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The Honorable Steve Pougnet  
Mayor of Palm Springs  
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Subj: Welwood Murray Memorial Library

Dear Mayor Pougnet,

As a descendent of Palm Springs pioneer Dr. Welwood Murray, I have followed recent events regarding the Welwood Murray Memorial Library project with great interest.

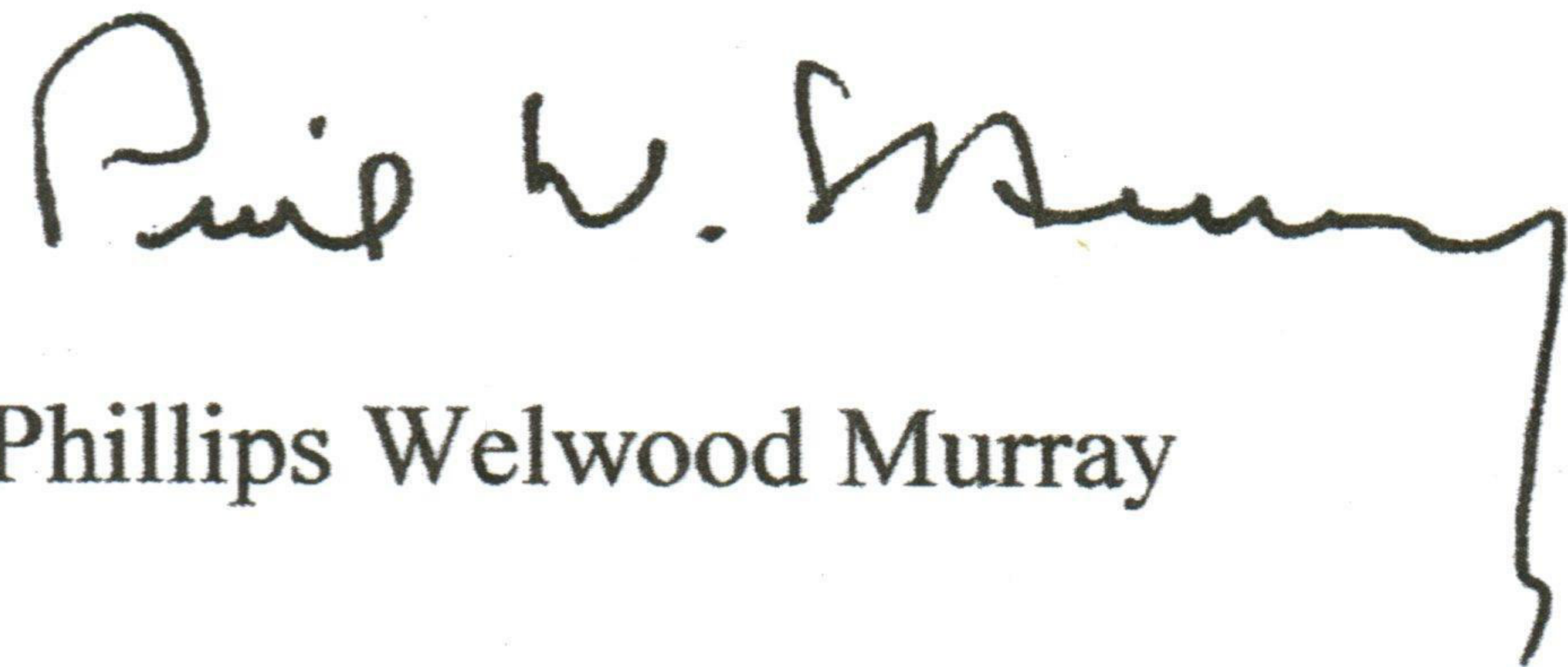
I have been troubled that the proposed project is not a renovation, but rather an unsympathetic (and unnecessary) remodeling which tears off the rear of the building. To add further insult, the project proposes to append an unseemly roof structure that sports a swiss-cheese hole design! Frankly, this proposal is an affront to this historic, and architecturally important, building.

I have been in contact with other relatives of mine and we would be thrilled if the library could be used to house rare and local history books and possibly even include rotating exhibits celebrating the history of Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley. This would attract tourists to the downtown and be a resource to the local community. Finally, not only is a sensitive restoration the smart thing to do, financially it seems far less costly than the plan before you.

I have also been in contact with the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation and applaud their efforts to convince the city to pursue a sensitive renovation of the library.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at (760) 360-██████████. I would also be happy to meet with you in person.

Respectfully,



Phillips Welwood Murray

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Manager, Palm Springs Historic Site Preservation Board, Palm Springs Preservation  
Foundation, Desert Sun newspaper (Attn: Ms. Mendoza) 