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Southwest Museum

Over the last several years, Los Angeles County has focused on creating diversity and inclusion in the Arts at every level. The goal is to ensure that Boards; programming, and access reach all County residents, regardless of where they live. This also includes adding cultural institutions when and if we can.

Similarly, Metro is committed to working with local jurisdictions, community stakeholders and the private sector to support the development of transit oriented communities and a transit-supportive built environment. Metro Gold Line Southwest Museum Station is a short 3 minute walk away from the Southwest Museum.

The historic Southwest Museum campus, located in between Highland Park and Mount Washington, is an architectural treasure and icon of northeast Los Angeles. Currently run by the Autry, it is seen as one of the most significant Native American collections in the world.

However, major renovations are needed in order for the Southwest to reopen fully as a museum, the Autry is looking for someone else to manage and own the property while respecting its history. There is also limited parking and The Southwest Metro Station (named after the museum) is in close proximity and could be leveraged with Metro’s involvement.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Executive Office, In collaboration with Los Angeles County Arts Commission, and Los Angeles County Metro evaluate and consider submitting a proposal for acquisition of the Southwest Museum, and report back in writing with their evaluation in 30 days.

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