

April 28, 2008

Mr. Ken Bernstein
Manager – Office of Historic Resources
Department of Planning
200 N. Spring St. Suite 620
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Griffith Jenkins Griffith Trust to urge you to support the application for historical cultural monument status for Griffith Park. We believe that this should be done so that the residents of Los Angeles may enjoy the park in perpetuity. As you may already know, there is a proposed master plan which promotes further development of Griffith Park and in my opinion would turn it into another Disneyland. We don't believe the park needs aerial trams, hotels, restaurants and the like. The public response to the master plan and/or any development in the park was 98% negative.

My great-grandfather donated the park to the city of Los Angeles for the benefit of the people. As members of the trust, we feel the park should remain the way it was originally intended, an oasis in the midst of urban sprawl and a refuge for those who don't have access to nature or even a backyard. It also gives people the opportunity to see Los Angeles as it once was, perhaps even as the Native Americans viewed it.

We also feel Jones & Stoker has done an excellent job documenting the parks historical and ecological significance. We hope you will give this proposal serious consideration.

Yours truly,



Griffith Van Griffith