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Michael A. Shull, General Manager
City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department
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Re: Hollyridge Trailhead prolonged closure

Dear Michael,

Friends of Griffith Park is on record supporting the Department's original gate construction plan limiting pedestrian access only during the construction period which we believed to be relatively short. We have now become aware that the vehicular gate has been upgraded to an electrically-powered design which requires a much longer construction time-line, with estimated completion toward the end of July. We have been told the pedestrian gate will not be available for use until the vehicular gate has been completed. Even more puzzling, we were informed the pedestrian access will not be available until the PPDs are instituted at some uncertain future date, possibly the end of July.

This being the case, we propose a temporary pedestrian ingress-egress be established during the construction period, as soon as possible. Surely this can be done.

A prolonged denial of pedestrian access sets an unfortunate precedent for public access to Griffith Park. As an alternative to denying access, we suggest more emphasis be placed on implementing traffic control measures to solve the admittedly dire impacts tourism will have on the Beachwood-Hollywoodland area these coming summer months.

Sincerely,

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cc: Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Carolyn Ramsay