



KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Mr. Seymour Rosen, Director
SPACES
1804 North Van Ness
Los Angeles, California 90028

Dear Mr. Rosen:

We have received your letter regarding the sale of the Garden of Eden and have also been in communication with the office of Governor Mike Hayden in relation to your similar letter to the governor.

We agree with you that the site is truly a unique and significant place and one that deserves an owner who will respect it. At the present time we cannot readily identify a potential purchaser.

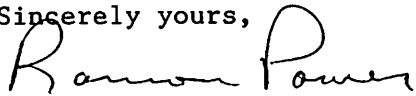
The State of Kansas owns eighteen historic properties which are administered and maintained by this agency with appropriations from the state legislature. A number of years ago the legislature enacted a law to provide for an orderly process by which additional sites might be proposed for consideration for state acquisition. Very briefly, that process allows for the public to propose new sites by petition (1,000 registered Kansas voters). After a petition has been received and verified, staff of this agency will make a study of the property for the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review. The review board will evaluate the property and make a recommendation to the governor and the legislature concerning acquisition. Once the report has been submitted to the governor and legislature, normal political processes will determine whether or not the site is acquired.

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If you, the owners, or other interested persons would like the detailed explanatory materials and petition forms, we would be glad to supply them. Also, if we can identify potential purchasers, we will certainly provide that information to the owners.

Let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ramon Powers". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Ramon Powers
State Historic Preservation Officer

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