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Dear Mayor Harabedian and Honorable Members of the City Council,

Good morning! My name is Father Michael Higgins and I am the retreat director at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center. I am writing you to ask for an opportunity to meet each of you individually, so we can discuss the plans we are proposing for some of Mater Dolorosa's unused, surplus land.

As you are aware, there is much speculation about our plans and, unfortunately, a fair amount of misinformation circulating in the Sierra Madre Community. I am proposing this informational meeting so you can better understand exactly what we are planning and ask about any concerns you, the city or residents of Sierra Madre may have about our plans

We believe our plans will be a wonderful addition to this city and know that in order to achieve this, we will need to understand and address the concerns of the people of Sierra Madre. Meeting informally with you now is an important initial step in a process that will soon broaden to include everyone in the community who is interested in our proposal.

Thank you for considering my request for a meeting and I look forward to hearing from you.

Fr. Michael Higgins, C.P.