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Regents of the University of California

May 13, 2012

Re: Sale of the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden

Dear Regent:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc. joins with the Los Angeles Conservancy and the Coalition to Save the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden in supporting the preservation of the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden.

The Hillside Federation represents thirty-eight resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. 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.

The Federation urges you to halt the sale of the Japanese Garden and work with the Coalition to create a partnership to maintain and support the garden for public education and enjoyment. 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 garden can be preserved and successfully operated by a public-private partnership. We urge UCLA to work with the Coalition to preserve this treasured landscape.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge

Marian Dodge, President

cc: Coalition to Save the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden
Los Angeles Conservancy

Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners
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Brentwood Hills Homeowners
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Canyon Back Alliance
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Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. West
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.
Highlands Owners Assn.
Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.
Hollywood Heights Assn.
Hollywoodland Homeowners
Holmby Hills Homeowners Assn.
Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.
Laurel Canyon Assn.
Lookout Mountain Alliance
Los Feliz Improvement Assn.
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Mt. Washington Homeowners All.
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Oak Forest Canyon Assn.
Oaks Homeowners Assn.
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.
Residents of Beverly Glen
Roscomare Valley Assn.
Shadow Hills Property Owners
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