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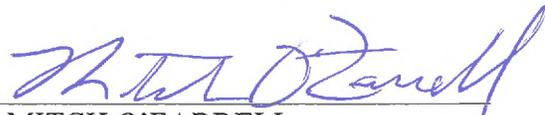
Barnsdall Park/Hollyhock House was given to the City of Los Angeles by Aline Barnsdall in 1927. It is owned by the City under the jurisdiction of the Department of Recreation and Parks Commission. In 1980 an agreement between the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners, the Cultural Affairs Department and the General Services Department divided responsibilities for its care and maintenance.

In 2010 a major restoration program commenced at Frank Lloyd Wright’s Hollyhock House at Barnsdall Park, a National Historic Landmark and City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument. The restoration program, initiated by Project Restore in partnership with the Department of Cultural Affairs and the Bureau of Engineering, focused on correcting longstanding water penetration and drainage issues, as well as significant historic preservation improvements.

Earlier this year, the City of Los Angeles reopened Frank Lloyd Wright’s Hollyhock House to the public. The reopening drew thousands of local and international visitors. In addition, on January 30th the United States Department of Interior nominated the Hollyhock House and 9 other iconic Frank Lloyd Wright buildings for inclusion on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage List, the highest and most significant cultural and natural site designation on the planet. The UNESCO World Heritage designation brings with it international attention, prestige and increased tourism.

Other Los Angeles arts facilities and historic sites, such as the Watts Towers, generate revenues which are then directed back to support the facilities. The Hollyhock House tour fees should be dedicated directly back to the Department of Cultural Affairs to support ongoing programming, staffing, maintenance and restoration of the Hollyhock House.

I THEREFORE MOVE to request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Cultural Affairs and the City Administrative Officer, to prepare and present an amendment to Section 5.111.2 (c) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to allow the Hollyhock House admission fees to be deposited into the Cultural Affairs Trust Fund and allocated for programming, staffing, maintenance and restoration of the Hollyhock House.

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