TO: Huntington Beach City Council

RE: Preservation of Historic Wintersburg Site

The purpose of this letter is to convey, in the strongest possible terms, the support of the Huntington Beach Historic Resources Board for continued efforts to preserve and protect Historic Wintersburg.

Overwhelming public support at a well-attended special meeting held for study purposes on February 8, together with the information the HRB received from the Wintersburg Task Force, has clearly demonstrated that this is in the best interest of the people of our city and the broader community.

Critically, it should be noted that distinct, significant and well-documented opportunities exist to preserve this site and protect it well into the future. These opportunities will also provide clear programming for site use to convey the invaluable historic lessons it offers to students and visitors of all ages.

These options provide an opportunity for doing so at no cost to the city of Huntington Beach and no deprivation of property rights by the current owner of this land.

Please facilitate discussion between the property owner and those capable of purchasing and protecting Historic Wintersburg.

This site is of inestimable and irreplaceable historic value. Please do not let it and the lessons and memory it provides be lost.

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