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## Stop Autry from Moving the Southwest Museum to Griffith Park

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Mon, Jun 20, 2011 at 7:49 AM

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Please reject the approval by the Recreation and Parks Commission on May 20th because the decision was based upon faulty and incomplete information. There is time to get this right. Please do. Thank you.

Patricia Baars, Resident Owner at 442 Crane Blvd., Los Angeles

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## Letter to Include in Council Files: 11-0884 Charter Section 245 Appeal and 11-0928 CEQA Appeal

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Mon, Jun 20, 2011 at 9:10 PM

To the Office of the City Clerk  
Attention: Richard Williams

Dear Sir,

I am a third generation Los Angeles resident and have been associated with the Southwest Museum for the past 25yrs as a member, volunteer and docent. Before that I toured the museum as a child through a program run by LAUSD for Elementary schools. I am writing to ask you to include the e-mail below, sent previously to the City Council, in both the following Council Files:

11-0884 Charter Section 245 Appeal  
11-0928 CEQA Appeal

Thank you for your time and attention in this most important matter regarding the cultural heritage of the city of Los Angeles.

Michael Wyman  
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Dear Councilmember,

In regards to the appeal to the City of Los Angeles City Council, CASE NO. 11-0129 Recreation and Parks Commission 5/20/11 RELATED FILES: Council File 11-0884 Assert Jurisdiction of 5/20/11 Decision I am asking the Arts and Parks Committee to direct the City to conduct a proper Environmental Review (CEQA) and properly disclose the entire project that Autry proposes. This process would disclose all the potential impacts of the Griffith Park project, including the impacts on the Southwest Museum.

I have copied below the portion of the appeal that directly applies to my request. The seeming purpose of the proposed project is to move the existing museum use from the Southwest Museum (SWM) to Griffith Park (GP). This is counter to what the Autry promised and legally agreed to when they merged with the SWM. Further in a L.A. Times article published on 6/1/2011 Daniel Finley, the President of the Autry, was stated as saying the Autry continues to have discussions with potential partners as well as with potential new owners. I would like to thank the Committee for their time and attention in this matter.

"Additionally, even though Recreation and Parks staff sat through an explanation of how the replication of Southwest Museum exhibits in the Griffith Park facility would violate the a protective provision of the Southwest Museum in the City's General Plan, there has been no acknowledgement of the potential impact in the revised project which clearly is intended to rendering the historic Southwest Museum building redundant - enabling the Autry to sell it or give it away to breach its merger fiduciary duties to the Southwest Museum.

Because there is substantial evidence in the record that the Notice of

Exemption was obtained by fraud or error by representatives of the Autry Museum, the case of Smith v. County of Santa Barbara (1992) 7 CalApp.4th770, 773, the Notice of Exemption, obtained through such misrepresentation or error is null and void and no valid building permits may issue from such faulty, incomplete environmental review.

Additionally, in accordance with CEQA, because the Recreation and Parks staff had no authority to approve this project under the terms of the Autry/City lease agreement, no project approval could have occurred until the Board acted on May 20,2011. (and which is WHY the Board acted). Accordingly, the filing of the Notice of Exemption in June 2010, obtained in fraud or substantial misrepresentation, could not and did not run the statute of limitation under CEQA.

Additionally, there is substantial evidence in the record that a fair argument could be made that the actual full project contemplated by the Autry Museum will have one or more significant impacts on Land Use, Cultural Resources, Traffic, Parking and Safety such that an environmental impact report or mitigated negative declaration are the only legally sufficient environmental clearance documents for the revised Autry expansion project.

#### CONCLUSION and REQUESTED REMEDY

For these reasons, the City Council should declare the Notice of Exemption null and void, overturn the Recreation and Parks Commission May 20, 2011 project approval for a piecemeal part of the overall actual project, and remand the matter to the Recreation and Parks Commission to prepare an initial study and determine the appropriate and lawful level of environmental review."

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