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City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

April 2, 2017

Re: Council File 17-0156
Ethel Guiberson/Hannah Carter Japanese Garden

Honorable members of the PLUM Committee:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, founded in 1952 represents 45 resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. The Federation supports the designation of the Ethel Guiberson/Hannah Carter Japanese Garden as a City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument.

The mission of the Federation is: To protect the property and the quality of life of the residents of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs, and to encourage and promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles.

In May, 2012, the Federation voted to support the preservation of the Japanese Garden. The Hannah Carter Japanese Garden is the largest and most significant private Japanese-style garden built in the United States after World War II. The garden is associated with two of the most prominent designers of Japanese gardens, Nagao Sakuri and Koichi Kawana. More important, historically it represents a return to the appreciation of Japanese culture after World War II.

The Hannah Carter Japanese Garden is a stunning asset to the City. It is worthy of Historic-Cultural Monument designation.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge

Marian Dodge, Chairman