

Memo

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Vibeke Norgaard, City Manager *VN*
Date: February 17, 2023 (for February 21, 2023 Council meeting)
Subject: Review of City Donations/Contributions

Attached is a request for support and contribution for fiscal year 2022-23. After reviewing this request, the following donation is recommended:

- AIA Monterey Bay Arts & Lecture Series - \$250
- Pajaro Valley Ohlone Indian Council for the MMIWGTS Red Dress Day - \$500

If any Council member wants to discuss these requests or to propose a different contribution, then this item should be pulled from the consent calendar for discussion with the full Council.



Vibeke Norgaard
City Manager of Sand City
City Hall
1 Pendergrass Way
Sand City, CA 93955

February 6, 2023

Dear Ms. Norgaard,

American Institute of Architects Monterey Bay respectfully requests a grant from the City of Sand City, in the amount of \$2,000, to support our Arts + Architecture Lectures Series. This year's series addresses the housing crisis in our area, and is titled: *Housing: Finding Solutions With Architecture*.

All four lectures will take place at Sand Box Sand City, on February 9, March 16, April 27, and May 18. I have attached the press release for your information. If you would like more details on each lecture and the renowned speakers that we're pleased to present, please visit AIAMontereyBay.org.

With kind regards,

Shirmaine Jones
Executive Director, AIA Monterey Bay



2023 ARTS + ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES



HOUSING: FINDING SOLUTIONS WITH ARCHITECTURE

LECTURE 1 | FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Why California Has a Housing Crisis and
What Can Be Done to Fix it

LECTURE 2 | MARCH 16, 2023

9 Ways to Make Housing for People

LECTURE 3 | APRIL 27, 2023

DENSE-CITY: Housing for Quality of Life
and Social Change

LECTURE 4 | MAY 18, 2023



HOUSING ON THE CENTRAL COAST:
Community Panel Discussion & Forum



RED DRESS DAY

*RAISING AWARENESS OF MURDERED & MISSING
INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS AND TWO SPIRIT PEOPLE
(MMIWGTS)*

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

-  Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
-  Address: Oldemeyer Center,
986 Hilby Ave, Seaside, CA 93955

SCHEDULED EVENTS

-  MMIW Memorial Ceremony
-  MMIW California Legislation Update
-  Indigenous Women Speaker Panel
-  Storytellers, Drummers, Singers & Dancers
-  Red Dress Art Exhibit
-  Native Arts and Crafts Raffle



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Arts Council of Monterey County
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California-American Water Company
•
City of Seaside

*Flyer by
Forest Dempsey*

1. General Description of Red Dress Day project and activities to be used by event planners and organizers as needed:

Supporting Indigenous Communities Group (SICG), with fiscal sponsorship provided by **501c3 Pajaro Valley Ohlone Indian Council**, is seeking grant or individual donor support to support the planning, organizing and implementation of an Indigenous Education, Arts and Culture event **Red Dress Day: Raising Awareness of Missing and Murdered Women, Girls and Two Spirits (MMIWGTS)** that will take place at Oldemeyer Center in Seaside, California, and is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2023. This event is open to ALL Indigenous communities and the general public.

Red Dress Day is a direct response to President Biden's proclamation of May, 2021 that May 5th be recognized nationally as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Awareness Day. Subsequent social, legislative and cultural action/events at the National, State and Regional levels have expanded this issue to include girls and Two Spirits (indigenous LGBTQ).

The event combines Indigenous speakers & presentations including:

- ◆ A traditional Memorial Ceremony for MMIWGTS;
- ◆ A moderated Indigenous Women Speakers' Panel;
- ◆ Updates on California MMIWG2S legislation (AB1314 Feather Alert System) and other statewide initiatives by state legislators and tribal leaders (please note Governor Newsom's support of MMIWGTS initiatives.

<https://www.lakeconews.com/news/73767-governor-signs-feather-alert-bill>

- ◆ Indigenous storytellers, drummers, dancers and singers; and 5) A Red Dress art exhibit— on this day, **and art display of red dresses** will show support for the lives of MMIWGTS. (*See the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian article on their Red Dress Day Project.*

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/these-haunting-red-dresses-memorialize-murdered-and-missing-indigenous-women-180971730/>

Collaborative partnerships: This project is a collaboration between:

- ◆ SICG, Pajaro Valley Ohlone Indian Council, Sand City's Mayor's Office, Native California Research Institute, Standing Tall Women Circle.
- ◆ Grant and in-kind sponsors: The City of Seaside, Arts Council of Monterey County, and the California-American Water Company.
- ◆ Individual donors.

Red Dress Day is an event:

- ◆ Unique to the Tri-county area of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties;
- ◆ That is open to Indigenous communities and to the general public to raise awareness of critical issues surrounding this national tragedy;
- ◆ That will increase intercultural dialogue, and create bonds of shared interest moving into the future;
- ◆ That will join a nationwide effort to increase awareness and transparency in support of MMIWGTS.

Outreach to the general public. The event will have the highest level of promotion and publicity including a targeted social media outreach to approximately 1-2,000 Facebook members. Online and conventional local newspaper articles, and local TV coverage.

2. Objectives and desired outcomes

SICG's goal is to ignite shared experiences and create unexpected connections that strengthen our Indigenous communities and non-indigenous allies. The central driving themes for this event: social justice; preservation, protection, and celebration of living cultural resources; and sustainable community building will allow us to accomplish this as follows:

- ◆ **Empowering** event participants to learn about Indigenous rights to culture, health, security and justice and to recognize that Indigenous women, girls and Two Spirits are also holders of these tribal rights that have been denied to MMIWGTS people.
- ◆ **Creating** an accessible Tri-county-wide event, that will raise awareness of critical issues surrounding this national tragedy; to increase intercultural dialogue, and to create bonds of shared interest.
- ◆ **Joining** a nationwide effort to increase awareness in support of MMIWGTS.
- ◆ **Spark unexpected and welcome connections** between art, history, ethnicity, and social justice by providing a rich cultural context to explore the primary issues of MMIWGTS.

Evaluation/Surveys:

- ◆ **Demographics:** We aim to engage 200-300 participants who will reflect the diversity of our Tri-Counties and will also measure attendance and audience demographics (age, race/ethnicity, zip code).
- ◆ **Quality of event participant's experiences** will be measured by a survey that will measure increase in awareness of MMIWGTS, feelings of increased civic/creative agency and established new connections-network

3. Capacity

SICG has built an extensive network with academic institutions, schools, civic bodies, and community organizations to support indigenous activities that include:

- ◆ **Cultural events** for Native American/Indigenous communities in the Tri-county areas to gather and celebrate their respective cultures.
- ◆ **Opportunities** for Native American/Indigenous communities to collaborate and share important resources to benefit their families and communities.
- ◆ **Raising awareness** of critically important issues facing Native American/Indigenous communities such as the (MMIWGTS) crisis, and at the local level, endemic poverty, educational challenges etc.

SIGC Executive Committee

Chair: Mary Ann Carbone (Chumash), Mayor of Sand City.

Vice-Chair: Dr. Ismana Carney, (Retired) College/University Lecturer; Higher Education Director of Student Support Services; author, filmmaker.

Treasurer: Teresa Alderete (Chumash-Yokut), Vice-Chair of Pajaro Valley Ohlone Indian Council, multi-media artist.

Secretary: Daian Hennington (Wobanaki-Penobscot), (Retired) Psychiatric Social Worker for Monterey County Behavioral Health, and Lecturer in the School of Social Work at CSUMB.

Past events: SIGC Executive Committee members have organized/consulted or participated in Indigenous events and initiatives over the years. A few examples include but are not limited to:

- ◆ **October 2018-2022 Annual Indigenous People's Day** in Sand City, California.
- ◆ **Gathering of the Elders**, Watsonville, California, celebrating its 39th anniversary, this event is an intertribal California cultural exchange focusing on youth and family, emphasizing respecting our Elders, holders of Indigenous culture and values.
- ◆ **December, 2022. SIGC Executive Members** attended a MMIWGTS Feather Alert Roundtable hosted by the Native American Legislative Caucus and the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians and assisted in preparing the AB12314 Feather Alert rollout, ensuring effective policies and practices that meet Indian Country needs.