

# THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

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



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Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer  
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Dear Mayor Faulconer,

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The Committee of One Hundred recommends closure of the Cabrillo Bridge to traffic as an alternative to building the bypass bridge. This would save millions of dollars and would

1. preserve historic views of the Bridge and California Quadrangle, and
2. increase public space by pedestrianizing Cabrillo Bridge itself, and
3. preserve the entrance to Palm Canyon, and
4. be completely reversible.

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Balboa Park was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1977. Congress has given the National Park Service (NPS) responsibility to ensure that National Historic Landmarks (NHL) retain the highest level of integrity. Here is an excerpt from the NPS opinion (attached) on this project:

The NPS finds that the Project will have a permanent, major and adverse effect on the integrity of the Balboa Park National Historic Landmark. The Project is not consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (Standards) and applicable guidelines. The Project will physically destroy a part of the NHL property, and the Project will introduce visual elements and spatial changes that will diminish the integrity of the property's historic features.

Please consider closure of the Cabrillo Bridge as an alternative to construction of the bypass bridge, which would forever change our historic Balboa Park.

Sincerely,

Michael Kelly, president  
The Committee of One Hundred

Cc: City Councilmembers