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Dear Supervisors,

I am unfortunately unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

I am writing in support of the amendment being introduced by Supervisor Sarah Smith to allocate \$2 million to the city of Monona for the city's acquisition of the San Damiano property located at 4123 Monona Drive.

The City has agreed to purchase the nearly 10-acre parcel from the Norbertines for \$8.6 million. The closing date is June 1st, 2021.

Preservation of this fabulous lakefront property has long been a dream of so many of us. We now have a chance to make that a reality. The City has taken the first step, but we have to have help. We simply cannot afford to pay \$8.6 million solely with city funds. The amendment offered by Supervisor Smith would be a huge step toward making preservation a reality.

It's an amazing piece of property with beautiful lakefront, woods, community gardens and Native American heritage. It is the largest privately owned property on Lake Monona. This is our chance to save it not just for ourselves, but for our children, their children and their children's children on down through the ages.

I've been involved in city government for a little more than 30 years and I can truthfully say buying this property is easily the best and most important thing that has happened in that time.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and thank you to Supervisor Smith for bringing this amendment forward.

Respectfully,

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