



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains

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City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission
200 North Spring Street, Room 272
Los Angeles, CA 90012

By fax to 213-978-1029

Re: Chatsworth Nature Preserve, CHC-2015-768-HCM, CD 12

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (SSMPA) applauds the Cultural Heritage Commission's recent action to recommend that the City of Los Angeles designate the Chatsworth Nature Preserve as a Historic-Cultural Monument.

This area had significant use by Native Americans and very early settlers, and already includes a California Historic Landmark, the Limekiln. Many other archaeological sites are present in the Chatsworth Nature Preserve and surrounding areas. Designating the Preserve district as a Historic-Cultural Monument will further recognize its historic uses and will contribute to making well-informed future decisions about land management.

SSMPA also urges the Commission to recognize and adopt the **updated history document forthcoming from the LanVen Cultural Research Alliance** that will provide a more accurate background for this application.

Sincerely,

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About Santa Susana Mountain Park Association:

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is a 43 year-old non-profit organization based in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, California.

We represent approximately 700 members and concerned citizens, and we partner with many organizations to promote ecological and recreational quality in Southern California.

SSMPA's mission is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and regional open space.

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