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 Subject Don't close the Museum

Dear Supervisor,

I recently read in the paper that because of budget problems it is possible that the County Historical Museum could be closed. The Museum is an extremely important cultural resource to the county. El Dorado County in one of the most historic counties in the state yet we do very little to exploit this rich history in terms of tourism. The museum should be a center piece for the counties tourism industry; the county should be trying to make it better not closing it.

Perhaps the museums greatest asset it is arches. There are a coup dozen historical and genealogy groups that relay on those archives for reach. Closing the museum puts this priceless archive at risk.

The museum's collection of document and artifacts that it is caring for represents the legacy of the county. The county should care for and protect its legacy.



Best regards,

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Hello Mr. Dupray,

I sincerely hope that the Board of Supervisors will do everything possible to maintain the El Dorado County Museum in Placerville. I know when I travel inside and outside of California, learning local history is often the most memorable part of my trip.

My grandfather-in-law was a local historian in Chester County, Pennsylvania. For many years, he brought knowledge and delight to the school children of the county sharing the rich past of Quaker settlement with them. Please let those who love the history of Placer county share it with the next generation through the county historical museum.

Best regards,

Jeannie Stonestrom  
1664 California Ave.  
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**Dear Supervisor Rusty Dupray,**

**I have recently read in the paper that the El Dorado County Museum is on the long list of possible closures because of Budget concerns.**

**I would like to stress the importance of the EDC Museum and the value of the many volunteers that keep the museum operating.**

**Two most important economic elements in the county are Agriculture and Tourism.**

**Closing the Museum would seem like ‘shooting ourselves in the foot’. The Museum is a vital part of the tourism in El Dorado County. We should boast that our history is one of the richest in the state.**

**People come to the museum to research their family ties, see the displays and observe first hand information on what they have learned in school and books. School children are brought in to identify with their history lessons. But most importantly, the Museum is the nucleus of the many non-profit historical groups throughout this county. There are over twenty such groups dedicated to preserving our rich history. We look to- and depend on- the Museum for our records, guidance and research. The Museum has a wealth of documents and artifacts in its care for El Dorado County, which needs to protect this legacy.**

**The County should be supporting the museum with better facilities. The Museum staff and volunteers do a great job with what they have. However, there are limitations. One limitation is lack of sufficient space. In this budget crisis, however, it appears that additional space will have to be a future consideration. For the present, I believe the duty of El Dorado County needs to be maintaining this valuable asset. I urge you, therefore, to keep our legacy alive and keep the El Dorado County Museum the valuable resource that it is. Keep the Museum Open!!!**

**Betty January  
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