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Dear Mayor Asatryan and Council Members,
Please don't destroy the Pines building by putting restrooms inside it. They should be built outside.

Thank you.

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From: **G W** <gw4136@gmail.com>
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Dear Mayor Asatryan and City Council,

PLEASE RESTORE ROCKHAVEN. DO NOT ALTER OR DEMOLISH ANY PART OF THE INTERIORS OR EXTERIORS.

I thank you for all your efforts to preserve as much as can be at Rockhaven Historic District. Rockhaven is the last remaining sanitarium in a valley that was once filled with sanitariums and it needs to be preserved.

We hope you will reconsider the plans to alter the interiors of The Pines (or any other building) in any way. The Pines building is really already a museum. People have been coming and enjoying it for years on tours. The amazing tiles in the bathrooms are an integral part of the building. It would be a tragedy to lose even one of them as they are all unique.

The many rooms would be great to walk through and see different displays educating people about the history of our valley. The closets still hold traces of the women who were cared for there and should not be removed.

The restrooms should be located outside the building in an area where they would be used by the whole park and the museum.

Please go for the least amount of change and the most amount of preservation.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
Glendale resident

From: [Abajian, Suzie](#)
To: [Golanian, Roubik](#)
Cc: [Cortes, Karen](#)
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From: Susan Bolan CVCA <crescentavalleymunityassn@gmail.com>

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Dear Council Members & Staff,

As you are aware, the Crescenta Valley Community Association has been following Rockhaven history for some time and supporting the efforts of Friends of Rockhaven. In the past, we have criticized the RFP process, the number of unsuccessful building partners, and the intent to build affordable housing on the site. We have also expressed our concerns regarding obvious neglect of the buildings and lack of progress in preserving the historically significant property.

Therefore, we were delighted when the City voted to move forward with the project as outlined by the State funded grant. However, we are surprised that the current design as planned does not include accessible outdoor restroom facilities to serve the public park. Instead, the design changes the original footprint of the Pines Cottage to accommodate one additional bathroom and alter the others. This plan is a departure from the original intent of the museum space.

State Senator Anthony Portantino secured \$8 million to build a museum AND park and it is imperative that Glendale work toward this end. The CVCA would like to respectfully request that Council direct staff to leave the inside of the Pines Cottage in its original state, to the extent possible, and shift funds to build fully accessible

restrooms outdoors. This will take us one step closer to creating the museum and park for the community who has been waiting for so long.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Bolan

CVCA Steering Committee Member

From: [Abajian, Suzie](#)
To: [Golanian, Roubik](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Michael](#); [Calvert, Bradley](#); [Cortes, Karen](#)
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Subject: The Unnecessary Changes to the Museum at Rockhaven

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To the Glendale City Council 2025,

For 18 years the City of Glendale has had the opportunity to do something remarkable with the unique historic gem within its care.

For 12 years the Friends of Rockhaven have asked for the most amount of preservation and the least amount of change.

In the last year THIS council – you five – have had the honor of being able to create plans to preserve and interpret the original spaces and history at Rockhaven Sanitarium.

In the last months we have pleaded with you to not allow the plans that permanently alter the interiors of the Pines Cottage.

We knew the rest would have to change. We knew there would be irreversible changes to make the grounds accessible and the buildings into businesses. So, we asked for one. One building only to remain as original as possible. We chose the building with unique architectural details and vibrant tiles so that it could be seen the way it was when women were cared for there, the rooms full of displays dedicated to medical, mental and women's history.

I regret that choice. It is resulting in the demise of exactly what we hoped to preserve. Because you have chosen a plan that takes away 4 of the 9 rooms. You had the power to alter these plans to save this space! But you turned a deaf ear and remained dumb instead of speaking up.

You had one opportunity to have a remarkable legacy of preservation at a most unique spot in history. You. But you chose to let it vanish forever.

I was warned about this years ago. I was told that everything would have to be taken up and redone because, "that's the way we do it in Glendale." What a fool I was for thinking this could be different. That we would seize this opportunity. That THIS council would be better.

I should have known.

Joanna

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Joanna Linkchorst
President
Friends of Rockhaven
747-688-0311



March 11, 2025

Glendale City Council & Staff,

Re: Item 8c - Rockhaven

Dear Council & Staff,

I would like to remind you what the community wants for Rockhaven and how the new plan being considered tonight deviates from that vision. Back in 2010, Glendale put out the video, Rockhaven: A Sanctuary From Glendale's Past <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88-u9JENth0> that outlined how important it is to preserve Rockhaven. In the words of Glendale staff and local historians, the focus was preservation for community use.

While the community appreciates that Glendale is finally moving forward on the long-awaited project, we are very concerned by the amount of change scheduled for the Pines Cottage. The voice of the community has always been, "the most amount of preservation with the least amount of change." The substantial changes to the interior of the cottage will remove the original charm and history which would be a significant loss.

We have suggested an alternative compromise which would ensure the building is restored to its former beauty and safety but not gutting the interior. We suggest a light hand when making the current bathrooms in the Pines Cottage usable and constructing new bathrooms outdoors in the park space that is accessible to those with disabilities. Additionally, we request that no walls be moved, or interiors be substantially altered to keep the maximum amount of history preserved.

Please give this commonsense idea your fullest consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Bolan
Glendale Resident

March 11, 2025

Glendale City Council and Staff,

RE: Item 8C – Registered Historical Rockhaven

Dear Council and Staff,

The community appreciates and are happy to see that Glendale is moving forward on the Rockhaven project. The community has also expressed their concerns by the amount of change scheduled for Rockhaven and the Pines Cottage. The voices of the community have always been since this project has started is to preserve Rockhaven with the least amount of change. The importance and value of these changes to the interior and exterior of the cottage will remove the original charm and history and this would be a significant loss to this Registered historic site Rockhaven.

Myself and the community humbly request to the Glendale City Council and staff that you promise and ensure the building will not be gutted but only to be restored to its former beauty and safety. No walls to be moved, or any interior to be altered.

There are only three registered historical sites like Rockhaven that remain in California. Rockhaven is an icon and has a lot to offer to Glendale and surrounding areas with her beauty and history.

Please consider these requests to save the charm, beauty and history of Rockhaven.

Sincerely,

Donna Libra, Resident of La Crescenta

