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Mr. John C. Olmsted,
Brookline, Mass.

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Dear Mr. Olmsted,

I returned this morning from Riverside and Los Angeles where I had a very interesting and valuable three days looking up nursery stock and studying the parks growing.

On my return I found my draughtsman working up a 50 ft roadway from 6th & Date St. northward along the side of the gulch to join the dead end of 6th St. at Jumper. He said he was doing that on orders of Mr. Allen, Mr. Wangerheim and Mr. Burnham (real estate man & I think a director). I went out and looked it over on the ground and found it wretchedly bad and their idea of taking out the existing parallel road when the new one was built is equally bad. I

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Then ^{went} straight to Mr. Marston and protested vigorously against having other people interfering in the design of the park work. Mr. Marston has called a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bof Committee for tomorrow at 9 at our office. It will be Mr. Marston, Mr. Waugenhein, possibly Mr. R.C. Allen, Mr. Frank Allen and myself.

I shall support vigorously the things you have advised, and especially will follow Mr. Dawson's last orders to me.

The whole matter however is in a bad state. Mr. Waugenhein called to-day at 2 and with Mr. F. Allen we took up the Park plan. Mr. Waugenhein threw out the proposed extension of 6th. above referred to without any discussion. I believe Mr. Marston settled that question with him earlier in the day. But Mr. Waugenhein won't allow us to go ahead with any ^{more} road work or planting; won't accept the idea of palm planting in Cabrillo Canyon and wants all the rest of the money, about \$70,000 spent right along the west side fixing it up as finely as it can possibly be done.

(Mr. W.'s relatives and family hold much property along this side of the park) which would appreciate in value if all this extra improvement is made.) Mr. Frank Allen seems to support me in all these matters; but I am sorry to say I have no feeling that it is sincere support. I have a feeling that he works differently behind my back.

In the afternoon Mr. Burdaim and the other 3 interested real estate men whose names I don't know, called to see how "their road was



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getting along." I told them the matter was dropped by order of Mr. Waugenbain. They were astonished and mad and went off "to see about it."

I shall support your recommendations to the best of my ability to-morrow. Mr. Marston is our strong support and seems to be the biggest man here. Mr. F. P. A. Jr. seems to be under the influence of certain moneyed interests whom he is trying to please.

Mr. Marston told me that the site question was all upset again, and a serious shake up may come.

Riverside, Fairmount Park.

I will send report as soon as I can. Please write me if you will consent to leaving the ditch where it is and carrying out some planting along the top, much as shown on our planting plan. The ditch is not really straight as on the topos, but is quite curved. They cannot possibly get money now to move it. The engineer, Mr. Campbell, advised putting in 2 large pipes and covering it all

over. Mr Dawson advised against this. I believe if ^{tule} ~~the~~ (rushes) can be kept out, ^{and} some planting along the top will make it very attractive. They would like your advice regarding the ditch. I believe the engineer said the R.R. were going to put in 2 culverts together each of about 20 sq ft. section. I think the little stream should be developed as an artistic feature and that to put it into a pipe and cover it over would be very expensive.

Hoping you are enjoying to the full being with your family, I am,

Very truly yours,

Harold M. Blossom.