ARCHITECTS' OPEN LETTER

to the

PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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We, the undersigned architects, support the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation's efforts to ensure the preservation of the Palm Springs High School Administration Building (1957).

Accordingly, we request that the Palm Springs Unified School District abandon its plans for the summer 2012 demolition of the building.

Designed by the architectural firm of Wexler & Harrison, the Administration Building is an excellent example of the modernist architecture for which the city of Palm Springs is known throughout the world.

We strongly encourage the Palm Springs Unified School District leadership to find alternate siting for the new campus development and to pursue the adaptive reuse of the still highly-intact Administration Building.

Preserving the Palm Springs High School Administration Building will be a tangible symbol of the Palm Springs Unified School District's commitment to the community to protect the city's important historical resources and follow the principles of sustainability.

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