



GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
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CERTIFIED COUNCIL #36

October 1, 2010

Honorable Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles City Council Members  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Room 475  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

On September 22, 2010, The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) voted by consensus to support the recommendations of the Department of Cultural Affairs as presented to the Arts, Parks & Health Committee on September 21<sup>st</sup>. In particular, the GGPNC supports that the issuance of a Request For Proposals (RFP) for arts programming at the facilities of Barnsdall Art Park remain under that Department's jurisdiction.

Further, as the RFP moves through each of the required phases, up to and including the choosing of an operational partner, it is imperative that the process remains transparent and includes as much public input as possible.

Barnsdall Art Park has been the center of the cultural life of our community for over 75 years. It is critical that the city adhere to the wishes Aline Barnsdall, who stipulated in her donation that it be used for affordable arts classes and activities for the citizens of Los Angeles.

The GGPNC recognizes that Los Angeles' serious financial concerns have resulted in budget cuts that will downsize the Department of Cultural Arts. However, as the city works through this crisis, it is important to consider the cost the community will pay from reductions in funding made to this important institution. The citizens of Los Angeles will live with the ramifications of these cuts for years and they deserve to have their voices heard and their best interests considered.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Ostrow, President Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council

Cc: Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa  
Jessica Kornberg, Secretary  
GGPNC Board Members