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Ms. Melissa Jones
Department of City Planning
Office of Historic Resources
City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 559
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Jones,

The Garden Conservancy, the nation's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to saving and sharing outstanding American gardens for the education and enjoyment of the public, strongly supports the nomination of the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden for Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) designation.

This beautiful hillside garden is a leading example of a residential Japanese-style garden in America. It embodies the rich legacy of Japanese landscape design with an emphasis on water, stones, and evergreen plants in a naturalistic setting. Designed by noted Japanese garden designer Nagao Sakurai and created in the period after World War II, it represents an important chapter in the history of Japanese garden design and Asian culture in North America and southern California.

Landmark recognition is long overdue. The Hannah Carter Japanese Garden is a unique piece of our shared heritage, with rich historical, cultural, and aesthetic significance. The garden merits HCM recognition, which will also help protect it for future generations to enjoy.

On behalf of the Garden Conservancy and its Preservation Committee of the Board of Directors, we urge the Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission to approve the nomination of the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden for HCM designation.

Benjamin F. Lenhardt, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

cc: Adrian Fine, Director of Advocacy, Los Angeles Conservancy

