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Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council

Keeping the Neigh in Neighborhood

September 12, 2008

Councilman Tom LaBonge
LA City Hall – Room 480
200 North Spring Street
L. A. Calif. 90012

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Dear Councilman LaBonge,

The Equestrian Committee of FTDNC supports Historic Designation for Griffith Park. We believe it is in the best interests of the city and the park to do that which will preserve its non-commercial environment and bridle trails for horses and riders.

Historic Designation may also enable the Griffith family to stop rattling a saber in re contract recission for City violations of the park land agreement. For horse people, it's a blessing that will enable use of our trails without the nagging specter of future bicycles looming, as the well funded bicycle lobby woos City Council.

The original Mr. Griffith may have been a seer. Without his protections and now more protection via an historic designation, it appears the City Council will support commercialization of the park.

The first order of business would likely be to open the bridle trails to bicycles, despite danger to equestrians and joggers. It's not an accident that the Los Angeles Bicycle Council has 7 full time city employees and the Equestrian Task Force, thanks to you, has just struggled out of committee.

The Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council Equestrian Committee asks you to please reconsider and vote "yea" to Griffith Park as an historic monument, if you can do so in good conscience.

Thank you,

FTDNC
Equestrian Committee
Royan Herman, Chair