

City of Los Angeles
Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee
City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

PUBLIC COMMENT - Council File #14-0589-Performing Arts Center

POSITION: FOR THE APPEAL

Dear Chairman O'Farrell and Honorable Committee Members,

As a long-time user of Griffith Park, I am in favor of the use of its various spaces as they exist. The park is better utilized as a passive recreation opportunity. There is already enough development in various parts of the park. In my opinion, the park was left to the city by Col. Griffith to provide an "escape" for its citizens from the hectic pace of urban life and to keep it as close to its natural state as possible.

First of all, no EIR was ever completed for this project. Prior to a final approval, I believe a full EIR would be needed. The MND is insufficient as it doesn't address many of the community concerns. Second, this area is designated as a historical site within a wilderness area of the park. Again, this is a significant wildlife habitat and should remain thus. Any construction would also interfere with the well-being of the wildlife.

Currently, this area is used for concerts and its participants do not seem to be inconvenienced by using an unimproved location. So why need a permanent stage? Also, this location is used by picnickers and small groups. A permanent stage would interfere with this use by the community.

Please approve the appeal and stop this unnecessary and inappropriate project.

Very truly yours,

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