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**Emeryville City Council
City Hall
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Re: Recommending Grant to Emeryville Historical Society

In the past, Museums and libraries have endeavored to preserve our history with their collections, but doing so involved the ongoing expense of space, staff and other overhead while leaving access to the information sufficiently cumbersome that few could make use of any collection. Technology has greatly improved the situation, leaving little more than digitalizing our archives as almost the sole precursor to making even a vast collection instantly accessible to not just all of Emeryville, but the entire world. One can only imagine the limits of this wonderful resource.

I personally am so excited by the possibilities that I am donating \$1,000 to help with the necessary costs, and I encourage our wonderful City of Emeryville to also support the project.

Very truly yours,

Ken Schmier