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August 13, 2002

December 14, 2011

VIA EMAIL

To: Jon Kirk Mukri,
General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

RE: Sustainable Landscaping at Los Angeles City Hall

The Mar Vista Community Council endorses and requests that the lawn at City Hall be replaced with sustainable landscaping using plants indigenous to Southern California and following the guidelines of the Low Impact Development Ordinance to address storm water diversion and water capture. While keeping with the guidelines of Project Restore, this civic open space should utilize permeable hardscape and indigenous plants that are naturally drought tolerant. Plants indigenous to Southern California will not require fertilizers, which will protect our watershed as well. Further, the MVCC requests that the plan fully address the primary function of this space at City Hall for public enjoyment, civic gatherings, and peaceful assembly.

While the City is urging homeowners and businesses to replace turf lawn with sustainable alternatives, it is imperative that the City utilize this opportunity to set an example by re-landscaping to conserve water and create a habitat that fosters the pollinators needed to support our ecosystem. Such landscaping will serve to promote environmental awareness and responsible landscaping choices by others in a highly visible setting and will ultimately save the city money in both water usage and maintenance. As well, an appropriate landscaping plan will preserve the capacity of City Hall to host gatherings such as the weekly Farmer's Market and CicLAvia.

Please make our wishes in this matter known to all who are involved or concerned. Your assistance in this process is appreciated. If there are others we should contact directly, your help in identifying those parties would also be appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharon Commins, Chair

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Cc: The Commissioners of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

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