



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Jessica Matson, Director of Legislative & Information Services/City Clerk

SUBJECT: Supplemental Information
Agenda Item 8. – November 12, 2024 City Council Meeting
Community Comments and Suggestions

DATE: November 12, 2024

Attached is public comment received prior to 2 p.m.

cc: City Manager
Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director
City Attorney
City Clerk
City Website and Public Review Binder

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BEHIND BARBED WIRE

A Glimpse at Central Coast Japanese American Life During WW II

The Clark Center for Performing Arts
487 Fair Oaks Ave, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Friday, January 31, 2025 7:30 PM
Tickets \$12 @ clarkcenter.org



A multi-media commemoration featuring—

Darryl Taylor, Countertenor
Chika Inoue, Saxophone
Mary Au, Piano
Jim Gregory, People of Honor, Narrator
Deon Nielsen Price, Composer

Friendly Neighborhood Big Band, Mitch Latting, Director
Opera San Luis Obispo Grand Orchestra
Brian Asher Alhadeff, Music Director and Conductor
Justine Prado Manro, Stage Director
Highlight Media - Christina Bearce, Video Editing

Ticket Office: (805) 489-9444



November 2024

Dear Administrator,

In 1942, a few weeks prior to graduation, nearly 45% of the Arroyo Grande High School Graduating Class were bussed with their Japanese-American families to isolated internment camps. Historian Jim Gregory (author of *World War II Arroyo Grande*), composer Deon Nielsen Price (*Behind Barbed Wire*), and conductor Brian Alhadeff (*OperaSLO Grand Orchestra*) are pleased to present a commemoration of that tumultuous time in the Clark Center for Performing Arts in A. G. on January 31, 2025. <https://clarkcenter.org/shows/behind-barbed-wire/>

With a live orchestra and a big band, guest performers, video, poetry, swing music of the 1940's and narration, this special production shares this region's local heritage of sacrifice, friendship, patriotism, hard work, and community solidarity. For this community event tickets are only \$12.

We need to raise \$18,000 to cover the production expenses. Will you help by being a sponsor?

- \$1500 PLATINUM
- \$1000 GOLD
- \$500 SILVER
- \$350 BRONZE.

Arroyo Grande Mayor: "Mayor Caren Ray Russom recognizes the community value of the project, and encourages all corporate sponsors to fund it fully."

In appreciation, your organization logo will be included on our program and online announcements, you may request free tickets, and be seated in the preferred section.

For your tax-deductible donation, please make your check to the order of Opera San Luis Obispo. Mark it "Behind Barbed Wire" and send it to P. O. Box 14760, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406.

Sincerely,

Anita Woolley Price, Chair
Fundraising Committee for *Behind Barbed Wire*
805-710-6551

