



The Campaign for Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society

Santa Barbara, California

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The Case for Support

Thanks so much to those of you (100+ so far) who have returned your copy of *The Case for Support* with comments. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness. And, for those who have not yet put them in the mail to us, please do so—we really want to hear from you!

Among the responses received thus far, the following questions were asked by several responders:

Question: Are our proposed building plans in conformity with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)?

Answer: Our new plans certainly do conform to the ADA guidelines. We began con-formation with our current library facility. The large restroom adjacent to the stack area is handicapped accessible and the book stacks are positioned to allow wheelchair access between the rows, as well as turning space at the end of each row. Further provisions were made at the front entrance

in grading the outside approach to standards for wheelchair access. We want our wonderful library to be accessible to everyone!

Question: Can the Victorian house or other buildings on the property be used instead of a new addition?

Answer: In the planning stage for the expansion of our facility, these possible alternatives were carefully considered. It was decided that the wooden structures would not provide safe housing for our valuable library collection. Also discussed was the possibility of removing the wooden building directly behind the library building and then joining the current library building to the block building on the right of the garage. That configuration, however, would not provide the amount of space for which we planned. In addition, such a configuration would prove difficult (as would the Victorian house also) for our volunteer

library staff to supervise properly. Our current plan provides for an addition and renovation that we anticipate will meet our needs for the next 20 years.

The income from the rental units on our property also helps us keep our dues at an affordable rate.

So, as Michol used to say when she was President of the Society, "We'll be seeing you in the trees,"

Jan and Michol
Campaign Co-chairs