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SIERRA SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

June 18, 2010

Bill Falconi
317 Broad St.
Nevada City, CA 95959

Dear Bill,

I want to tell you how much I appreciate you taking the time to come to Grace Lutheran Church to speak to my group of seniors from Sierra Services for the Blind.

All of them commented on how much they enjoyed hearing your stories of the history of California, the gold rush and our local history. It isn't often that they (me included) have the opportunity to hear this from someone who has the extensive knowledge that you have!

Once again, THANK YOU for taking us on a "travelogue through time"!

Most Sincerely,

Pinky Zalkin



City of Nevada City

The Honorable Denise Ducheny
Chair, Senate Budget Committee
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via fax: 916-323-8386

The Honorable Bob Blumenfield
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via fax: 916-319-2199

**RE: BUDGET ITEM 0250 -- Courts Funding Package -- Local Parking Citation Surcharge
NOTICE OF OPPOSITION**

Dear Senator Ducheny and Assembly Member Blumenfield:

The City of Nevada City writes to let you know that we oppose the courts funding package proposal that would place an additional \$3 dollar surcharge on all parking tickets collected by cities. This fee wrongfully ties parking citations to the court operations and places cities at risk of greater fiscal hardship.

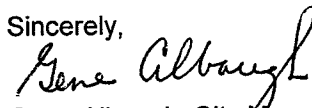
We fully agree that having an accessible and efficient court system is important for all California residents. However, the nexus between parking citations and trial court operations is very weak. Prior to 1992, parking was a criminal offense and contested parking tickets were heard by criminal courts. However, this changed over almost twenty years ago by Assembly Bill 408 (Epple; 1992) which decriminalized parking offenses and created a civil administrative procedure where contested citations were handled outside the court system. **Zero Parking Tickets from Nevada City are appealed to the Court**

To make matters worse, the application of this proposal has problems and puts local budgets risk. Language is not yet available but we understand implementation could start as early as October 2010. This could potentially leave cities with only a few weeks to reprogram computers, reprint forms, and follow proper local procedure for changing citation levels. We have had over 10% reduction in force because of layoffs and, in addition, employees that remain have to take a furlough day each month and reduced hours in a number of cases. When cities had to change their parking ticket costs following Senate Bill 1407 in 2009 by it took roughly six months to make the necessary changes at the local level.

The court funding proposal will leave cities with two choices: Take the \$3 dollars out of their own pockets or increase citations by \$3 dollars. Most people see increasing parking citations to cover the \$3 dollars as an easy choice but that is simply not the case. This hurts cities' own ability to raise revenues to help cover the expense of planned street projects and local improvements. Before January 1, 2009, the County was authorized by the State to collect \$6.50 in surcharges for each parking violation penalty by the City. The local Courthouse Construction and local Justice Facility Funds each received \$2.50 from the surcharge and the remaining \$1.50 was forwarded to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund (SCFCF). Senate Bill 1407, which was effective January 1, 2009, increased the SCFCF surcharge from \$1.50 to \$4.50. **The total surcharges the City now pays for each parking citations issued is \$9.50.**

To make matters worse, this is the second \$3 dollar bump on parking citations in less than two years for the courts. Parking citations statewide are now that much closer to the point when drivers stop paying their parking tickets altogether. The City of Nevada City respectfully requests you remove this proposal from the courts funding package and thanks you for your consideration of our position..

Sincerely,


Gene Albaugh, City Manager

cc: Senator Aanestad, Assemblyman Logue, League of California Cities, via fax: 916-658-8240

**Nevada County
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Assistant Clerk

June 21, 2010

To: ~~Property Owners~~

From: SR Jones, Nevada County LAFCo

RE: Annexation to Nevada Irrigation District

We're writing to let you know about a hearing where annexation of certain properties to Nevada Irrigation District will be considered. Our information indicates that you own one of the properties in question, which are shown on the map printed on the back of the enclosed notice.

We understand these properties all receive treated water from Nevada Irrigation District, but at "out-of-District" rates that include a 25% surcharge.

The District has agreed to annex these properties at no cost to the property owners so that the surcharge may be eliminated. Annexation will also permit voters to participate in District elections.

We understand that the annexation process can be somewhat confusing, and we invite you to call should you require more information or wish to examine the project file.

cc: Mr. Ron Nelson, Nevada Irrigation District
Mr. Gene Albaugh, Nevada City

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING on Proposed Annexation to Nevada Irrigation District

Notice is hereby given that the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) of Nevada County will hold a public hearing to consider a proposal by the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) to annex certain parcels within the City of Nevada City. *We are sending you this notice because you are the owner(s) of one of the affected parcels.*

This annexation will bring into the District territory excluded at the time of its formation. The District currently provides treated water to all of the parcels proposed for annexation under contracts which impose a 25% surcharge in addition to the water cost. The surcharge will be eliminated upon annexation of those parcels, and registered voters residing at these properties will become eligible to participate in District elections.

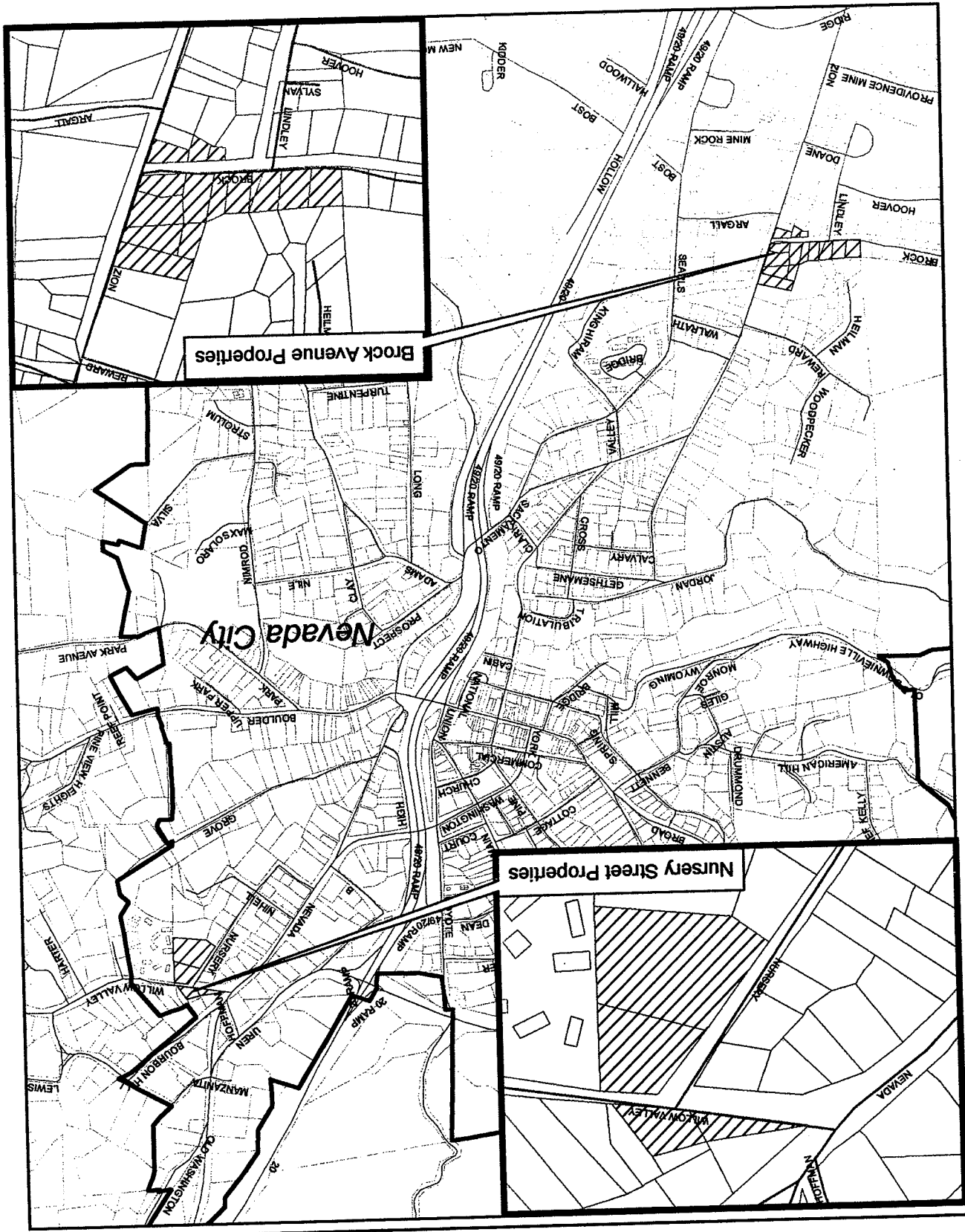
The Commission will also make a determination regarding this action's compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. The District has found that the annexation qualifies for a categorical exemption to CEQA under Class 19 of the State CEQA Guidelines (Annexation of Existing Facilities and Lots for Exempt Facilities).

The project file is available for public review at the Nevada LAFCo office, 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, California. The meeting at which this matter will be considered will be held

**Thursday, July 15, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.
(or as soon thereafter as possible) at
Board of Supervisors Chamber
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959**

The Commission will consider oral and written testimony by any interested person or affected agency as well as the report of the Executive Officer. At this hearing the Commission may approve or disapprove the proposal with or without amendment, wholly, partially, or conditionally, or may continue its consideration with or without amendment, as a whole, in part, or upon such conditions as the Commission may determine. If no written objection is received before conclusion of this hearing, either to the proposal or to waiver of protest proceedings, no protest hearing or election will be held.

Please call LAFCo staff at (530) 265-7180 for more information or to make an appointment to review the project file or follow the staff report links from the LAFCo webpage <nclafco.com> after July 8, 2010.



Nevada Irrigation District - Annexation of Nevada City Parcels
 Proposed by NID May 2010

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218 Nihell Street
Nevada City, CA 95959
July 5, 2010

Gene Albaugh, City Manager
City Hall
317 Broad Street
Nevada City, CA 95959

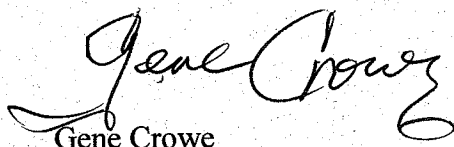
Dear Gene Albaugh,

I've been photographing our town, Nevada City, for a long time. Among the black-and-white photographs in my current show at The Center for the Arts in Grass Valley are several documenting the reconstruction of the Elks Building after the fire of 2002 as well as other images of downtown sights and sites.

I thought you might like to view the photos. They're on display at the Center through July 24.

I hope you get a chance to see the show.

Best regards,

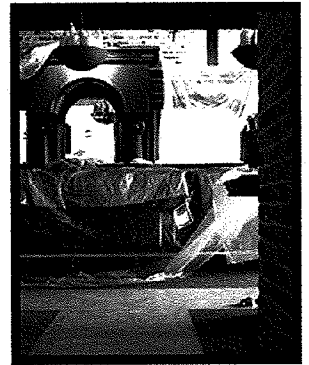
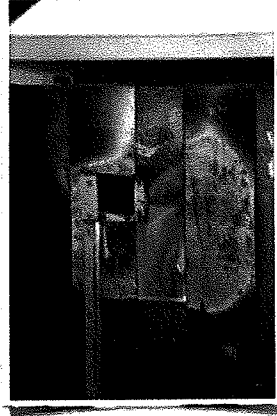
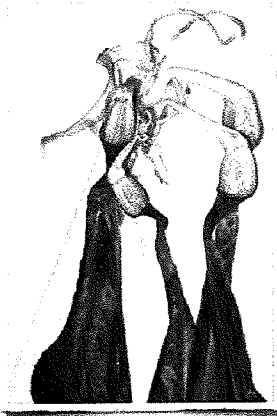

Gene Crowe

THE
CENTER
FOR THE ARTS

cordially invites you to an exhibit of
photographs by Gene Crowe.

“Details”

Artist's Reception: Sunday July 11, 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.



The Center for the Arts in Grass Valley, California
314 West Main Street
June 30 through July 24
Noon to Five Wednesday through Saturday

GeneCrowePhotographs.com