



November 4, 2010

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

Dear Mayor Pougnet,

Subj: Welwood Murray Memorial Library (Class 1 Historic Site), HSPB #3

The board of directors of the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation has been vigorously advocating the sensitive restoration of the Welwood Murray Memorial Library for many months. Accordingly, in your imminent review of this matter, we ask you to uphold the recent, and overwhelming, decision by the city's Historic Site Preservation Board to deny the Certificate of Approval for the flawed and unnecessary remodeling of this much-loved historic library building.

It is our fervent view that the Welwood Murray Memorial Library should be sensitively restored in accordance with well-established U.S. Department of Interior standards for historic rehabilitation. A sensitively restored historic building of this caliber will quickly become the centerpiece of the downtown area and will attract residents and tourists alike.

Additionally, we ask that future decisions about this important historic resource be informed by an inclusive, community-wide discussion about the Welwood Murray Memorial Library's best and highest uses.

If you have any questions, please contact the foundation at (760) 837-7117 or via email at [info@pspreservationfoundation.org](mailto:info@pspreservationfoundation.org).

Sincerely,

Ron Marshall  
President