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11-0884 Charter Sect 245 appeal and 11-0928 CEQA appeal

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Members,

Please vote NO on the Autry's request for the \$6.6 million state grant to remodel storage space at the Griffith Park location in order to exhibit the collection of the Southwest Museum exclusively at Griffith Park.

This is just another audacious, illegal and shabby attempt by the Autry to renege on the terms of the original merger agreement with the Southwest Museum signed in 2003. The Autry has habitually behaved in a deceitful manner about its intentions regarding the sharing of the collections between the two sites, its financial capabilities and the restoration of the Southwest Museum building as a fully functioning museum. Although the Autry claims otherwise, its own studies show that the Southwest Museum can earn a substantial portion of its operating costs if rehabilitated and marketed appropriately. The State has been ill-informed if not deliberately misled by the Autry in its grant application. Any state funds that the Autry receives must include the revitalization of the Southwest Museum and the Casa de Adobe. Anything else is just plain theft.

Thank you,

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Dear Sir:

RE: 11-0884 ✓ Charter Section 245 Appeal
11-0928 CEQA Appeal

Please enter into the two council files cited above my previous communication dated May 24, 2011, addressed to Councilmembers Huizar and Reyes.

Thank you,



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May 24, 2011

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Re: 11-0884 Charter Sect. 245 Appeal
11-0928 CEQA Appeal

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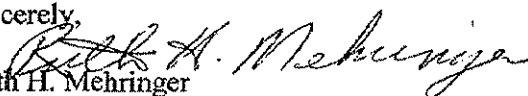
RE: I am urgently requesting that you place on the next City Council agenda an item to assume jurisdiction via Charter Section 245 to review and ultimately overturn the May 20, 2011, action of the Board of Recreation and Parks Commission that seeks to authorize replacement of exhibition spaces of the Southwest Museum in Griffith Park (Commission item# 11-129).

Once again I am stunned and deeply offended by both the audacity and the clandestine manner that the Autry, its lawyers, backers and friends have used in this latest attack to takeover the collection of the Mt. Washington Southwest Museum. As council members who represent the districts where the assets of the Southwest Museum reside, it is your responsibility to stop this attempt. You must work with Council President Garcetti to agendize an item that assumes jurisdiction over the Recreation and Parks Commission's decision. The City Attorney determined in 2009 that Mr. Sanders, President of the Recreation and Parks Commission and therefore the entire Recreation and Parks Commission was disqualified under Government Code Section 1090 from participating in any action or decision concerning Autry's request for permits.

Their action is not only illegal but sneaky. It was taken at a special meeting with no notice to any community groups or individuals long involved with and concerned about the future of the collection and the physical museum on Mt. Washington. Any changes in the Griffith Park facility must take place in an open and lawful process with ample notification to the public.

I urge you to act on behalf of the citizens of Los Angeles and particularly those of us in the most affected districts to halt the May 20th outrageous action of the Recreation and Parks Commission. Please add my name and address to the list of persons to be notified of the action taken on this issue.

Sincerely,


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