

March 6, 2011

Board of Trustees Attn: Dr. Steven A. Nash, Executive Director Palm Springs Art Museum 101 Museum Drive Palm Springs, CA 92262-5659

Dear Trustees,

The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation's (PSPF) board of directors requests the opportunity to meet with the Palm Springs Art Museum's board of trustees to discuss the future of the Town & Country Center (1947) designed by architects Paul R. Williams and A. Quincy Jones.

Specifically, we have become increasingly concerned and alarmed at the public statements made by Messrs. Matzner and Meyerman (i.e., on June 24, 2009 and on March 2, 2011) wherein they have represented the museum's position as endorsing development plans that include the demolition of the historic Town & Country Center.

These public statements seem to be at odds with the museum's longstanding support of historic preservation and completely antithetical to one of the museum's core missions, i.e., the protection of our local cultural resources. It is also important to point out that the museum's Architecture and Design Council (ADC) has become one of the museum's largest and most popular councils. Many ADC members (and ADC board members) have very publicly supported the restoration of the Town & Country Center and have confided in us their unease at the museum's public statements.

In short, we're sure you would agree that it is very important that the museum's board of trustees hear other points of view on this important matter.

Finally, while we endorse the museum's expansion goals, we also feel that the museum leadership cannot in good conscience be so directly complicit in the destruction of this important architectural resource, a resource which we believe could significantly contribute to the long-term economic health of the city and its burgeoning cultural tourism industry. Ultimately, we would like for the museum leadership to publicly state their support for the restoration of the Town & Country Center.

We look forward to meeting with you. Please contact the foundation at (760) 837-7117 or info@pspreservationfoundation.org to make the necessary arrangements.

Sincerely,

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