

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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From:	Deon Price
To:	public comment
Subject:	Re: Request for November 12 meeting
Date:	Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:05:05 PM
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	Fundraising Letter Final #2.pdf

Mayor Russom and City Council:

On January 31 in the Clark Center we will present *Behind Barbed Wire: A Glimpse at Central Coast Japanese American Life in World War II.* This community event is a commemoration of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by the President of the United States that put 120,000 Japanese Americans into isolated incarceration camps. Our purpose is to make sure that today's generation will not forget that time when the lives of many of our neighbors here in Arroyo Grande were turned upside down. The suffering in the camps was made lighter with music and sports. The Friendly Neighborhood Big Band will play swing music of the 1940's. The OperaSLO Orchestra will play my musical composition *Behind Barbed Wire*, that includes poetry by internees, as well as a documentary, and features world-class soloists.

Link for website, tickets and promo videos:

https://clarkcenter.org/shows/behind-barbed-wire/

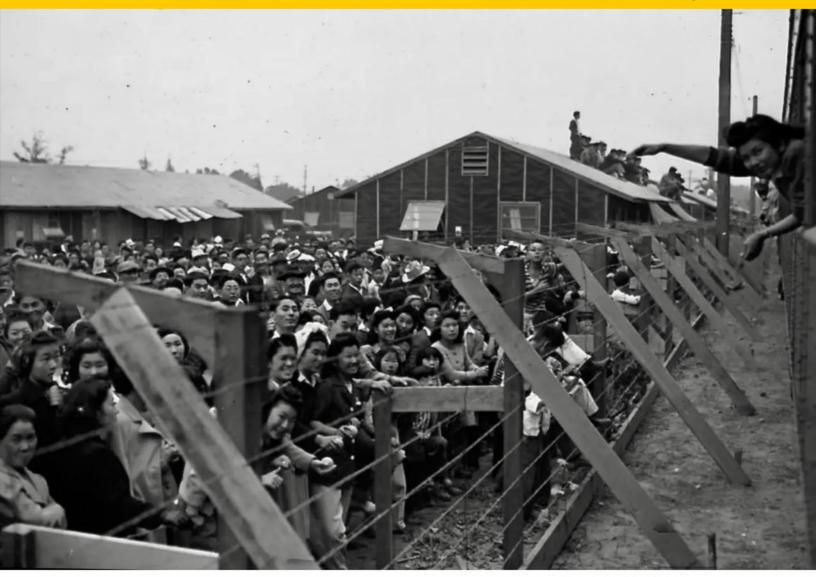
Attached are a poster for the event and our appeal for funding.

See you tonight! Thank you, Deon Nielsen Price, D.M.A Culver Crest Publications

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







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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. <u>https://clarkcenter.org/shows/behind-barbed-wire/</u>

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











