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Dear Historic Resources Commission,

On behalf of the Ebell Club of Santa Ana, I am writing to express enthusiastic support for WISEPlace and its efforts to develop supportive housing for women experiencing homelessness, some of Orange County's most vulnerable citizens for whom there has been a longstanding housing shortage.

As active members of the Santa Ana community, with a passion for the rich history of our great community, Ebell Club of Santa Ana, is pleased to support this solution to ending homelessness through this development and wrap around services provided by WISEPlace.

The opportunity to create housing options for women on this site with so many community amenities will provide a safe home for women for future generations.

Affordable housing is a resource to our communities that provides stability, community, and economic opportunity to our neighbors. We only have this resource if we build it. With so many rent-burdened and struggling to make ends meet because of rising rents across the state, this housing would provide a tool to help our community and provide stability, and protection for our vulnerable residents.

We are so pleased to see the groundwork that has gone into exploring the existing WISEPlace location. Restoring the historic integrity of the location is far overdue, while creating the most housing for vulnerable women will create a solution that has never been specifically addressed in Orange County. OC's first and only supportive housing focused on the needs of unaccompanied women, mostly seniors. A place where women can live paying no more than 30% of their income in rent along with support services to address their disabling conditions will create a stable environment where they can thrive. A historic building we can all be so proud of in our great community.

We are proud supporters of this opportunity to provide affordable housing at this existing location to create a welcome solution to a growing community need in support of vulnerable women.

Respectfully,

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