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The Honorable Council of the City of San Diego: -

Gentlemen: -

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2 I wish to place before you a plan for park work, for  
3 your consideration. Being greatly interested in the growth  
4 of plants for their beauty and usefulness, outside of my bu-  
5 siness interests, and believing that by plants here seen grow-  
6 ing our locality is better known and more acurately judged, <sup>as</sup> ~~or~~  
7 compared with other localities, and knowing of ~~no~~ experi-  
8 mental work being carried on in a public and permanent way  
9 in Southern California, with plants other than those economic,  
10 the following plan I have fostered and now present to you:

11 I offer my services to establish upon a small portion  
12 of the city park, with water privileges, an experimental nur-  
13 sery and garden, where I will grow trees, shrubs, palms, &c,  
14 in variety; those new and untried here, those <sup>of</sup> interesting and  
15 striking characteristics, those for beauty, and those that  
16 will tend to prove the wonderful possibilities of our land  
17 and location. Whatever I am able to accomplish will be  
18 just that much more work done and time saved toward the fu-  
19 ture developement and cultivation of our city park, and at  
20 present will be of daily interest to all visitors, and a con-  
21 tinual incentive to our citizens to encourage and foster work  
22 in our park.

23 I <sup>will</sup> ~~would~~ annually plant, upon the land ~~asked~~ <sup>the city</sup> for <sup>^</sup> one  
24 hundred choice and varied sorts of trees and care for the  
25 same, while continuing with this work, <sup>will</sup> ~~and~~ also furnish an-  
26 nually to the city three hundred ornamental and shade trees,  
27 in crocks or boxes, - to <sup>be</sup> ~~be~~ used by the city in park, street,  
28 plaza or school ground planting.

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1 I would not ask the city to be at any expense for piping  
2 water nor for fencing any of the land. The nursery to be  
3 open to the public (on foot) at all times. For the best  
4 interests of the city this work should be undertaken for at  
5 least ten years. If however at any time a plan for park  
6 improvement should necessitate the laying out of a boulevard  
7 or road through the land in use I would be willing to remove  
8 all plants necessary, by receiving notice in time to ad-  
9 vantageously move them.

10 Instead of receiving a monied salary as compensation  
11 for my services as herebefore mentioned, I would ask for the  
12 following privileges: To grow upon the land, in addition  
13 to the experimental work, done for the city, plants and cut  
14 flowers for sale. That in case the city wished to annul this  
15 agreement that I be allowed to remove all plants other than  
16 those set out for the city, and all improvements, such as  
17 fences, piping and nursery houses.

18 The part of the park that seems most suitable, least con-  
19 spicuous, and least liable to interfere with any immediate  
20 claims for park improvement, is the North West corner of the  
21 park — Excluding however a strip of land two hundred feet wide,  
22 along the Western line of the park, where the present boulev-  
23 ard now passes. Beginning at a point on the North line of  
24 the city park two hundred feet East of the corner common to  
25 said park, Pueblo lots 1132, 1123, and 1124; thence East along  
26 the North line of said park nine hundred feet; thence South  
27 fifteen hundred fifty feet; thence West nine hundred feet;  
28 thence North two hundred feet distant and parallel with the  
West line of the said park fifteen hundred ~~and~~ fifty feet to  
the point of beginning; containing thirty-two and  $\frac{2}{100}$  acres,

more or less--twenty 48/100 acres being level or nearly so,  
1 mesa and bottom lands, and 11 54/100 acres being hillside, as  
2 estimated at the office of the City Engineer.

3 This tract containing as it does mesa, bottom, and hill-  
4 side lands, allows of more practical experiments.

5 This agreement may be declared terminated by either  
6 party upon six months' notice of such intention thereof.

7 Respectfully,  
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*Miss H. O. Sessions*

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