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To Whom It May Concern:

The Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB) unanimously supports a new public access point to Griffith Park at the top of Beachwood Drive to be constructed as close as possible to the former access point for Griffith Park and the Hollyridge Trail as per the February 3rd Superior Court order and March 13 stipulation.

The Board vehemently rejects the agreement between the City and the Sunset Ranch that moves access to the Park and Hollyridge Trail to Bronson Canyon, a decision which was made without public input including the GPAB. Instead, the GPAB supports the opening of a new access gate and path to the Hollyridge Trail through the current fencing immediately to the south of the Sunset Ranch road extension off Beachwood Drive (see attachment), which is only a few feet distant from the former access gate, and which fully complies with the letter and spirit of the court order.

The GPAB emphasizes that this solution is in no way meant to address the traffic congestion or the impact from increased tourism to view the Hollywood Sign on upper Beachwood Drive. This issue is not a Griffith Park problem, but a street services problem, and requires a more global solution involving all the surrounding streets and communities outside the Park. The traffic and tourist congestion problem is not within the purview of the GPAB. Both the February 3 order and the March 13 stipulation were only meant to address the Sunset Stables right of way, and the preferred solution is compatible with and satisfies the court order and later stipulation.

The GPAB strongly urges the City Attorney with the cooperation of the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Recreation and Parks Commissioners to revisit their former Bronson Canyon access recommendation in favor of the attached solution.

Sincerely yours, on behalf of the Griffith Park Advisory Board,

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