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Dear Christian,

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Citizens Coordinate for Century 3 (C3) would like to express full support for San Diego Historic Streetcars' efforts to bring about the restoration and operation of the historic Class 1 streetcars as an integral part of the Balboa Park 2015 Centennial Celebration.

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C3 believes that the refurbished original Class 1 streetcars could serve as a unique historical attraction within Balboa Park for the centennial celebration of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition. As detailed to C3, these streetcars could effectively and safely run within identified areas of the park on temporary track. Such an attraction would add a substantive cultural exhibit to the centennial celebration, demonstrate the potential value and charm of historic preservation, and establish alternatives to the auto dominated transit culture that has developed in the park over the past fifty years.

C3 also sees a longer term and more visionary aspect to establishing this use as a part of the centennial celebration. Much as the initial Panama Exhibition 100 years ago brought new ideas and technologies of that era to the people of San Diego, so can - and should - this 100 year celebration introduce strategies and ideas to the people of San Diego allowing us to better adapt and move forward in our 21<sup>st</sup> century regionally. The utilization of these historic streetcars over the yearlong centennial celebration could initially inspire and then establish a new culture of use of alternative means to move through the park.

Through an enlightened and potentially achievable project such as this, the centennial celebration streetcar initiative has the ability to celebrate our historical past while also helping lead San Diegans into the next century of transportation throughout our region.

Sincerely,

Betsy Morris  
2013 C3 President

