

Mater Dolorosa Thanks City Council for Support of Memorandum of Understanding

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Mater Dolorosa has released the following statement, which should be attributed to Cam Thornton, chair of Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center's Development Task Force:

“We are grateful for the City Council's unanimous action in support of the Memorandum of Understanding that will guide our process as we pursue approval of a residential development on our 20-acre 'Meadows' parcel in order to raise needed funds for The Passionists of Holy Cross Province and its ministries. The City Council's approval of the MOU allows us to begin planning and outreach in earnest, within a framework that ensures the extensive public outreach we have always envisioned.”

“We also appreciate the comments of Preserve Sierra Madre regarding the need for public meetings and transparency, and the challenges of accomplishing this while dealing with the COVID-19 crisis. I am confident Gabe Engeland and his staff will find a way to fully engage those who are interested in our project. We eagerly seek the community's input and will do our part to ensure that all who wish to be heard will be heard.”

“From the beginning of our community outreach efforts dating back to 2013, I have always provided personal answers to questions from Sierra Madre residents. We have also expanded project news on our Mater Dolorosa website. Our intent is to provide current and factual information associated with our project at all times.

- [Materdolorosa.org/property-news](https://materdolorosa.org/property-news): News releases and other public communications about the proposal are posted on this page for reference and downloading.
- [Materdolorosa.org/property-faqs](https://materdolorosa.org/property-faqs): Launched with nearly 30 questions and answers, this page will be updated continuously to provide timely, accurate information in response to questions about the development proposal.

- Materdolorosa.org/property-questions: Reflecting my desire to provide personal answers to questions from our Sierra Madre residents and others interested in our project, you will not find the usual “Contact Us” fill-in form here, instead, I’ve provided my direct phone and email contact information.”

“Please, before accepting a rumor as truth or guessing what is going on, check our FAQ and news pages. If you don’t find an answer there, call or email me. If I have the answer, I’ll provide it; if I don’t, I’ll research it and get back to you.”

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