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Council File No.

June 4, 2012

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 11-1060,
at its meeting held June 1, 2012.

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your **ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AND AGING COMMITTEE**

reports as follows:

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AND AGING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the establishment and convening of a working group to engage in formal discussions with the Autry National Center of the American West and other parties in regard to the Autry Center at Griffith Park and the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe site at Mt. Washington.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Huizar - Reyes - LaBonge):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), City Administrative Officer (CAO), Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), and Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) in cooperation with the Los Angeles Historical Society and the Los Angeles County National History Museum, to open discussions with the community and all stakeholders of the Autry Western Heritage Museum, the Southwest Museum and the adjacent Casa de Adobe with the objective of arriving at agreed upon goals for each of the respective museums; and with said goals to include, but not limited to, renovations, expansions and exhibitions at the aforementioned museums.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer or the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On April 17, 2012 your Committee considered a Motion (Huizar - Reyes - LaBonge) relative to the establishment and convening of a working group to engage in formal discussions with the Autry National Center of the American West and other parties in regard to the Autry Center at Griffith Park and the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe site at Mt. Washington. According to the Motion, on January 23, 1987, the City approved a 50 year ground lease agreement with the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum (now known as the Autry National Center of the American West) for approximately 12.75 acres of land located in the northeast portion of Griffith Park (Council File Nos. 86-1810 and 98-0366).

Subsequently, the Museum of the American West was formed in 2003 by the merger of the Autry Museum of Western Heritage (at Griffith Park) with the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe (at Mt. Washington) of the American Indian and the Women of the West Museum. The Museum is operated by the Autry National Center (Autry) on land leased by the Autry from the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The merger in 2003 allowed the Autry Center to have over 500,000 pieces of Native American art and artifacts, making it the largest and most significant collection in the United States.

On June 3, 2011, a Special Meeting of the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging (APHA) Committee held a public hearing concerning proposed renovations of exhibit space in the galleria, and outdoor area and restrooms at the Autry (Council File No. 11-0884). At this meeting, the Committee considered public comment concerning the development of the Autry Museum. In addition, around the same time, an appeal was filed with City Council over the proposed exhibit project's environmental impacts and review processes. Subsequently,

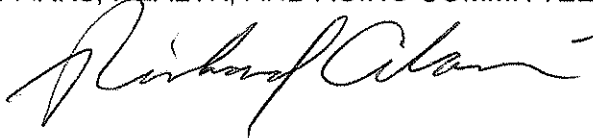
At an additional meeting of the APHA on June 20, 2011, testimony was heard regarding the Commission's action and the Committee also considered the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) appeal filed by Daniel Wright on behalf of the Mount Washington Homeowners Alliance, and Highland Park resident Charles Fisher. The Committee voted to uphold the Commission action and also to deny the appeal. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to continue this matter.

Subsequently, on May 15, 2012, this matter was further considered. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend instructing the CLA, CAO, RAP, and DCA, in cooperation with the Los Angeles Historical Society and the Los Angeles County National History Museum, to open discussions with the community and all stakeholders of the Autry Western Heritage Museum, the Southwest Museum and the adjacent Casa de Adobe with the objective of arriving at agreed upon goals for each of the respective museums; and with said goals to include, but not limited to, renovations, expansions and exhibitions at the aforementioned museums.

This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AND AGING COMMITTEE



MAY 25 2012 Continued to June 1, 2012

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| ALARCON: | YES |
| LABONGE: | YES |
| REYES: | YES |

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As Amended
JUN 01 2012
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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND the following recommendations of the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging (APHA) Committee report (Item #1, Council file 11-1060) relative to the establishment and convening of a working group to engage in formal discussions with the Autry National Center of the American West and other parties in regard to the Autry Center at Griffith Park and the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe site at Mt. Washington, to include the following:

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer to report to the APHA and Budget and Finance Committees within 60 days on the progress of the working group discussions regarding the Autry Center and the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe.

PRESENTED BY _____

ED P. REYES
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY _____

TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

June 1, 2012

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ADOPTED

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