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The Southwest Museum: Please support CM Huizar/Reyes' position

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Re: 11-0884 Charter Section 245 Appeal and 11-0928 CEQA Appeal

Please enter the text of this email, which I sent this morning, (7:00am 6/21/11) to all City Council members and to each of their Chiefs of Staff. I am a resident of Los Angeles, and a registered voter.

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Dear Councilmembers,

Normally, I would take the time to write a separate email to each of you, as I have done in the past. But time is of the essence.

I am a supporter of Councilperson Eric Garcetti, but I think he got it wrong this time. The Autry Museum has shown it's hand in past meetings, and will not willingly live up to it's legal promise to reopen The Southwest Museum as a museum housing part of the original Lummis collection.

Councilperson Huizar found this out first hand when the Autry museum refused to put such a promise in writing.

If the City Council rejects the Huizar/Reyes position today, and allows the Autry Museum to lease the city land for the expansion, then the Autry will have both the collection and the land. It becomes much less certain that they will ever honor their initial promise, and the Southwest museum will be allowed to "die."

As it has been said many times, there are enough treasures for BOTH museums.

Please do not allow the Autry to move forward without getting a signed promised to honor its commitment to reopen the Southwest Museum as a real museum that displays part of the original collection.

Sincerely,

Steven Zirl
Mt. Washington"
