

Carmelite Sisters Provide Respite

Dear Editor,

I wish to acknowledge the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Joseph & Mary, who are celebrating their first year in Kensington since relocating from nearby Canyon.

On Christmas Eve, I had the pleasure of joining a few neighbors for a quiet walk to their cloistered monastery on Rincon Road to celebrate Sung Extraordinary Form Mass at midnight, followed by a rare audience with the resident sisters, who offered homemade confections and hot cider. Their grace and benevolence in the wee hours not only strengthened my sense of service to this community but inspired my most joyous memory as a longtime resident.

I'm deeply grateful to Mother Sylvia Gemma and the Carmelite sisters for opening their hearts and home to me and other residents seeking a peaceful respite from these complicated times, and remain humbled by their providence. They are a valued addition to the Kensington community.

Vanessa Cordova

Hart Keeps Community Informed

To the Editor:

As the New Year begins we would like to show our support for Chief Hart and his efforts to lead Kensington with professionalism, integrity, and the best interests of our community in mind. The Chief's comprehensive posts on "Next Door" during December provide examples of his initiative to keep the Kensington community informed about truly important police district matters.

Unfortunately a very small fraction of citizens continue to dissemble on issues of police work and governance. This slows the constructive dialog required to make progress as a community. It is unclear what this intensely vocal minority believes it has achieved by its continuous negative stance towards the police department. Perhaps it is as simple as "some people are never happy."

It is time to thank Chief Hart for the observably professional job he is doing to help Kensington get back on track. We also wish to extend our gratitude to other community leaders and our police and fire departments for serving us so professionally.

David and Susan Garfin

Applause for Hart

To the Editor:

We would like to acknowledge the work of Chief Hart and his leadership on behalf of Kensington. We are fortunate to have someone with his experience, expertise, professional

demeanor, and integrity serving our community at this pivotal time in our “recovery.” His commitment to transparency regarding the workings of his office is commendable.

Chief Hart’s performance has demonstrated not only that he is an asset to this community, but also that the KPPCSD Board was prudent in selecting him to fill the position.

Italo and Suzanne Calpestri