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Title
SOUTHWEST MUSEUM

Subject
Special 1 Motion - The Southwest Museum, currently located in Mount Washington, has been negotiating under an agreement with the Pechanga Native American Tribe for operation as a Native American historical and cultural museum. Recently, negotiations fell through with the Board of Trustees, which has created the opportunity for another project to replace the museum which would negatively impact the community. The community has requested the Council office to intercede and assist in maintaining the facility as an active museum. This museum serves a purpose and benefits the local community by showcasing the Southwest history and culture for the residents of Los Angeles. Therefore, the Council should act to ensure that this important cultural resource is not jeopardized. The City and MTA (Metropolitan Transportation Authority) have invested resources by creating a linkage between the Museum and the future of Gold Line. This would allow for accessibility for tourism. Without a museum there would be no destination for the Gold Line stop. THEREFORE MOVE that the Council determine, as provided in Section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code and pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter and that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's Council meeting. FURTHER MOVE that the City Council intercede and designate the representative from the 14th Council District, City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst and appropriate agencies to negotiate on behalf of the City with the Board of Trustees to ensure that the site is maintained as an integral and active museum showcasing the Native American culture. SEE ALSO COUNCIL FILE 03-0002-S32

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Mover
NICK PACHECO

Second
ED REYES

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