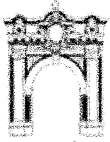THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Working to preserve Balboa Park's historic architecture, gardens, and public spaces since 1967

Balboa Park Design Review

Whereas the Committee of One Hundred has been active since its founding 1967 in maintaining, restoring and reconstructing some of the park's buildings and grounds dating back to the Panama-California Exposition of 1915-16;

the buildings and grounds of Balboa Park are integral to the resident and visitor experience when visiting the park; and

Whereas restorations, reconstructions, replacements and additions to the park should be carefully considered with regard to their architectural, landscape, graphic and other design features to adhere to standards compatible with the park's National Landmark District status and in conformance with the Balboa Park master plan and specific plans; and,

Whereas design review by volunteer professionals has in the past saved time and money as well as resulted in successful improvements to the park; and

Whereas the Parks and Recreation design review committee was terminated to achieve greater efficiency in park project planning and construction; and

Whereas without the valuable advice offered by the committee, some projects have actually taken longer to build and attracted criticism and opposition for the lack of consistency in maintaining historic and best-practices standards and led to higher rather that lower costs; and

Whereas design review in Balboa Park could serve as a model for improvements in other city parks and civic improvements throughout the city;

Therefore be it resolved that the Committee of One Hundred that city should reinstate its design review committee of recognized design industry professionals to advise the city on Balboa Park projects and develop this approach as template for similar efforts in other parks and public improvement projects citywide.

Approved by C100 board, _____