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March 8, 2023

Re: TGHS Response to allegations made at City Council Meeting held March 7, 2023,,  
regarding development at Silver Spurs Stables (Agenda Item 9a)

Dear Mayor Kassakhian and Members of the Glendale City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to comments made during the March 7, 2023,  
City Council Meeting.

A serious allegation was made by Council Member Ara Najarian and by Burbank resident Emily Gabel-Luddy that TGHS shared a historic resource report prepared by Jenna Snow with Glendale's City Staff without permission. Ara Najarian then went on a misinformed tirade and made false claims, including accusing TGHS of committing an intellectual theft crime (USC 506A).

This allegation is completely false. Permission was given by Emily Gabel-Luddy on September 18, 2021, to Steve Hunt, to share the report by Jenna Snow with Glendale's Preservation Planner Jay Platt and Jim DiCarli of Save Glendale Riverside Rancho. A copy of her approval, received via email, is attached (Attachment A). This is also corroborated by Jay Platt who stated he spoke to Ms. Luddy about the report, and she asked no questions at the time about how it was obtained.

At a minimum, TGHS expects an apology from Council Member Ara Najarian for his ill-informed comments.


The Glendale Historical Society (TGHS) advocates for the preservation of important Glendale landmarks, supports maintaining the historic character of Glendale's neighborhoods, educates the public about and engages the community in celebrating and preserving Glendale's history and architectural heritage, and operates the Doctors House Museum. TGHS is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and donations to TGHS are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

It is also disheartening that a few City Council Members chose to believe that allegation without due process and subsequently used that as an excuse to discount the Jenna Snow historic resource report.

As was stated in our prior letter regarding development at Silver Stables, TGHS strongly supported the decision of City Staff to recommend an EIR. This is because two historic resource reports had conflicting conclusions. If both are based on facts and written by a qualified architectural historian, by practice an EIR is required. This aligns with the City Staff recommendation and their request to have the Lead Agency make the final decision.

TGHS's main goal is to respect and follow the environmental review process that is specified in CEQA. This includes advocating for an EIR when it's required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Schwab-Sims", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Schwab-Sims  
President  
The Glendale Historical Society

cc: Suzie Abajian, City Clerk  
Roubik Golanian, City Manager  
Bradley Calvert, Director of Community Development  
Jay Platt, Senior Urban Designer  
Emily Gabel-Luddy