



COALITION TO SAVE THE HANNAH CARTER JAPANESE GARDEN

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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
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Chancellor Gene Block
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Dear Chancellor Block,

THE CALIFORNIA GARDEN
AND LANDSCAPE HISTORY
SOCIETY

The Coalition to Save the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden was formed earlier this year in response to the University's plan to sell the garden rather than maintain it in perpetuity as pledged in its agreement with Edward Carter. On learning of the University's plans in October 2011, the Garden Conservancy and the California Garden and Landscape History Society requested a meeting with you to discuss alternatives that would keep the garden open to the public as intended by the Carters. We were not given the opportunity to have this meeting, and have continued our discussion through the media, letter-writing and petitions, and website postings.

CALIFORNIA PRESERVATION
FOUNDATION

THE CULTURAL LANDSCAPE
FOUNDATION

THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY

HISTORICAL RESOURCES
GROUP

THE LOS ANGELES
CONSERVANCY

With more than 2,700 signatures on our online petition protesting the sale, we have also written to the Board of Regents and to the President of the University of California, Mark Yudof, asking that the matter of the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden be placed on the agenda of the Regents' meeting next week.

NATIONAL TRUST FOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION

NORTH AMERICAN JAPANESE
GARDEN ASSOCIATION

In his response dated April 25, 2012 (copy attached), President Yudof recommended that we continue "discussing the issue with the UCLA campus." Therefore, we are renewing our request for a meeting to discuss options for the future of the garden, and urge you to respect the views and desires of the preservation community that we represent by sitting down to talk to us.

Each of the Coalition organizations represents thousands of individuals in California and around the United States who care deeply about saving this important historic garden of cultural significance, both locally and nationally. We can count on the support of this network to help us maintain the garden and open it once again for public visitation.

We ask that you start the conversation by meeting with us to work out a mutually agreeable solution that will address UCLA's concerns without placing the garden at risk, including a public-private partnership as we have previously proposed. We would be

happy to discuss the details of a proposed arrangement through which the University would continue to own the garden property and a new nonprofit organization formed for this purpose would raise the funds to maintain it and supervise its care and use. This option would preserve the integrity of the University's acceptance of the original gift and would restore faith in the value of agreements between donors and the University.

As the bids for the property are to be opened on May 23, we urge you to schedule this meeting as soon as possible. We look forward to your response and to opening the dialogue to save this cultural treasure.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Antonia Adezio". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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April 25, 2012

Coalition to Save the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden

Dear Coalition Members:

Thank you for your letters of April 16 to the members of the Board of Regents regarding the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden. The Regents have asked me to respond on their behalf and I am pleased to do so.

While we appreciate having your views on this matter and understand your concerns, as I have indicated to others who have written, we believe that appropriate actions are being taken by the campus and see no need to schedule an item for the Board of Regents. You are, of course, welcome to continue discussing the issue with the UCLA campus. If you have additional concerns or questions, it would be best if you were in touch with the campus directly.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark G. Yudof".

Mark G. Yudof
President

cc: Chancellor Block