

Saving and Preserving Arts and Cultural Environments

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Dear Rick;

I'm so happy you are finally getting some public support.

Enclosed is a first draft copy of SPACES Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. The basic form is there but they will have to be adapted for your specific needs. I suggest you ask around for some free law help. Forming a non-profit is a fairly routine matter, but you should get some help. Perhaps some preservation organization in Fresno, can offer some suggestion as to who that person can be.

You will be receiving in the mail, information from the Secretary of State on forming a non-profit organization and on information needed by the Franchise Tax Board. The IRS will be sending forms on getting a tax exempt status.

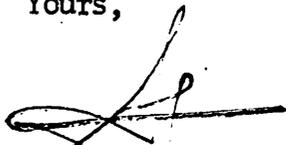
First step is the state. You might have to put up a \$200.00 filing fee, but it will be returned when you are approved. You might also be required to file a fictitious name statement. \$15.00 or so.

You will also need 4 or so people to make up your primary board. Try to get the lawyer to be on the board, also somebody who knows their way around grants and preservation problems. Let the papers know a group is forming - stress the importance of the Gardens to Fresno.

I hope this helps. Please keep us informed.

My best to your family.

Yours,



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President