

1. Petition of Miss Kate O. Sessions noted as filed October 22, 1891 entitled "purpose of giving views of F. L. Olmsted on parks. Comprised of a two page. handwritten note on Miss Sessions' San Diego Nursery and Cut Flower Depot stationary in which she presents a letter from Frederick Law Olmsted, leading landscape architect of the U.S., to support her view that all experimental work that can be undertaken in San Diego will be of great value in the eventual planning of City Park. Frederick Law Olmsted's letter. also dated October 22, 1891, is written in response to a letter from Miss Sessions dated October 14, 1891. He addresses the "suitable designing of pleasure grounds" in California, and expresses his opinion that what has been done so far is not suitable and will not endure. He suggests that in designing such an extensive and important work as planning City Park ideals derived from practice on the East Coast and in Northern Europe be abandoned; and that focus be on "originality of treatment suitable to the special local conditions." In closing, Mr. Olmsted states that, regrettably, present engagements prevent his firm, F. L. Olmsted & Co., from designing City Park, at least for some time to come. Four pages, including title sheet.

2. Petition by Miss K. O. Sessions to the Council of the City of San Diego proposing a plan for City Park work for Council consideration. As a preface to her plan, she states that she knows of no other experimental work with plants being carried on in a public and permanent

way in Southern California, other than those economic; and emphasizes that such new, interesting and striking plants will “tend to prove the wonderful possibilities of our land and location,” making San Diego better known and more accurately judged, as compared with other localities. The petition includes her proposed arrangement with the City to establish on a small portion of the City Park’s northwest corner as an experimental garden for at least 10 years where she will annually plant 100 trees, and, in addition, furnish an additional 300 crooked or boxed ornamental and shade trees to be used by the City in park, street, plaza or school ground planting. Miss Sessions would be allowed to grow on the City land additional plants and cut flowers for sale and would be granted water privileges. Her proposed plan was referred to the Committee on Parks by Delegates on January 18, 1892. Committee Report adopted by Alderman and Delegates on January 26, 1892. Five pages, including petition cover sheet and backside with notation of action taken.

3. Report from the Committee on Streets, Highways & Parks recommending to the Common Council of the City of San Diego that the Board of Public Works employ Miss Kate O. Sessions as City Gardener with the privilege as asked for in her petition that she be furnished with water during the pleasure of the Council. Adopted by Delegates and Alderman on January 26, 1892. Two pages, including backside notations.

4. On stationary from the Office of the City Attorney dated February 1, 1892, a petition by Riley R. Morrison and S. G. Blaisdell {sic} to the Board of City Council of the City of San Diego asking for use of lands in the City Park for the purpose of experimenting in growing trees and flowers under the same terms and restrictions for ten years, as granted Miss K. O. Sessions. Includes attached sketch showing land in City Park applied for by Morrison and Blaisdell. Three pages, including Petition cover sheet and sketch.

5. City of San Diego Ordinance No. 153 granting permission to K. O. Sessions the right to use certain lands in City Park for use as an “Experimental Nursery” dated February 9, 1892. Details agreement between the City of San Diego and Miss Sessions concerning her water privileges, duration of right to use land, location of land, restrictions as to use of land, requirement to plant and care for 100 trees annually for the City; and, in addition, to furnish annually 300 ornamental trees in crocks or boxes; expenses regarding fencing and piping, public access, city driveways, roads and boulevards through land, rights to remove plants and improvements in the event of ordinance’s repeal, and right to sell plants and flowers. Passed, approved and adopted by the Board of Delegates of the City of San Diego on February 8, 1892, and signed in open session b the President, H. H. Williams, on February 15, 1892. Passed, approved and adopted by the Board of Aldermen, February 9,

1892, and signed in open session by President, Simon Levi. Approved February 16, 1892 by the Mayor of San Diego, Matthew Sherman. Seven pages, including cover sheet.

6. June 6, 1892, Board of Delegates Minutes, pg. 447: “Miss Kate O. Sessions having presented the Board with a basket of flowers, grown in the Park, the same was on motion of Delegate Crippen accepted and the thanks of the Board tendered her.”

7. June 7, 1892 Board of Aldermen Minutes, pg. 74: “Miss Sessions having presented the Board with a basket of cut flowers from her garden on the City Park on motion of Alderman Brandt the thanks of the Board was tendered to Miss Sessions for the flowers.”

8. Handwritten note by K. O. Sessions dated October 25, 1892 on her own San Diego Nursery and Cut Flower Depot (Corner of Fifth and G Street) stationary, to the President and members of the Board of Alderman, City of San Diego; inviting them, their families and friends to her nursery on the Park for the first viewing of her blooming Chrysanthemums on October 27, 1892. Invitation accepted October 24, 1892, noted on back. Two pages, including back.

9. Kate O. Sessions Annual Report for 1893 for Northwest corner of City Park, including a list of 100 trees and palms permanently planted for the

City Of San Diego as agreed, dated January 29, 1894 and signed by Miss Sessions. Submitted in accordance with Ordinance No 153. Four pages, including backside notation, title and filing date. Note: Water damaged, translation attached. Six pages, including back and interpretation.

10. Translation of 1893 K. O. Sessions Annual Report above.

11. Unnumbered Joint Resolution, undated but probably 1892-1894 given placement in file, granting permission to Miss Sessions to erect a wooden, 10X27 feet building adjoining the north side of a glass house at her nursery and cut flower depot on Lot G, Block 17 of Horton's Addition, downtown ("New Town"). Two pages, including backside.

12. May 7, 1893, Board of Delegates Minutes, pg. 449: "At this time a Basket of Roses was sent up and presented to retiring President Barker from Miss Kate O. Sessions."

13. May 7, 1894, Board of Aldermen Minutes, pg. 416: "A messenger boy here presents a basket of Roses being a gift to the retiring President Alderman Brandt from Miss K. O. Sessions and on motion of Alderman Levi the thanks of the Board was extended to Miss Sessions." ; and May 7, 1894, Board of Delegates Minutes, pg. 471: "On motion of Delegate Barker the thanks of the Board was extended to Miss K. O. Sessions for the basket of roses presented to the retiring President."

14. January 6, 1896 Petition signed by K. O. Sessions et al. regarding Sunset (Pacific) Telephone Company rates for businesses:

“ San Diego, Cal. January 6th 1896 To the Honorable, the City Council
Of the City of San Diego: Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, Merchants and Citizens of the City of San Diego,
and the largest users of the

Telephone, do respectfully represent to your Honorable bodies, that we
are satisfied the present Telephone Rates charged by the Sunset
Telephone and Telegraph Company are as low, or lower, than charged
elsewhere in Cities of similar size for similar service; that we believe the
reduction of same would result in a loss to said Company, and we ask that
your Honorable Bodies, in justice to said Company and in consideration
of the necessity for the improved instruments with good service in our
business, will refrain from molesting the rates at present charged.

{signed}

W. W. Stewart and Co.

San Diego Lumber Co.

McKenzie, Flint & Biusley

Pioneer Truck Co- by F.P. Frary

Klauber Levi Company Melville Klauber, Secy AJ. Sill

C. Harbison Grocer Co. by T. Stephens

J.T. Johnson Agent P. C.S.S. Co.

Banning (Canning?)

Todd and Hawley

S. Whitmore

Standard Iron Works by W. G. Till A. Bonner

H.G. Vogel
Wolff's Pharmacy
N. Dincolat Co.
Chas. A. Chase
George E. Winter
LR Darrow
Waidi Commission Co.

D. L. Y Jorres
The Colton Grocery Co. K. O. Sessions A.Morgan
F.S. Hartwell
C.W. Stults
Chas. S. Hardy
and others..."

Pieced together advertisement on the backside of petition reads :

"the house overlooks entirely the request from the kitchen. The value of the telephone to the Butcher, Grocer, Coal Dealer and other tradespeople lies very materially in the orders received from residence telephones for the goods that they supply, and the Telephone Management, believing for the reasons given above, that the telephone communication between the kitchen and the tradespeople is very imperfect, is now introducing KITCHEN TELEPHONE SERVICE For Private Residences {drawing of wooden kitchen wall phone}

The fact that this telephone is in the kitchen and is first for the use of ordering supplies, does not prevent its general use in connection with any one of the local subscribers connected with a particular exchange.

L. H. Jacobi, Contract Agent San Francisco, September 10, 1895."

Multiple pages of petition signatures. Graphics on backside. Document No. 1057, Petition for "In re Pacific (Sunset) Telephone Service," 1896.

15. Penciled on work paper request by Kate O. Sessions to the Board of Public Works, City of San Diego, dated July 15, 1896 to allow her to build a bay window at her florist shop at 5th and C Streets. Accompanied by her sketch of the design of the “bay window,” which extends to the north of her office into the yard. Two pages.

16. December 15, 1898 Board of Public Works letter from Secretary F. H. Dixon to the Common Council, City of San Diego regarding report on parties occupying space in the City Park:

“Gentleman,

At a regular meeting of the Board of Public Works held this day the Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of the report made by Park Supt. Belden of the names of the parties occupying space in the City Park, to your Honorable Body. In accordance therewith I respectfully hand you the following: Vizi — (?)

Miss. Sessions N. W. Cor. of Park - The Country Club on University Heights side of Park. (Country Club Miss Sessions privilege granted by Council). Mr. John Gay, For. Juniper & Park about 150 feet square, the east part in Eucalyptus Trees. The Center or Canyon, in chicken yard & houses and the part next to the House and Stone barn, with a frame addition to barn all on the Park.

Cor. 6th & Date, Mr. Martinez Click, 20X100 feet

Cor. 11th & Park, Mr. Morse 25X25 feet, adjoining on the west, Mrs. Boceh 25X25 ”

Mr. Starbird 100X100 fenced for chicken yard.

Near head of St. flume Mrs. Mary Woodard, small cottage & outhouse
25X100 feet.

Mrs. Holt (Holb?), small cottage N. E. Cor. Ash & 11th
about 12X16 feet. Tho the North about 200 ft.

Mr. John L. Springer, an expressman occupied about 200 ft. sq. and has
quite extensive improvements in way of cottage & out houses, stables,
trees, shrubbery etc. adjoining and on the North

Mr. Benj. McLaren, Civil Engineer, has an L shaped cottage, a stable and
a number of olive trees in a good growing healthy condition, has holes
dug for about 59 or 100 more trees, also has quite a variety of shrubbery
growing around premises, he occupied about 200 ft. square.”

Respectfully Submitted, F. H. Dixon, Secy. Board of Public Works

Three pages, including back. Document No. 0356, Communication Board
of Public Works Report of Park Supt. in re Squatters on Park. Filed by
Council December 19th, 1898.

17. Letter from Kate O. Sessions on San Diego Nursery and Cut Flower
Depot / Miss K. O. Sessions letterhead to the San Diego City Council
dated April 3, 1899

wherein she asks permission to construct a six inch sewer on Ivy Lane
from Sixth to Fifth Street. The house being built which the sewer will

serve is on Lots 9 & 10, Block 2 of the Crittenden's Addition. It is owned by Mrs. Ellen Sessions of San Francisco. This petition was referred to the Joint Sewer Committee by Aldermen on April 3, 1899 and by Delegates on April 5, 1899. The Committee, on April 13, 1899, recommended that the request be granted; that it be constructed under the supervision of the Superintendent of Sewers; that it becomes a part of the the sewerage system of the City; and that, at some future time, the City reimburse K. O. Sessions for the amount expended in its construction. Recommendations adopted by the Boards of Delegates and Aldermen on April 17, 1899.

Three pages, including backs.

18. Letter to Common Council of the City of San Diego from Board of Public Works, signed by Board Secretary, F. H. Dixon, dated November 29, 1901, regarding the Superintendent of Parks recommendations on beautification and cultivation of the southwest portion of City Park.

Reference made to Miss Sessions agreeing to provide, at no extra expense, the trees and shrubbery for the improvement of the 400 square foot area at the northeast corner of Sixth and Date Streets. One page (check green backing for second page).

19. June 18, 1904, Joint Resolution No. 1834: "That Kate O. Sessions be and she is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain temporarily a tent with a glass front on lot E in Block 18 of Horton's Addition. Said tent to be 20 feet X 40 feet in size."

20. Petition of Kate O. Sessions dated July 12, 1904 to the City of San Diego requesting permission to erect a tent with glass front on Lot E of Block 18 of Horton's Addition within fire limits, to be used for her florist's store and to be temporary until prospective buildings within a block of the site are erected. Her petition includes the support and signatures of the neighboring property owners; among them, George W. Marston by his agent, Unity Hall President and the Unitarians Society. City Council granted her request on July 18, 1904.

21. Communication dated September 22, 1904 from F. H. Dixon, Board of Public Works to Common Council, City of San Diego, recommending the purchase of a water pipe system laid in the ten acres of land leased by Kate O. Sessions in the northwest corner of City Park. In support of its recommendation, the Board transmits for consideration a petition by George W. Marston of the Park Committee. The cited Park Committee petition requests that the Board purchase the water system which is installed over nearly all of the ten acres, because Miss Sessions is offering it at a very good price of \$125 and because the Park Committee would like to continue to care for the many trees and shrubs that are being left by Miss Sessions in surrendering her lease. The Board of Public Works further supports its

recommendation by citing the Superintendent of the Water Department's opinion that the irrigation system is very cheap at the price offered. Referred to Water Committee by Council on September 26, 1904; Water Committee recommends on October 24, 1904 that the water pipe system be purchased from Miss Sessions provided the expense does not exceed \$125. Report adopted by Council on October 31, 1904. Two pages, including cover.

22. Signed January 28, 1905, a witnessed grant by Miss K. O. Sessions to the City of San Diego and in consideration of \$125, all water pipe and connections laid in the ten acre-tract of land at the northwest corner of the Fourteen Hundred-acre Public Park ("City Park") heretofore occupied and used by Miss Sessions. Cover sheet marked "Received at Request of H. E. Doolittle, City Attorney, on February 3, 1905. Two pages, including cover sheet.

23. Property Owners, including K. O. Session, Petition for Grading Lewis Street "Cliff to Hawk Street, Private Contract," "For permission to grade Lewis Street from West Line of Cliff to the West line of Hawk by private contracts, signed Chas. F. O'Neill, H. G. Purcell, G. T. Ledell, 500 ft., Washington Heights, J. N. Horward, 100ft., Mrs. Mattie Bowerstock, 100 ft., KOSessions, 100ft. All the property owners are willing to sign — some are out of town and there is not time today to secure their signatures" {probably K. O. Sessions writing}.

Referred to the Street Committee by Council on May 4, 1908; granted by Common Council May 18, 1908. Document No. 23066; Reso. 4174. Two pages, including cover.

24. June 8, 1908 Property Owners, Petition for Permission to grade Lewis Street by Private Contract, by Chas. F. O'Neill:

“For permission to grade Lewis Street, for permission to grade Lewis Street, for full width thereof , and including the Intersection of said Lewis Street with cross streets from the West line of Hawk Street to the West line of Hooker Street {now Lark} in the City of San Diego, California, at private contract, the said undersigned to take and remove all surplus dirt and material which may result from the doing of said work.

And the undersigned further represent to your Honorable Body that each is the owner of the lots set opposite their respective names, and that said lots front upon Lewis Street aforesaid, between the points thereon hereinbefore mentioned”

Names of owners with Lots an Blocks and Addition listed:

Chas. F. O'Neill Lots 1 & 12, Block 3; Lot 7, Block 1; Lot 7, Block 2;

Lot 1, Block 4; Washington Heights

J. N. Howard Lot 12, Block 4, Washington Heights

Geo. Houck Lot 6, Block 1; Lot 6, Block 2, Washington Heights

Total Lewis frontage of 800 feet

K. O. Sessions Lot 12, Block 39, Arnold & Choate, 100' listed twice G. C.

Arnold Lot 12-13, Block 36, Arnold & Choate, 200'

M. Bowerstock Lot 13, Block 39, Arnold & Choate, 100'

C. Wellborn Lot 26?, Block 42, Arnold & Choate, 100'

A. Thieme Lot 23, Block 42, Arnold & Choate 200'

Total 1600 ft

Two pages, including cover. Granted by Common Council on June 15, 1908, Doc. No. 23570, Reso. 4285.

25. Petition dated September 29, 1909 to the Common Council of the City of San Diego requesting authorization of an ordinance that shall provide for a system of house numbering in the district west of First St. as far as Witherby St., and north of University Ave. as far east as Sixth St. according to the plan of accompanying map (not attached) which has been endorsed by Mr. Bartholomew, the Post Master. Resident petitioners desire a better postal delivery service. Among numerous signatories to the petition is K. O. Session at Lewis & Stephens Streets.

This Petition of Citizens for Numbering Buildings North of University Ave. and West of 5th Street, Document No. 30360, was filed September 29, 1909. Granted by Council on September 30, 1909; referred to City Attorney on the same. Attached is a two-page letter from the Post Master, C. H. Bartholomew, to the Common Council on the subject of the petitioner. The letter states that those streets west of First St. will be renamed West Lewis, etc. Four pages in total, including cover sheet.

26. January 18, 1910 K. O. Sessions' property owners' Petition "For permission to grade by private contract Randolph Street in front of our property according to the official grade -

K. O. Sessions 525 ft John H. Ferry 200 ft

Mary J. Hill

Alice Lee

Mary C. Hamilton

Utt ? Investment Co. by Lewis J. Utt, Secretary Mrs. S. M. Utt by Chester Gunn Agent

Mrs. Engler by Mrs. Bleifuss"

100 ft 275 ft 250 ft

Includes a hand drawn map of named resident lots on Randolph starting with Hunter, Plumosa Way, Stockton, Broadway, West Lewis, and West Getti, ending with 5 acre City Park and Catholic Cemetery (now Pioneer Park). Resident names: Miss Lida Scripps (Blk 20), Security Savings Bank & Trust Co. and John H. Ferry (Blk 1), Alice Lee and K. O. Sessions (Blk 4), Miss Alice Lee, K. O. Sessions, Miss Hill, K. O. Sessions (Blk 21), K. O. Sessions (Blk 40), Mrs. Engler by Mrs Bleifus (Blk 5), John Long and Mary Hamilton (Blk 8), Sarah M. Utt, Utt Investment Co. and Mary Hamilton (Blk 41), Mrs. E. Reid (Blk 9), and unnamed (Blk 60, 150 ft frontage). "Total Length of Randolph St 1325 ft only. from Hunter St on North to City Park lands on South."

One page, two sides with map extension. Referred to Committee of the Whole By Council Jan 14, 1910; Presented to Council and ordered filed Jan 25, 1910. Pencil notes hard to read: "see new pet.". "Rec Dirt be placed subject to app of Supt Streets". Document No. 31887.

27. Petition dated June 28, 1910 by K. O. Sessions for permission to grade, by private contract, Hooker Street from Lewis to Broadway Streets in the Arnold & Choates Addition near Mission Hills, San Diego (Blocks 39 & 40, 300' each.) Recommended by Committee of the Whole on July 6, 1910; Petition granted by Council on July 7, 1910. Two pages, including backside.

28. June 28, 1910 K. O. Sessions property owners' Petition "For permission to grade by private contract Plumosa Way from Randolph St its eastern end to the western northern end - which is in line with the north line of Hunter St - a distance of two blocks. Its width is 25 ft & there are no sidewalks planned for this Street.

K. O. Sessions Lots N 1/2 2 (smudged) Blk 1 N.F. Hts - 100

John H. Ferry Lot 3 Blk 1 " " 100 George W. Marston Lot 10 Blk 1 " " 100

Ralph M. Ward Lot N 1/2 11 Blk 1 " " Rebecca F. Doyle Lots 10, 11 & 12 Blk 2 "

John Dement per K. O. Sessions- Lots 1 & 2 Blk 2

100 " approximately 225"

One page, both sides. Referred to Committee of the Whole By Council Jul 25, 1910. Petition granted by Council Aug 1, 1910. Document No. 35817, filed Jul 22, 1910.

29. June 28, 1910 K. O. Sessions Petition "For permission fo grade Calhoun St by private contract from Lewis to Stockton a distance of two blocks.

K. O. Sessions West side of St. - Blk 6 North Fl Hts " "3""

East“ “4 “ “ “

One page, both sides. Recommended by Committee of the Whole July 6, 1910. Petition granted by Council Jul 7, 1910. “see new ____pet.”.
Document No. 35474.

30. October 15, 1910 K. O. Sessions Petition “ For permission to grade Broadway from the East line of Randolph to the West line of Hooker St - to the official grade by private contract - a total distance of 200 ft. This is the block that carries the storm water away from Randolph St which has just been graded & accepted & the last storm made the street a veritable dam - It is necessary that I be allowed to grade at once & will appreciate your immediate action.

200 ft - The north en of Block 40 Arnold & Choate Kate O. Sessions
200ft-“ south“ “21 “KateO.Sessions ”

One page, both sides. Referred to Committee of the Whole By Council Oct 24 1910; Petition granted by Council Oct 31, 1910. “Recommend granting of petition Dirt to placed subject to order of suit of streets. Frank A. Salmons.” Document No. 37371.

31. November 11, 1910, Kate O. Sessions petition with other property owners “For grading Stockton Street from the West line of Randolph Street to the East line of Stephens Street by private contract. The Petitioners represent the frontage on said Stockton Street from the West line of Randolph Street to the East line of Stephens Street. a distance of 400 ft

K. O. Sessions KOSessions Miss Alice Lee Mrs. F. Sandford J. H. Ferry

North Florence Has
Blk 3 200ft

“4 100” “4 100

“2 200 ‘1 200?

Two pages, including cover. Referred of the Whole By Council Nov 14, 1910, “Re by Com - Dirt to be placed under disposition of street Supt.; Granted Nov 22, 1910. “Petition of Property Owners for Grading Stockton Street Randolph to Stevens at Private Contract”. Document No. 27890.

32. December 9, 1910 recorded Kate Sessions petition “That she be granted permission to grade by private contract Broadway street, between the west line of Hooker street and the center line of Blocks 22 and 39, Arnold & Choate’s Addition. Kate Sessions {signed by someone else}.”

One page, both sides. Referred to Committee of the Whole By Council Dec 12 1910, “Recommend granting petition, Frank A. Salmons” Document No. 38363.

33. Petition dated January 26, 1911 by Kate Sessions requesting 60 more days to grade Hooker Street between the north line of Lewis street and the south line of Broadway by private contract, because of delays in establishing said grade and the wait for the grading of Broadway Street. Petition granted January 30, 1911. Two pages, including backside.

34. June 13, 1911 Kate Sessions Petition via phone “For permission to grade a portion of Hooker street about 100 feet north of Broadway street to the ditch of a deep canyon, by private contract. Said street is all bounded by property belonging to the petitioner. I desire to grade said

portion to suit myself as I desire to lay the same out into parking and plant it with Cocos Plumosa trees, etc. , and your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Kate Sessions. Per request by phone.”

Two pages, each with both sides. Includes hand drawn park plan and both sides of petition. “Petition of Kate Sessions for Private Grading Portion of Hooker Street” {now Lark}. “Subject to orders to remove trees from st. 6 mos. Atty. fudge.” Petition granted by Council Jun 14, 1911. Document No. 42651. Kate Sessions’ own sketch of planting and park plan on her property: “Plan for parking 120 ft of Hooker St north of Broadway & planting about 40 cocos plumosa palms to form a group & palm Park.” Property lines marked between Arnold & Choate Addition Blocks 21 and 22 on either side of distinctive park driveway loop which is still there today. Hooker now Lark; Broadway now Montecito Way. Shows seat at head of palm park and 6 ft wide pathway with what appears to be entrance steps that surrounds it. Shows small circles where palms will be planted. Hooker and Broadway Streets depicted. Broadway noted as 50 feet wide and all graded. “On north side of Broadway sidewalks are 20 ft wide with dbl row of Cocos plumosa.” Also show south side Hooker (now Lark) 20 ft sidewalk with placement of double row of palms in park area (“parking” , not vehicles). Sketch is on backside of Kate O. Sessions business stationary with green print “ MISS

K. O. SESSIONS Both } Garden

Telephones } Residence

SAN DIEGO NURSERY ESTABLISHED 1885 1428 WEST LEWIS ST.
MISSION HILLS CARS

NO. 3 AND NO. 5

San Diego, Cal., _____ 191_____ “

35. May 1, 1912 K. O. Sessions’ petition “for permission to grade by private contract all of Calhoun St from the North line of Lewis Street to the South line of Stockton Street - a distance of two blocks - and one Cross Street (Broadway) - Total distance 650 ft.”:

North Florence Has. Add. K.O.SessionsBlks,6,3&4- 900ft

Mary Bleifuss Blk 5

Broadway (W. Montecito} - Frontage on both sides

Total frontage

300 ft 1200 100

1300

Part to be graded length of the St 650 ft - We wish to grade the Street so that the sidewalk will be 10ft wide- & a central parking of 8 ft. shall run through the center. Cocos plumosa palms will be planted at once on the sidewalk parking & Erythea Edulis, the Guadalupe Fan palm, in the central parking - This will allow a roadway of 16 ft on either side of the neutral parking. This plan of making this street the most beautiful has benn recommended by John Nolen of Boston & W Templeton Johnson of New York - both men of authority in City road planning-“ Sketch by K. O. Sessions showing Calhoun St with 60 ft width broken into 10’, 16’, 8’, 16’ 10’ sections and Broadway as a cross street.

Title on back. See cover letter above.

36. May 3, 1912 Communication from City Engineer “ Reporting on petition P/O grade Calhoun st. at private contract”; “Hon. Common Council, San Diego, Cal.

Gentlemen:

In the matter of the petition of property owners for the grading of Calhoun Street between the north line of Lewis Street and the south line of Stockton Street by private contract, I beg to report that I see no objection to granting the petition.

Very truly,
signed W. M. Rumsey, City Engineer”

Referred to Committee of the Whole by Council May 6, 1912, Received by Attorney May 15, 1912.

37. Grant Deed by Kate O. Sessions and Dorothea Sandford to the City of San Diego , certain property on Stockton and Stephens Streets in Mission Hills, San Diego, for street purposes only, as a part of Stephens Street, and for \$1 consideration. Witnessed June 19, 1912; filed July 22, 1912 and recorded July 23, 1912. Three pages, including witness statements.

38. July 6, 1912 petition by K. O. Sessions and Dorothea Sanford “To establish the grade on Stephens St. north of Stockton St. in North Florence Has. addition. This part of Stephens St has been graded & just deeded to the city for street purposes by Dorthea Sanford & K. O. Sessions & it is the wish of those 2 grantors to have the street grade established in

conformity with the present grade & to have the city also accept the street as officially graded, provided of course the city engineer considers it satisfactory -

(signed) K. O. Sessions

Dorothea Sanford per K. O. Sessions

are the sole owners of all the land

abutting upon said street, a total

frontage of about 350 ft. more or less.”

Document No. 52653, Petition of “P/O For Establish Grade of Stephens Street North of Stockton Street.” Referred to City Engineer July 8, 1912. Petition granted by Council February 24, 1913. Two pages, including cover.

39. Communication from City Attorney dated July 20, 1912 by Deputy City Attorney, M. R. Thorp for W. R. Andrews, City Attorney, regarding the deed of Kate O. Sessions and Dorothea Sanford to the City of San Diego. conveying a right of way to certain property as an extension of Stephens Street in Mission Hills. Mr. Thorp states that all aspects of the grant deed have been properly executed and therefore recommends acceptance by ordinance accompanying his letter (missing). Presented to

Common Council and ordered filed July 22, 1912. Two pages, included cover sheet.

40. 1913 Sketched map of K. O. Sessions and F. S. Sessions properties in Mission Hills neighborhood. Montecito Way, Hooker, Stephens, Ingalls and Ft. Stockton Streets in San Diego's Mission Hills neighborhood. Submitted to City in a property owners' petition to narrow Ingalls Street and create a grade

41. November 19, 1913, Record of the Common Council, page 148: "A majority of the members of the Council approve the bond of Kate O. Sessions to the Common Council of the City of San Diego."

42. January 28, 1914 petition of K. O. Sessions requesting permission from the City to "color all cement sidewalks & curbs with Venetian red in order to harmonize in color with the many brick walks & retaining walls being constructed about the residences - on all streets north of Lewis & on the northside of Lewis St. from the Westside of Ingalls St. to the Westside of Stephens ST. The city engineer has told me that this color is not detrimental to the quality of the cement.

K. O. Sessions."

Two pages, including back cover. Document No. 72644 filed Jan. 28, 1914. Petition granted by Council on Jan. 28, 1914.

43. March 4, 1914 Kate O. Sessions letter to City Council, City Hall, San Diego, Cal., protesting changing name of Stockton St. to Rigdon St.:

“Gentlemen:

I understand that a suggestion has been made of changing the name of Stockton Street to “Rigdon” St. I cannot but feel that it is an unwise policy to name our streets after local people.

Since so many of the streets in Mission Hills have Spanish names, I would like to present a petition to you in the near future, signed by the residents of the street, for a Spanish name. I am unable to do this for about ten days, but will ask you to please withhold action on the name of this street until I can present the petition.

I will greatly appreciate this favor. Respectfully yours,

K. O. Sessions (signed by JB)

On Kate O. Sessions Gardens and Residence, Hillcrest; and San Diego Nursery established 1899, 1428 West Lewis St., Mission Hills Cars, No. 3 and No. 5. Two pages with cover, Doc. No. 73939, filed Mar 5, 1914, Presented to Common Council and ordered filed Sep 23, 1914.

44. December 16, 1914, property owners petition “To Permit us to grade by private contract, Stevens Street from the intersection of Lewis Street to the intersection of Stockton Street, Also to grade Montecito Way from the intersection of Stevens Street to the intersection of Hermosa Way, Mission Hills.

Name, Lot, Block, M. E. Kelly by Charles Gunn 1-2-3-4 13

J. L. Kelly— 9&10 Villa lot 52

R. J. Kelly 3, 4, 5, 6 Villa lot 51

K. O. Sessions West 1/2 Blk 6 “ 1/2 “ 3 Elizabeth A. Gunn Blk 13

F. Jane Pritchard 5, 6

13

4

North Florence Hts. Add 600ft -

Lots 7 and 8 Blk. 13”

Two pages, including cover. Approved by City Engineer Dec. 21, 1914,
Granted by Council same; Document No. 83933.

45. April 24, 1915 Petition signed by K. O. Sessions “to change the name of Calhoun Street, which is only four blocks long, in North Florence Heights Addition, to Palmetto Way. This street has been expensively planted with palms, two blocks already complete and the third will be continued, and therefore this seems a more appropriate name for this short residence street.”

Two pages with cover, multiple signatures. Lists K. O. Sessions as owner of “600 frontage, N. F. Hts. Blocks 6 & 4.” Filed Jun 3, 1915, Doc. No. 90075, Petition granted by Council Jun 21 1915. “Recommend This Petition Be granted June 4, 1915, F. M. Lockwood, Manager of Operations.” Ordinance 6245 referenced.

46. March 3, 1916 letter from Duncan MacKinnon, Superintendent, City Schools, to the Common Council, City of San Diego:

“Gentlemen:

At the request of Miss Kate Sessions, Supervisor of Horticulture and Agriculture in the San Diego city schools, I hereby make request to your honorable body to have our former order for trees and plants from the city farm enlarged to include 25 Monterey Cypress trees.

If this is agreeable to the Council, the Board of Education will send truck to get the trees in the near future.

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DM.PM”

Thanking you in advance for consideration in the matter, I

Sincerely yours, Signed

Duncan MacKinnon

Two pages with cover, Document No. 97658, filed March 6, 1916, Petition granted by Council on same

47. March 7, 1916 letter from Duncan MacKinnon, Superintendent, City Schools, to the Common Council, City of San Diego:

“Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a copy of Resolution No. 21180 passed by the City Council on March 6th, in which you grant our request for Monterey Cypress trees from the municipal farm.”

Two pages with cover, Document No. 97738, filed March 8, 1916, Presented to Common Council and ordered Filed on same.

48. April 17, 1916 Petition signed twice by K. O. Sessions “To change the name of West Stockton street to Arbor Way. Our reason for requesting the

change is the constant confusion existing by reason of the similarity of the name West Stockton street to Stockton Avenue in East San Diego, and Ft. Stockton Drive, 3 blocks south.” K. O. Sessions listed as at “20 1/2 {or W 1/2} Blk 22 - Arnold & Choate 100” frontage; and 20 1/2 Blk 19 - Arnold & Choate 100” frontage; as well as North Florence Heights Blk 4, 100 and Blk 3, 100 frontage.

Two pages including cover, Doc. No. 99812, filed May 12, 1916, Referred to Operating Department By Council May 15, 1916, Presented to Council and ordered Filed Jun 12, 1916.

49. June 12, 1916 letter from Duncan MacKinnon, Superintendent of City Schools, Department of Education, San Diego, California, to Common Council, City of San Diego:

“Upon the suggestion of Miss Kate O. Sessions, Superviosr of Agriculture and Horticulture in the San Diego School Department, The Board of Education hereby petitions the City Council for the following plants for use in the school gardens and which are obtainable from the municipal farm:

50 pelargoniums in 3 in. potes - 2 varieties. 50 Zonal geraniums in 3 in. pots - 1 variety. 50 Acacia Verticellata in 5 and 6 in. pots.

The Board of Education further requests the loan of 2000 flier pots from three to six inches in diameter which are not in use at the present time at the municipal farm.

Sincerely yours, signed

Duncan MacKinnon”

Two pages, with cover. Document No. 100578, filed Jun 13, 1916,
“Petition fo Board of Education for Plants from the Municipal Farm.”
Referred to Operating Department By Council Jun 14 1916; Petition
granted by Council Jun 19 1916; F. M. Lockwood, Manager of Operations,
recommended that petition be granted on Jun 19, 1916.

50. May 16, 1917 Letter to T. B. Cosgrove, Esq., City Attorney from the
Cemetery Commission, Robert Halley, Clerk, under instruction of
Secretary Miss Kate O. Sessions re City care of plots as per request of plot
owners at Mount Hope Cemetery, asking whether legally plausible.

51. July 5, 1918 petition “We the undersigned property owners ask
permission to grade W. Montecito Way from the west line of Randolph St.
to the east line of Stephens St. , a distance of two blocks or 499 ft. private
contract: ft lot Frances J. Hruska 100 6 100 1 A. Schreiber 100 7

bulk Add

3 N Fl Hts 6 ““

4 ““

K. O. Sessions 100 12 6 N F Hts 1007 3 ““

Mary C. Bleifuss 100 1 5 100 12 5

Lida Scripps is the last, 100 6 Petition has been sent to her to sign

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Two pages, including cover. Referred to Operating Department by
Council July 22, 1918; “out of 800’ frontage, 700’ signed for. No
objections.” Document No. 116807.

52. Communication dated August 5, 1919 to City Council of the City of San Diego from Frank Sessions (Kate O. Sessions' brother), Acting Superintendent of the City Farm (also known as the Pueblo Farm north of La Jolla) requesting an exchange for \$50 of the farm's second hand flower pots, which are not in use, for fruit trees to be delivered this winter by K. O. Sessions. Post script identifies 1,000 6", 2,000 5", 1,000 4" and 750 3" pots. Filed August 6, 1919. Referred by Council to Councilman Wentzel on August 6, 1919; Presented to Common Council and ordered filed September 10, 1919. Two pages, including cover sheet.

53. A July 30, 1920 handwritten letter on business stationary of Kate O. Sessions to the City Council sending two deeds for small parcels of land in her tract of land at Pacific Beach Soledad Terrace- Lot 29 to be made into a roadway and Lots 3&4 into a small park (underlined) which she will in the near future "take pleasure and pride in planting - & it commands a beautiful view -" Signed K. O. Sessions. Stationary heading reads: Nursery of, Miss K. O. Sessions, 1628 West Lewis St., Mission Hills Car No. 3, Phones, Residence

Hillcrest 359 J, Gardens, Hillcrest 169 W, San Diego, Cal.

Three pages, including cover sheet indicating Document No. 129929, Communication from K O Sessions Submit deeds to land in Soledad Terrace for Park; and additional pink note (see below). Referred to

Operating Department by Council Aug. 9 1920; referred to City Attorney Aug 2 - 1920; presented to Common Council and ordered filed Feb 20 1922.

54. Additional pink note: "See Document #129931 filed 8-2-1920 with City Clerk. Grant Deed from Kate O. Sessions for Lots 3 and 4, Soledad Terrace for use as a public park."

55. August 5, 1920, F. M. McCleneghan, Deputy City Attorney, letter to Council submitting two forms of resolutions accepting two grant deeds executed by Kate O. Sessions for certain land in Soledad Terrace. Two pages including cover. Document No. 130267 filed

August 7, 1920; presented to and ordered filed by Council on August 16, 1920.

56. August 16, 1920, Mr. Rhodes, Manager of Operation, Operating Department, City of San Diego Bureau of Engineering and Streets communication to Common Council returning a communication from Kate O. Sessions pertaining to the deeding by Miss Sessions of certain property in Soledad Terrace. Concerns two deeds for two separate purposes; one for street purposes, one for park purposes. Attached plot map of Soledad Terrace and surrounding Pacific Beach lot map identifying subject lots. Three pages including cover. Document No.

130484 1/2, "Re Offer of Kate O. Sessions deed land to City," presented to Council and ordered filed on August 16, 1920.

57. Resolution No. 27348 dated February 20, 1922, Accepting Grant Deed to Certain Property, Executed by Kate O. Sessions:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

That the grant deed executed by Kate O. Sessions on the 30th day of July, 1920, granting to the City of San Diego, in the County of San Diego, State of California, that certain real property described as follows, to wit:

Lots three (3) and four (4), Soledad Terrace, according to the map thereof No. 1618 filed in the office of the County Recorder of the County of San Diego, State of California, December 23, 1913, be and the same is hereby accepted; and the said grant deed accepted and said above described property accepted and dedicated for use as a public park in The City of San Diego.

That the City Clerk of The City of San Diego be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file said grant deed of record in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, California

Presented by _____ Dictated by F. McSleneghan

Passed and adopted by said Common Council of said City of San Diego, California, this 20th day of February 1922, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES—Councilmen Bruschi, Heilbron and Held, NOES —Councilman Weitzel ABSENT—Councilman Stewart

(signed) John L. Bacon

President of the Common Council of the City of San Diego, California

(certified and stamped by City Clerk by Y. A. Jacques, Deputy)

Three pages, including cover. Filed Aug 7 — 1920. Document No. 430269. Res. No. 27348, Accept deed from Kate O. Sessions for public park. Adopted by Common Council Feb 20 1922, Book 38 Page 68. “Weitzel ‘no.’”

58. March 27, 1924, Petition of Peter J. Doyle of 1280 Pennsylvania Ave. for Permit to Cut Down Tree (“ucoliptus tree”) on property at 3704 Richmond Street. Referred to Operating Department by Common Council, City of San Diego, on March 31, 1924. “Refered {sic} to Miss Kate Sessions,” handwritten in pencil. Two pages, including cover.

59. August 17, 1928, Communication from Ernst Roepke, a grower in Pacific Beach, regarding increase in water rates and the local flower trade. “Even our pioneer nursery woman Miss Kate Sessions tried about raising

flowers on a large scale but had to give it up on account of the high water rates — as well as several bulb growers here in Pacific Beach.” Presented to Council and ordered filed September 4, 1928. One page, front and back.

60. November 16, 1929 “Petition of Kate O. Sessions for Permit to Const. Sewer in Los Altos Road at Private Contract.” “Permission to install a sewer by private contract in a portion of Los Altos Road and the east side of Division line between Lots 16 and 17, and through a portion of Lot 1, all in Soledad Terrace, to connect with the Pacific Beach Sewer in Commonwealth Avenue.

Name Property Owned:

Lot: Block: Addition:

Kate O. Sessions {signed}
owner - all property affected.”

Notations “\$40.00 Deposit” “OK 11/16/29 R. M. S.”

One page, both sides. Petition filed on November 16, 1929; Granted by Council Nov 18, 1929. Document No. 250818, File No. 10.

61. July 11, 1932, letter from K. O. Sessions on Pacific Beach Miss K. O. Sessions Nursery, Established 1885, stationary (2590 Grand Ave.. Gardens Planned and Planted): “To the Mayor and Honorable City Council- Gentlemen:- I have learned that you are considering the reduction of water rates for large consumers and particularly for the nursery & flower growers business. It is a very wise thing to do. I consider this nursery business is one of the very best business to

encourage for it is possible for San Diego City & her County to become the horticultural Emporium of the U. S. and an asset that no other locality in this state can equal. San Diego City is the home port for the industry. A reduction of rates on water will make us happy to use more water and grow more stock that will help decidedly to restrain the great influx of nursery stock from our Northern neighbors who have water rates of only 6 cents per 1000. I wish I were able to be present and plead for the cause- I am very Respectfully Kate O. Sessions” (signed). One page, Doc. No. 277075, filed July 11, 1932; also “Presented to Council and ordered filed July 18, 1932.”

62. Photograph circa 1935 of Kate O. Sessions near Ocotillos in one of Balboa Park’s Cactus Gardens

63. Photograph circa 1935 of Kate O. Sessions touching the most mature, now gone, Saguaro (*Carnegiea gigantea*) in one of Balboa Park’s Cactus Gardens

64. Petition signed by Kate O. Sessions of 22 Soledad Terrace dated October 15, 1937 supporting a San Diego city ordinance requiring the City Planning Commission to approve the exterior design for all new buildings to be located on property within the boundaries of the attached Map of Pacific Beach and Vicinity (including Bird Rock) to be placed under Architectural Control. Two pages, including map.

65. Second Petition signed by K. O. Sessions of Soledad Terrace dated October 15, 1937 supporting a San Diego city ordinance requiring the City Planning Commission to approve the exterior design for all new buildings to be located on property within the boundaries of the Pacific Beach neighborhood map. Signed between October 21-28, 1937. Attached map of City Planning

Commission map showing the area of Pacific Beach and Vicinity (incl. Bird Rock) to be placed under architectural control. Two pages, including map.

66. Clipping from San Diego Union article, "Tributes Voiced for Kate Sessions; S.D. Leaders Named Pallbearers," dated Tuesday, March 26, 1940, featuring the last photograph made of San Diego famed horticulturist, Kate Sessions. Miss Sessions, age 83, died in her sleep on Sunday, March 24, 1940, at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla. She had been confined to the hospital since she fractured her hip in September from a fall in her garden at her Pacific Beach home. Several lifelong friends, San Diego leaders, and associates were named as honorary pallbearers, including George Marston, Julius Wangenheim, M.C. Pfefferkorn, Fred Rhodes, Matt Heller, Senator Ed Fletcher and Hugh Evans. Rites to be held at Bradley- Woolman chapel Thursday, March 28, 1940; cremation to follow. Two pages.

67. Resolution No. 71104, City of San Diego honoring the memory of the late Kate Sessions who “contributed most in establishing the horticultural beauty of our city.” Passed and adopted April 2, 1940.

68. Letter dated April 4, 1940 to Mr. Milton P. Sessions from Fred W. Sick, City Clerk of the City of San Diego forwarding pursuant to the City Council’s request Resolution No. 71104, adopted April 2, 1940, honoring the memory of Miss Kate O. Sessions, his aunt. Letter does not contain copies of Resolution 71104. One page.

69. January 11, 1957 letter to the San Diego City Council from Jean U. Kenneally, President of the San Diego Floral Association:

“We wish to inform you that the San Diego Floral Association has unanimously endorsed the proposed development of a city park presently known as ‘Soledad Terrace.’ The Association also wishes to request that the name of this proposed park be changed from ‘Soledad Terrace’ to ‘Kate Sessions Park.’

Miss Kate Sessions was a devoted member of our Floral Association during her lifetime, and was world famous as a horticulturist. Her work in introducing plant material and fostering landscaping and gardening in San Diego has brought great beauty to our city. It is especially fitting that

a park in the Pacific Beach-La Jolla area should be named for her, since that was her home and the site of her nursery.

We respectfully urge your favorable consideration,

Very truly yours,

Jean U. Kenneally, President

Mrs. Joseph J. Kenneally 2260 Catalina Boulevard San Diego 7,
California”