmer Market hours for ALL to have access to its rich history and access to clean restrooms for the day’s visitors.

The SPPF has been a steadfast steward of our city’s history for over 40 years, operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on concerning questionable council actions, misinformation leading to confusion, which now threatens to undermine The Foundation’s invaluable work within the community and its visitors to “our” fine museum.

I respectfully urge the City Council to stop, discuss, think and then take the correct and right action by enthusiastically supporting SPPF and RETRACT THE EVICTION NOTICE at once and then renew a fair and honorable lease with them. I understand that The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve, celebrate and serve our city’s heritage and future generations!

In conclusion, we together can glean here - there is a tremendous amount of ‘working parts’ that comprise of transparent operations, promoting and managing SPPF so they can joyfully continue its vital mission in good standing with the City of South Pasadena - and no other entity vying to ‘get their paws’ involved.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Curt Hettinger - Pasadena, CA

Former So. Pas resident & SPPF board member.

In loving memories and the spirit of my deceased family members who gave their time and energy to The City:

Robert "Bob" Veir - former Mayor Pro Tem, City Councilman, co-founder Festival of Balloons, past president Oneonta Club & Rose Parade Float, committee and loving wife Barbara Veir Honoree Woman of the Year.

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

- Thomas Edison

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**From:** [Jack MacCarthy](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
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A. Real Property Negotiations  
913 Meridian

I'm amazed that the only building which contains the history of South Pasadena is being considered for sale. What a loss! Our children have both passed through in elementary school, and enjoyed it so much they requested their parents, my wife and I, to go back with them. Which we did.

Having a singular building, as opposed to a corner of the library, shows that South Pasadena respects and honors its history.

We live in a throw away world. What I've always admired about SP is that the community doesn't follow the trends of other parts of Southern California. Our cute little historical society shows a quaintness not found elsewhere. I completely disagree with the sale of this building and hope our city council can recognize the historical society's value before it is too late.

Jack MacCarthy



# COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

**September 4, 2024**

**Councilmember Michael A. Cacciotti**



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# Councilmember Cacciotti



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Homelessness Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, September 4, 2024 - 8:30 AM

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS** **5 MINUTES**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment (*If necessary, the President may place reasonable time limits on all comments*)
5. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to the next regular meeting (It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on these matters)

**CONSENT CALENDAR** **5 MINUTES**

6. Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – 6/5/2024 – [Page 1](#)  
*Recommended Action: Approve.*
7. Report on Context of Homelessness in Los Angeles County  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

**PRESENTATION** **30 MINUTES**

8. Measure A: Homelessness and Housing Proposed Tax Ordinance – [Page 4](#)  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

**DISCUSSION ITEMS** **15 MINUTES**

9. Regional Encampment Resolution Approach – [Page 16](#)  
*Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction.*

**UPDATE ITEMS** **10 MINUTES**

10. Chair's Report
11. Inaugural Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment
12. Staff Announcements

**LIAISON REPORTS** **5 MINUTES**

13. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust – [Page 19](#)
14. San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness – [Page 20](#)
15. Union Station Homeless Services
16. LA County Homeless Initiative
17. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

**ADJOURN**



**From:** [Andreina Imery](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Petition to Reverse Eviction of South Pasadena History Museum  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:11:18 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to petition the city to reverse the eviction and reinstate the lease for the South Pasadena History Museum to operate from the 1887 Meridian Works Building at 913 Meridian Ave, South Pasadena, CA 91030.

Thank you,  
Andreina Imery



**From:** [Chris Sanagustin](#)  
**To:** [City Council Public Comment](#); [Jack Donovan](#); [Evelyn Zneimer](#); [Janet Braun](#); [Sheila Pautsch](#); [Jon Primuth](#); [Roxanne Diaz](#); [Michael Cacciotti](#); [Don Penman](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 913 Meridian  
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Dear councilperson (and anyone else who can help ameliorate this situation):

As a concerned homeowner and citizen of South Pasadena for over 15 years, I am writing regarding the closed session agenda item A, 1 scheduled for September 4, 2024, concerning 913 Meridian Ave and the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF).

The SPPF, one of the cornerstones of our community, has been a steadfast steward of our city's history and operating the South Pasadena Historical Museum in service of our beloved hamlet with dedication and transparency for over 40 years. The eviction notice issued to the SPPF appears to be based on much misinformation, which threatens to undermine the foundation's invaluable work with the community and visitors at the museum.

I respectfully urge the City Council to retract the eviction notice and renew the lease with the SPPF. The Foundation has expressed its willingness to resolve any misunderstandings and continue its mission to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage.

Please support the SPPF and allow them to continue their essential role in maintaining our historical museum and community programs for future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Now let's fix this!

Sincerely,  
Chris Sanagustin  
Camino Verde, South Pasadena