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SECONDARY SUBMISSIONS



May 13, 2024

Cultural Heritage Commission
200 N. Spring Street, 10th Floor, Room 1010
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Self-Realization Fellowship Retrofit and Rehabilitation Project

Dear Honorable Members of the Cultural Heritage Commission,

I am writing in support of the Self-Realization Fellowship's Mount Washington International Headquarters Seismic Retrofit and Rehabilitation Project.

This property was home to Paramahansa Yogananda and to this day continues to be the world headquarters of the Self-Realization Fellowship, which disseminates Yogananda's teachings on India's ancient science and philosophy of Yoga. The Self-Realization Fellowship has graciously made its grounds and gardens open to the public, providing a beautiful oasis that Mount Washington residents and visitors can enjoy.

As an excellent steward of this property, the Self-Realization Fellowship applied for and obtained its Historic-Cultural Monument designation in 2006. The proposed project honors this Historic-Cultural Monument by undertaking much needed seismic and life-safety upgrades to the International Headquarters Building. Additionally, it significantly improves access and accessibility to buildings and grounds by facilitating upgrades in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This project replaces non-historic maintenance structures that have been severely compromised by ground movement with one centralized facility, reconstructs the site's Cable Car Building, and constructs a new garden shrine that will honor Paramahansa Yogananda.

We understand that the proposed project has been sensitively designed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Rehabilitation and is consistent with the site's conditional use permit, such that only review by the Cultural Heritage Commission and a haul route approval from the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners is required.

I strongly support the proposed project and hope the Commission will favorably consider the proposal, which will not only result in a much-needed historic rehabilitation of the property, but is critical to ensuring safety and accessibility for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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