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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Chancellor Gene Block,

As Lt. Governor of California and a Regent of the University of California, I am writing to express my apprehension regarding the sale of the Hanna Carter Japanese Garden. After receiving a number of correspondences concerning this transaction, I feel obligated to engage in the situation.

It is my understanding that the University of California, Los Angeles believes to have the legal right to sell the property, without a stipulation to preserve the garden. My contention resides not with the legal position of University, rather the message this sends to supporters of the University system as well as those who support the preservation of a California treasure.

As the University faces difficult fiscal times, it is important to protect those who support our mission. It is my hope that you will look toward solutions that not only bring more revenue to the University, but also protect the intentions of the donor. I believe that preserving the Hanna Carter Japanese Garden will prove to be a long-term benefit to the University and the State.

With this in mind, I hope that you will consider alternative ways to raise funds for the University while preserving public access and use of the Hanna Carter Japanese Garden.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

Lt Governor Gavin Newsom