

First, I want to thank you for all the wonderful work you are doing in Altadena. Your work does not go unnoticed. I get excited each time I think about the renovation of the Bob Lucas Library.

I, along with the Altadena Historical Society are currently working on a project with the Lowelives Respectable Citizens Club to bring to light the history of Robert Owens. Robert Owens was an ex-slave that became one of the richest men in L.A. County by selling lumber from the Altadena hills to the military.

We have partnered with the Lowelives Respectable Citizens Club and submitted a proposal with the USFS to place a sign with the history of Robert Owens on the El Prieto (dark one) canyon trail.

I am asking for a letter of support by the end of business day Friday, April 28th for this amazing project. Time is of the essence as we are hoping to install the sign prior to Juneteenth, June 19th, 2023 and have a community ceremony with the unveiling of the sign on Juneteenth 2023.

Attached is the latest USFS proposal for your reference and web-sites for more information on Robert Owens. I have also attached a letter of support from Outbound for your reference when writing your letter if you decide to do so.

I apologize that I can't be there tonight in person. I sit on another Board that meets tonight at 5 p.m. otherwise I would gladly be there. It would be an honor to see the amazing individuals that are leading the novation efforts in my neighborhood.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns. This project helps us share in the diversity of our history here in Altadena.

Thank you in advance for any consideration you might give to writing a letter of support.

Below are links for more information:

<https://lowelivesrcc.org/2021/08/23/robert-owens-and-el-prieto-canyon/>

<https://www.kcet.org/shows/departures/mountain-men-pioneers-and-outlaws-of-the-san-gabriels>

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