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**New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church**

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January 31, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

The New Macedonia M.B.C. located at 455 East Washington Blvd., Pasadena, is a nonprofit religious affiliated organization. The property located at 467 was donated by Mr. Donald Colbert to the New Macedonia M.B.C., a private party, not associated with the church, has nominated the property as a local landmark.

As owner of the property, the church objects to the nomination of the subdivision to its property because we will suffer substantial hardship for the following reasons:

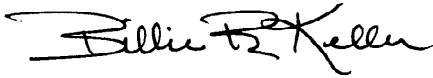
- It will deprive the church full use of the property as it would be expensive to rehabilitate and difficult to reuse the house for church purposes.
- Would create an overall financial hardship to rehabilitate.
- The rooms are too small to be of functional service for the church.
- Would impact the reasonable use of the property.
- The church needs additional parking for our congregation.
- Restrict the expansion of our church and membership.
- Would restrict the appropriate use of its property in the furtherance of our religious mission.
- Would impede and restrict the churches religious freedom as identified under Section 4 of Article 1 of the California Constitution, and by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- Section 7 of Stats. 1993, c.419 (S.B. 1185), exempts our property from locally imposed restrictions property owned by religious organizations that is used or held for religious purposes, and because these restrictions are neither authorized nor compelled by concerns related to the public health or safety.

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We are aware that the staff evaluation of the structure has indicated that the building meets the criteria for designation and therefore we would be willing to donate the building to anyone willing to relocate the building.

Should you have any questions feel free to contact our church office at (626) 798-8634.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billie R. Keller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

Rev. Billie R. Keller, Pastor  
New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

**Rodriguez, Jane**

**From:** Tait Robert J Contr 95 ABW/EM [Robert.Tait.ctr@edwards.af.mil]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 07, 2008 9:01 AM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Jane  
**Subject:** Historic Landmark Designation of 467 E. Washington

Ms. Rodriguez:

Please pass on to the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and director of planning, my support for the designation of 467 E. Washington as an historic landmark. Examples of this type of architecture from the pre-1900 era of Pasadena's history are rare and disappearing fast due to demolition and redevelopment. We should have an obligation to preserve as much of this heritage as we can.

Thank you,

Robert J., Tait  
(nearby resident and restorer of an old house)

## Rodriguez, Jane

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**From:** R.Rubalcava [ratafina@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 08, 2008 9:55 AM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Jane  
**Cc:** Paul Martin; dale trader  
**Subject:** Letter of support for 467 Washington Bl

February 8, 2008

Pasadena City Council  
Bill Bogaard, Mayor  
Bernard Melekian, City Manager (Interim) Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and  
Development City of Pasadena  
175 N. Garfield Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91109

RE: Renée Rubalcava Support of the Designation of 467 E. Washington as a Local Landmark

Dear Mayor Bogaard, City Councilmembers, City Manager and Planning Director:

As a concerned neighbor and former Landmark Representative for Garfield Heights, I am writing to respectfully request that the City Council designate the 1887 vernacular Queen Anne style house and river rock wall located at 467 E. Washington as a local landmark, It is a locally significant example and eligible under Criterion "C" of Pasadena 's Historic Preservation Ordinance, and was found to be so by the unanimous decision of the Pasadena Historic Preservation Commission on November 5, 2007 and as presented in the Design and Historic Preservation Department's Staff's findings.

Without question, I support historic preservation in Pasadena 's neighborhoods, specifically landmarking where appropriate. Conferring landmark status on neighborhoods and structures has proven to improve the quality of life, foster a sense of individual and community pride, and generally improve our local neighborhoods and the development within those neighborhoods. This is especially true in those neighborhoods of modest means that are so often overlooked and underserved. I support the January 24, 2008 quorum of member neighborhood representatives voting unanimously to support this landmark designation. This house has stood more than 120 years at its present location and has been a visible unofficial neighborhood local landmark. It is situated immediately adjacent to one of Pasadena 's Landmark Districts, " Normandie Heights." Its displacement or destruction to accommodate a surface parking lot would be a great loss to the neighborhood and would create a "missing tooth" gap in this stretch of East Washington Boulevard, part of which is located in the Normandie Heights Landmark District.

Very truly yours,  
Renée Rubalcava

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**Rodriguez, Jane**

**From:** dale trader [dtrader\_91104@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 08, 2008 10:21 AM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Jane  
**Cc:** Bob Tait; Christine Lazzaretto; Renee Rubalcava; Kathleen Thorne-Thomsen; Henry Sherrod; Eric Doehne; Carol Potter; John Grote; Joe Libonati; Cindy and Jane; Robert Kneisel; Joe and Pepi Feinblatt; Karen TenEyck; Betty Sword; Kevin Sutherland; Mike O'Brien; Miriam Nakamura-Quan; Courtney Ellis; Ethan & Allison Hurd; Todd & Olivia Hill; Anna Carpenter; Barbara Richardson-King; Dan Empfield; Tanya Williams; Daniel Estrada; Gloria Lopez; Loretta Hagerman; Jim Kohel; Cybele Garcia Kohel  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Designation of 467 E. Washington as a Local Landmark for Distribution

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Bill Bogaard, Mayor  
Bernard Melekian, City Manager (Interim)  
Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development  
City of Pasadena  
175 N. Garfield Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91109

February 8, 2008

RE: Support of the Designation of 467 E. Washington as a Local Landmark, Agenda Item 6A, February 11, 2008, City Council Meeting

Dear City Councilmembers, Mayor, City Manager, Planning Director:

I am writing, as a representative of the Normandie Heights Landmark District, to respectfully request that the City Council designate the 1887 vernacular Queen Anne style house and river rock wall located at 467 E. Washington as a local landmark, as it is a locally significant example and eligible under Criterion "C" of Pasadena's Historic Preservation Ordinance and was found to be so by the unanimous decision of the Pasadena Historic Preservation Commission on November 5, 2007 and as presented in the Design and Historic Preservation Department's Staff's findings.

We support historic preservation in Pasadena's neighborhoods, and specifically landmarking where appropriate, which has proven to improve the quality of life, foster a sense of individual and community pride, and in general improve our local neighborhoods and the development within those neighborhoods, especially those neighborhoods of modest means which are so often overlooked and underserved. **This house is an important part of our neighborhood area and we hope the New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church would respect the neighborhood's wishes and retain this historic structure at its original location.**

This house has stood more than 120 years at its present location and has been a visible unofficial neighborhood local landmark and it is situated immediately adjacent to the Normandie Heights

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Landmark District. **Its displacement or destruction to accommodate a surface parking lot would be a great loss to the neighborhood and would create a “missing tooth” gap in this stretch of East Washington Boulevard, part of which is located in the Normandie Heights Landmark District.**

I welcome your comments, and would be happy to discuss our request with you or a member of your staff. You can reach me at 626 397-1507 or at [dtrader\\_91104@yahoo.com](mailto:dtrader_91104@yahoo.com) .

Yours truly,

Dale Trader, Representative  
Normandie Heights Landmark District

Cc: Pasadena Heritage, Normandie Heights Neighborhood Association, El Rio Lake Neighborhood Association, North Los Robles Corridor Neighborhood Association, Dundee Heights Neighborhood Association

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## Rodriguez, Jane

**From:** Bob Kneisel [bkinpas@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 08, 2008 12:14 PM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Jane  
**Subject:** Landmark Designation for 467 E. Washington Blvd.  
**Attachments:** 467EWashLtr.doc

Please send my letter (attached, and also printed below) to Mayor Bogaard and to those on the cc list.

Thank you,

Bob Kneisel

Mayor Bill Bogaard  
City of Pasadena  
175 N. Garfield Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91109

RE: 467 E. Washington Blvd. should be designated a landmark.

Dear Mayor Bogaard:

There are far too few Victorian homes that survive from Pasadena's past. Most of them have been demolished, and with them go the remnants of the city's built history. Now we are again faced with allowing a Victorian home to be demolished for a parking lot. While close-by parking is a convenience, parking on city streets, and enjoying a healthful walk is always an alternative. I urge you to designate this house a city landmark, in order to assure its preservation on site. The house has survived for 120 years, while the neighborhood has grown up around it. It should not be removed, just because it is too old and in the way.

Yours truly,

Bob Kneisel

Cc: Pasadena City Councilmembers, Interim City Manager Bernard Melekian, Planning Director  
Richard Bruckner

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**Rodriguez, Jane**

**From:** R. Henry Sherrod [rhsjd@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 08, 2008 11:56 AM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Jane  
**Subject:** landmark status for 467 Washington  
**Attachments:** PNC Letter Supporting 467 E. Washington Landmark Ltrhead1.doc

Please forward this to Mayor Bogaard and the members of the City Council, acting City Manager Melekian and to the director of planning. It pertains to a pending request for landmark designation.

*R. Henry Sherrod*

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# PNC Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition

P.O. BOX 51022 Pasadena, California 91115  
*Uniting Pasadena Neighborhood Associations on Issues of Livability City-wide*

February 8, 2008

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Bill Bogaard, Mayor  
Bernard Melekian, City Manager (Interim)  
Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development  
City of Pasadena  
175 N. Garfield Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91109

RE: PNC Support of the Designation of 467 E. Washington as a Local Landmark

Dear Mayor Bogaard, City Councilmembers, City Manager and Planning Director:

As Chair of the Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition, I am writing to request, respectfully, that the City Council designate the 1887 vernacular Queen Anne style house and river rock wall located at 467 E. Washington as a local landmark. It is a locally significant example and eligible under Criterion "C" of Pasadena's Historic Preservation Ordinance, and was found to be so by the unanimous decision of the Pasadena Historic Preservation Commission on November 5, 2007 and as presented in the Design and Historic Preservation Department's Staff's findings.

We of the Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition support historic preservation in Pasadena's neighborhoods, specifically landmarking where appropriate. Conferring landmark status on neighborhoods and individual structures has proven to improve the quality of life, foster a sense of individual and community pride, and generally improve our local neighborhoods and the development within those neighborhoods. This is especially true in those neighborhoods of modest means that are so often overlooked and underserved. At our January 24, 2008 meeting a quorum of our member neighborhood representatives voted unanimously to support this landmark designation.

This house has stood more than 120 years at its present location and has been a visible unofficial neighborhood local landmark. It is situated immediately adjacent to one of Pasadena's Landmark Districts, "Normandie Heights." Its displacement or destruction to accommodate a surface parking lot would be a great loss to the neighborhood and would create a "missing tooth" gap in this stretch of East Washington Boulevard, part of which is located in the Normandie Heights Landmark District.

I welcome your comments, and would be happy to discuss our request with you or a member of your staff. You can reach me at (626) 398-3586, or at rhsjd@hotmail.com.

Very truly yours,

R. Henry Sherrod  
Chair, Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition

Cc: Pasadena Heritage, Normandie Heights Neighborhood Association, El Rio Lake Neighborhood Association, North Los Robles Corridor Neighborhood Association, Dundee Heights Neighborhood Association