

APPENDIX 12

NATIVE AMERICAN SUPPORT LETTERS



AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS
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September 18, 2007

John Gray, President
Autry National Center
4700 Western Heritage Way
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Dear Mr. Gray:

First, on behalf of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (Tribe), I wish to thank you and your staff for hosting an inter-tribal meeting on Thursday September 6th at the Southwest Museum. Richard M. Begay, Director of Historic Preservation, Pattie Tuck, Archaeologist, and Sean Milanovich, Intern, were able to attend this meeting. They toured the Southwest Museum, and were given an overview and tour of the extensive ethnographic collections. They were also provided updates of upcoming projects, including the proposed expansion of your facilities at Griffith Park.

I would like to express my support for the Autry National Center and its ongoing commitment to protect and enhance the Southwest Museum of the American Indian's renowned collections which includes a very large collection of Southern California basketry. The Southwest Museum's collections are an indispensable resource for understanding California's and the nation's Native peoples. Unfortunately, the age and space constraints of the current facilities no longer provide adequate conditions for storing collections or creating major exhibitions. The Autry National Center's commitment to double its Griffith Park storage and exhibition areas, as well as enhance the surrounding campus, demonstrates your dedication to the care and interpretation of important Native American cultural resources.

We encourage the Autry National Center to continue pursuing a meaningful dialogue with tribal communities and other key stakeholders, to protect the cultural materials entrusted in your care. I understand that the new storage space at Griffith Park is still in its preliminary stages, but I believe the facilities will enhance the museum's ability to curate and tell the story of California's native people more effectively.

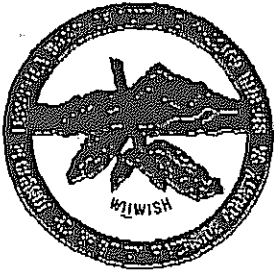
I look forward to updates on this important project. Please contact the Tribe's Historic Preservation Office for further information and/or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Milanovich".

Richard M. Milanovich
Chairman, Tribal Council
**AGUA CALIENTE BAND
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C: Duane King, Executive Director, Southwest Museum



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Dear Mr. Gray:

On behalf of Pechanga Cultural Resources, I wish to express my support for the Autry National Center and its ongoing commitment to protect and enhance the Southwest Museum of the American Indian's renowned collections. The Southwest Museum's collections are an indispensable resource for understanding California's and the nation's Native peoples. The Braun Research Library collections contain materials important to our language and cultural revitalization efforts. It is imperative that the Southwest Museum and Braun Library collections are kept in an adequate facility and that southern California tribes retain access to the audio and photographic collections. I deeply appreciate the Autry's significant efforts to preserve these archival materials and to create exhibitions and programming that will teach the public about our histories and cultures.

We all share an affinity for the historic Southwest Museum. Unfortunately, the age and space constraints of the facility no longer provide adequate conditions for storing collections or creating major exhibitions. The Autry National Center's commitment to double its Griffith Park storage and exhibition areas, as well as enhance the surrounding campus, demonstrates your dedication to the care and interpretation of important Native American cultural resources.

As someone who has been involved in the lengthy process you have undertaken to develop plans for expansion, it is my belief that you have done an exceptional job of creating a thoughtful design, pursuing meaningful dialogue with the community and key stakeholders, and diligently protecting the artifacts and archival collections entrusted to your care.

Please keep me updated on your progress and let me know if there is anything that I can do to assist you in your efforts.

Sincerely,

Gary DuBois
Director, Pechanga Cultural Resources

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