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June 29, 2010

Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa  
Mayor City Of Los Angeles  
200 North Spring St., Rm. 303  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa,

Recognizing that the Los Angeles Public Library system plays a primary role in the promotion of literacy in Los Angeles linking residents to traditional learning sources as well as internet-based services and information, the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council requests that you reconsider and reverse the recently announced cuts in branch operating schedules that will result in the reduction of service days from six to five days a week.

Combined with already shortened library hours, this loss of one day a week will diminish access for children and working people. On remaining open days, branch library users will encounter congestion and overcrowding and will be forced to wait even longer to use scarce resources such as computer terminals, printers and reference services.

At the same time that the City is shortening library hours, Los Angeles Unified School District is laying off librarians and closing school libraries. Throughout the metropolis, college libraries are shortening hours and changing terms of public access. The contributions that the Los Angeles Public Library makes to the education of our City's residents have never been more needed than they are today.

The Los Angeles Public Library is one of the City's most efficiently run departments providing a high level of service on a comparatively spartan allotment. We believe that the reductions in its operating budget are not worth the curtailment in literacy and learning that will be the unfortunate result and respectfully ask you to rescind the cuts in branch operating hours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Ostrow".

Ron Ostrow, President  
Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council

cc: Tyree Wieder, President Board of Library Commissioners  
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