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# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
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Washington, D.C. 20240

June 29, 2012

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Dawn McDivitt, Chief Executive  
Chief Executive Office – Capital Projects  
County of Los Angeles  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Save America's Treasures grant #06-06-ML-0406, Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswig Complex, 507-511 N. Main Street and 501 N. Main Street, Los Angeles, California.

Dear Ms. McDivitt:

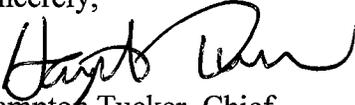
This letter concerns funding provided under the Save America's Treasures (SAT) grant program. Through SAT grant #06-06-ML-0406, the National Park Service (NPS) awarded grant funds in the amount of \$197,058 to LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes Foundation (Foundation) to support the preservation and rehabilitation of the Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswig buildings (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Buildings") in accordance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. Specifically, the grant funds were used to pay for personnel costs and other expenses related to the structural update and seismic retrofitting of the Buildings.

The Vickrey-Brunswig Building and the Plaza House, located at 501 N. Main Street and 507-511 N. Main Street respectively, are contributing resources within the Los Angeles Plaza Historic District (a.k.a. El Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historic Park) in Los Angeles, California. The Buildings are owned by the County of Los Angeles (CLA) and leased by the Foundation. As for the district, the NPS listed it in National Register of Historic Places (NHRP) on November 3, 1972.

In February, 2011, the NPS contacted CLA regarding information we had received about the discovery and subsequent removal of human remains during the installation of a garden area near the Buildings. Based on the information available to us at that time, we informed CLA that we would not release the remaining grant funds until issues regarding the discovery were resolved in consultation with all concerned parties. After further investigating this matter, however, we have concluded that the discovery was unconnected to the federal undertaking financed by our grant. Accordingly, being aware of no adverse affects arising from the funded grant activities, we consider NPS's obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800), to have been fully discharged with respect to this grant. Given this, coupled with our finding that the grant recipient is in compliance with the terms of the grant, we will release the remaining grant funds upon submission of your final report and a copy of the signed preservation easement on the Vickrey-Brunswick Building and the Plaza House.

On a related note, we observe that the discovery of previously unknown archaeological resources within the Los Angeles Plaza Historic District as a result of the garden installation calls for an amendment to the district's current NRHP nomination to include these resources. We will be sending a separate letter addressing that topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hampton Tucker", written in a cursive style.

Hampton Tucker, Chief  
Historic Preservation Grants Division

cc: Miguel Angel Corzo, CEO, La Plaza de Cultura y Artes  
Mark Beason, CA SHPO  
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