



December 30, 2011

The Honorable Steven Pougnet  
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Dear Mayor Pougnet,

Subject: Welwood Murray Memorial Library Renovation Project

We applaud the city's most recent proposals for the rehabilitation of the Welwood Murray Memorial Library (including the proposed programmatic changes).

As we have previously asserted, a sensitively restored historic building in this important location will further enliven the downtown and will attract residents and tourists alike.

To that end, we would ask that the current city plan be modified to reconstruct important elements of the original interior (e.g., the central desk) and be modified to retain as much of the original book shelving as possible. These modifications are not only consistent with the library's new programmatic direction but are consistent with the city's own historic resources and sustainability programs. For example, by refurbishing (rather than demolishing) the shelving, the city can:

- Achieve much lower costs compared to the proposed interior "design/build" approach
- Preserve the historical accuracy of the library's interior and retain its "sense of space"
- Reuse existing materials in a sustainable manner

We have significant architectural and preservation expertise available on our board of directors and advisors and within our membership. Accordingly, if we can be of any assistance, please contact the foundation at (760) 837-7117 or via email at [info@pspreservationfoundation.org](mailto:info@pspreservationfoundation.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Marshall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ron Marshall  
President

Copy to: Council members G. Foat, P. Lewin, R. Hutcheson, C. Mills  
HSPB Chair J. Gilmer