

TRI-CITIES HISTORICAL  
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Tri-Cities Historical Museum • 200 Washington Avenue • Grand Haven, MI 49417

Grand Haven City Council  
519 Washington Ave.  
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Dear Members of the Grand Haven City Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum to express our support for the proposal of a new Grand Haven Area Children's Museum to be constructed on the harbor front lot. As a neighboring institution deeply rooted in the history of our community since our establishment in 1959, we understand the importance of creating educational and cultural experiences for all members of our community, including our youngest citizens. While we are fully committed to our mission of preserving and sharing the history of the Tri-Cities area, we recognize the need for specialized institutions that cater solely to the needs of children.

We believe that a dedicated children's museum would complement the offerings of our Museum by providing more space for indoor play and an interactive environment tailored to the interests and abilities of young learners. It is important to note that while the Tri-Cities Historical Museum's space is fully utilized for our purposes, we fully support the Grand Haven Area Children's Museum and recognize the importance of its independence and autonomy. While we may share a common goal of serving the public, we understand that each institution has its own distinct mission and focus.

The harbor front lot presents a prime opportunity to create an engaging space that will not only benefit local families but also attract visitors from across the region. By providing a dedicated venue for play and interactive learning, the Grand Haven Area Children's Museum will enhance the cultural landscape of our city and contribute to its reputation as a family-friendly destination.

In conclusion, I ask the Grand Haven City Council to consider the proposal for constructing the Grand Haven Area Children's Museum on the harbor front. This endeavor aligns with our shared commitment to fostering education, creativity, and community engagement, and it will undoubtedly enrich the lives of families in our area for generations to come.

Sincerely,

*Erica Layton*

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