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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,

The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council, in an ongoing effort to reflect the voice of our community, strongly urges a comprehensive operating cost for Barnsdall Park and its facilities be provided **before** the issuance of any Request for Proposals seeking operating partners.

We realize this includes information from three different City departments—Cultural Affairs, Recreation and Parks and General Services. The cost of operating the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, the Barnsdall Gallery Theatre and the Barnsdall Art Centers facilities is a primary requirement in order to evaluate any proposal that might be forthcoming.

The GGPNC also asserts that having real and comprehensive operational costs is essential for community groups to seek potential long or short term donors in order to sustain current and future programming.

We support all efforts to maintain Barnsdall Art Park as an historic, vibrant, and iconic arts and cultural destination. We look forward to information on these costs being made available in order to evaluate the actual cost of these facilities to the City of Los Angeles versus their benefit to our stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Ron Ostrow, President Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council

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