TO: FILE
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Approve a Letter Supporting the Rural Media Arts and Education Project’s (RMAEP) Efforts in Applying for a Grant through Senator Feinstein’s Office in the Amount of $300,000 from the Department of Interior and Environment and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to Assist in the Renovation of the Old Masonic Hall and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter

RESOLUTION 08-65

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on February 19, 2008

ACTION AND VOTE:

2:13 p.m. Tony Radanovich, President - 6th Street Cinema; Approve a Letter Supporting the Rural Media Arts and Education Project’s (RMAEP) Efforts in Applying for a Grant through Senator Feinstein’s Office in the Amount of $300,000 from the Department of Interior and Environment and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to Assist in the Renovation of the Old Masonic Hall and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter

BOARD ACTION: Rick Benson reviewed the request. Discussion was held relative to the draft letter.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Tony Radanovich advised that he was present to answer any questions and that he was agreeable with modifications to the draft letter.

Paul Chapman commented on the processing of the renovation and stated he felt that there are other historic buildings in the County that need renovation.

(M)Aborn, (S)Fritz, Res. 08-65 was adopted approving the letter with changes as discussed/Ayes: Unanimous.

Cc: Tony Radanovich, RMAEP
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February 13, 2007

Dear Board Members,

We are seeking a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors regarding the historic renovation of the Old Masonic Hall. The letter will accompany applications for grants to restore the building. A letter from the county stating their support, both monetarily and in spirit, will make the applications stronger.

We have been advised by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to apply for an earmark through Senator Feinstein’s office, a typical avenue for funds for historic districts on the National Register who have yet to achieve national significance. Once the county applies for and receives national significance, we can approach the Trust through their normal application process.

To save the Board time, we’ve included a sample letter of support that addresses the points that grantors are most interested in. Any variation of this letter should do.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Anthony Radanovich
Board President
(Rural Media Arts and Education Project)
February 19, 2008

Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator
Attention: Ryan Hunt
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, District of Columbia 20510

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This grant will provide essential funds needed for the renovation of the Old Masonic Hall, which is located in a historic district and is on the National Register, with State significance. This structure is owned by the Rural Media Arts and Education Project. In September 2007, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors committed $25,000 towards the project to restore this historic structure.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

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[Signature]

LYLE TURPIN
Chairman

LT/TR/tg

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