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National Preservation Awards Coordinator
National Trust for Historic Preservation
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington DC 20036

Dear Awards Committee:

The Los Feliz Improvement Association enthusiastically recommends ICF Jones & Stokes for a Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for the application they prepared for City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument status for Griffith Park. At over 4,000 acres, Griffith Park is believed to be the largest landmark in the country. ICF Jones & Stokes did a phenomenal job identifying and describing thirty-six historic elements in the park plus the large urban wilderness area. Primary researcher and author, Daniel Paul, took a deep personal interest in the success of the project.

The project was commissioned by the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust in order to preserve and protect the park. Griffith, whose great-grandson sits on the Trust, donated the land to the city of Los Angeles more than a hundred years ago to provide respite for the common man from the stress of the big city. He predicted the growth of the metropolis, but I doubt if even he could have foreseen how large the area would grow. Today ten million people a year enjoy the activities and open spaces of Griffith Park. Griffith intended the park to be "the lungs of the city." ICF Jones & Stokes successful application will help assure that our beloved Griffith Park will remain so for our children and grandchildren.

The Los Feliz Improvement Association, founded in 1916 and representing 1,000 households, is Griffith Park's next door neighbor. It is our pleasure to recommend ICF Jones & Stokes for your Preservation Honor Award.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge, President

cc: Daniel Paul