

La Jolla Historical Society

To: Members and Friends of the La Jolla Historical Society:

The purpose of the La Jolla Historical Society is to collect, preserve and make available material which tells the story of La Jolla's past. Without the work of the Society, our heritage would be lost. In trying to achieve its purpose, the Society has reached a point where certain decisions about its future must be made. We are, therefore, asking for guidance from the membership.

To better understand the situation, let us briefly analyze the three key components of the Society's purpose:

1. TO COLLECT - to put it succinctly, we have nearly run out of space. Despite our new filing cabinets and shelving and redesign of the interior of our building, everything is overflowing, and we shall soon be at a saturation point. Even work space for the staff is very limited.

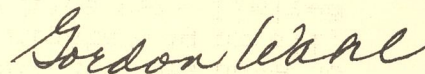
2. TO PRESERVE - much of our collection is fragile. Letters, documents, maps, architectural drawings, photographs and art work require proper storage or deterioration quickly sets in. We have no means of humidity or temperature control. Most frightening of all, though our modern files give some protection, we have very limited chance for survival from fire in our all wood building.

3. COLLECTION AVAILABILITY - there is limited display space for us to show items from our collection. There is no meeting space for workshops, lectures, education classes for children. There is little space for researchers to study the material. As was recently stated by a visitor, "...you are La Jolla's best kept secret," which is the antithesis of what we should be.

The fact that you support the Society indicates an interest in our purpose. In relation to our present situation as outlined above, would you help us by taking a few minutes to answer the questions on the attached sheet?

We very much appreciate your guidance in these matters. Your opinions will be basic to future planning by our Board of Trustees. Thank you for your time and thoughts.

Sincerely,



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