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City file #11-0884 charter section 245 Appeal and # 11-0928 CEQUA Appeal

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To: All Parties Concern

Re: Autry Grant Award from California State Parks and Related Los Angeles City Items –Council File #11-0884 Charter Section 245 Appeal and #11-0928 CEQUA Appeal

I urge the City Council to reject the Autry's attempt to circumvent their legal agreement to the people of the City. I urge the California State Parks to revoke the Autry's application on the grounds of misrepresentation to having legal authority to fulfill grant proposal.

The Autry is attempting to force the City's hand by dangling millions of taxpayer dollars as the carrot to overlook a long ongoing dispute between the Autry's acquisition and responsibility to the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe.

Because the Southwest Museum and the Casa de Adobe are located in the quiet rolling hills of the northeastern part of Los Angeles where the demographics are mostly working class Latinos, the Autry finds it okay to dismiss the complaints of this community. The Autry do not relate to our community. The Autry's actions over the last ten years prove this. The Autry only ever wanted the assets of the Southwest Museum – the largest collection of Native American artifacts and the two historic properties to bolster their 'cowboy' exhibits from bygone Hollywood' shows. This grant application proves that- wanting to use the funds to create exhibits that rightfully should be created both at the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe in Mount Washington and Highland Park. This area lends itself for a much richer experience having the Arroyo Seco, the Lummis Home and Heritage Square along with countless smaller galleries within one Gold Line stop either way.

I urge all responsible representatives who have a say in this dispute to research the facts if you do not know them. Do not be swayed by big ideas or big money, or the silvery tongues and clean pressed suits of a well- funded private non-profit over a diverse band of less polished community folks whose passionate love for the Southwest museum and Casa de Adobe...and all things that are local treasures keeps them tirelessly at the heels of the City Council and the Autry Board. I commend them all at the swmcoalition. They fight the good fight. And I hope you do too. Stop the Autry from making the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe obsolete.

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Please! Save the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe

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I am writing you to encourage council members and Los Angeles administrators that it is time to do the unexpected and unconventional and require the Autry to live up to its original commitment in its merger agreement with the Southwest Museum.

Councilmen Huizar and Reyes are right! This first museum of Los Angeles deserves protection. Why is it that Los Angeles, of all cities, spins unfounded ideas for re-development only to destroy its history in the process?

While money speaks, the citizens are NOT in favor of the Autry's plan to co-opt the Southwest Museum's priceless collection and take it from its historic location. In the end, it seems to me a question of urban discrimination. Is that the message the city wants to give? That the zip code 90065 does not deserve such a important museum?

Do the right thing! Require the Autry to live up to ALL the stipulations in the merger agreement. Don't just come off as arbitrary administrators, swayed more by dollars than the letter of the law.

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RE: Council Files 11-0884 Charter Section 245 Appeal & 11-0928 CEQA Appeal

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Museum Drive in Mt. Washington and an avid supporter of The Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition, I am concerned about the Autry Museum's planned expansion in Griffith Park. I am opposed to any action that would permanently shut the doors of the Southwest Museum, and I demand that this landmark museum be given the respect and budget it deserves, so that it may one day soon open again to enrich the lives of Los Angeles residents and visitors. In light of recent allegations that the Autry Museum's organization has been acting outside of the law in a repeatedly unreasonable opposition to the rehabilitation of the Southwest Museum, the upcoming hearings on this matter have taken on even more urgency.

Please include this letter in the Council Files for both **11-0884 Charter Section 245 Appeal** and **11-0928 CEQA Appeal**. I hope my letter and those of many other concerned citizens will be taken into account at the upcoming hearings on June 20th - City Hall before the Arts, Parks, Health, and Aging Committee to consider the Environmental Appeal (CEQA) by the Mount Washington Homeowners' Alliance and Charles Fisher; and June 21st - City Hall before the entire City Council to hear both the Council's jurisdiction (Section 245) and the CEQA Appeal.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The Southwest Museum is too important to lose.

Sincerely,

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Please hold the Autry to their promises!

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Councilmembers & staff, Parks folks,

The Southwest Museum, the city's first museum, and one of my favorites, has been SORELY missed. I have lived in the Northeast LA area for over 20 years, and was excited when the Gold Line station was built with a station at the Museum. And the Autry merger was a positive step (I thought). Then they began ignoring their own agreement.

Please do not approve the Autry's current behavior which endangers both the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe. I urge you to support Councilmembers Huizar and Reyes in preventing the Autry to renege on the agreement they made when they merged with (NOT absorbed) the Southwest.

Sincerely,

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