

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED  
FOR THE  
NOVEMBER 5, 2007  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

November 5, 2007

Mayor Bogaard and Members of the City Council  
City of Pasadena  
100 North Garfield Avenue  
Pasadena, California 91109

RE: Whispering Waters, 1000 Cordova Street, Application for Landmark Designation

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Members of the City Council:

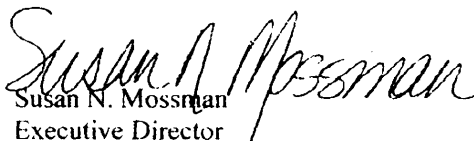
On behalf of Pasadena Heritage, we are writing to support the nomination of Whispering Waters for designation as a City of Pasadena Landmark. We are thrilled that this building is being reconsidered for landmark status and commend the City on closely examining historic resources from the postwar period.

Whispering Waters is a good example of Mid-century, multi-family housing that grew out of the garden apartment tradition. The developer, Lionel Mayell, successfully integrated a modern design aesthetic and modern materials with the surrounding landscape, while maximizing the site and the views from it. The building retains a great deal of integrity, including the curvilinear railings, original glass elevator, period doors and windows, and decorative screen walls. It also retains many original landscape features, including an unusual water feature that acts as a transition from the busy urban street to the residences. Although the water feature is not currently operational, we found it particularly important that this feature is still intact, and that the homeowners are planning for its rehabilitation.

As you are aware, the Villa San Pasqual, also developed by Lionel Mayell, was approved last year for Landmark designation. With Whispering Waters, Mayell expanded on the garden apartment theme that he had explored at Villa San Pasqual and other multi-family dwellings, and took the concepts of modern indoor/outdoor living and connection with nature to a high-rise building. Whispering Waters was also an early "own-your-own" cooperative apartment building, an innovative concept that Mayell helped to promote.

We feel that these connections to the development of the City's postwar residential architecture, along with the condition and integrity of the building, qualify it for Landmark status. We also commend the applicants on the quality of their research and writing in preparing the nomination.

Sincerely,

  
Susan N. Mossman  
Executive Director

  
Christine Lazzaretto  
Preservation Director

To: Pasadena City Council

Re: 1000 E. Cordova

From: Jean Barkauskas, President Board of Directors, Whispering Waters Association

I would like to explain why 20 of the 30 owners at Whispering Waters **are opposed** to the historical monument classification for our building.

Over the past 4 years the Board of Directors has spent over \$100K in a marketing campaign to try to convince owners that we should restore the pools in front of the buildings. This money was spent on designers, marketing firms, engineers and other consultants. Over \$40,000 has been spent in legal fees trying to convince owners. The current board did a survey and found that two-thirds of the owners did not get convinced. Consequently the board is now focused on setting priorities on the health and safety of our residents and on using our money for maintenance. We wish to allow owners to make the decisions. If the historic committee becomes involved I fear they will be in conflict with owners and nothing will be done for the next 10 years while we fight legal battles. Please don't do this to the owners!!! Thanks for your listening.

Any questions? Please call me.

Jean Barkauskas

951-552-3632

11/05/2007  
Item 6.B. 7:30 P.M.  
Handout by  
Larry M. Roberts Atty.

**DANIEL DAVID CASPI**

[REDACTED]  
Pasadena, California 91106

[REDACTED]

unit  
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September 12, 2007

Dear Whispering Waters HOA Board:

I do not wish the Historic Monument status for Whispering Waters, and I do not want Scheme A, the front pool project.

Sincerely,



Daniel Caspi

11/05/2007  
Item 6.B. 7:30 P.M.  
Handout by  
Larry M. Roberts Atty.

Dear Whispering Waters Board Members,

July 27, 2006

We the homeowners of Whispering Waters appreciate your hard work and dedication to making our building a premiere address in Pasadena. We recognize and value that you want to bring Whispering Waters up to its potential as a lovely, cosmopolitan residence.

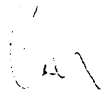
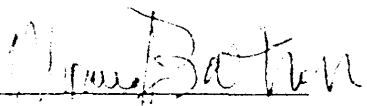
We do have some questions about the proposed \$90-thousand dollar emergency assessment. We would like to receive the following:


- 1) A copy of the citation from the state of California regarding the Whispering Waters elevator.
- 2) We want precise explanations of where the \$90K for the assessment is going, itemized. And we won't pay the estimated \$25K earmarked for construction "documents" (for a specific Purkis Rose (now MIG) "Rehabilitation" pool plan- costing over \$300K additional for actual construction). This part of the assessment is not a true "emergency" and it does not give owners the opportunity for input or a vote on the front landscaping.
- 3) We want prompt attention to our needs by the board, which has been very POOR when it comes to explanations and transparency in transactions.
- 4) We want a postponement of the due date of the assessment until after the above information is given to all homeowners and after a meeting is held between homeowners and board members where other questions are aired and answered.
- 5) If we don't get answers, we will take action to reform the board.
- 6) Deadline for a written response is August 3 @7pm regarding extension of the assessment due date and this is also the deadline for a written response to the additional requests as listed above.

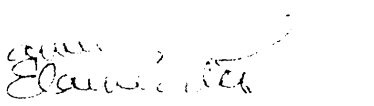
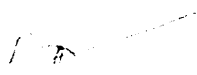
Again, thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to Whispering Water

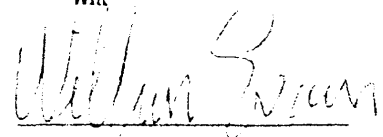
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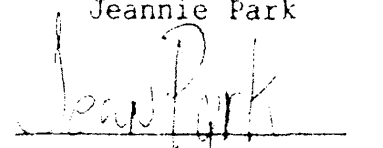
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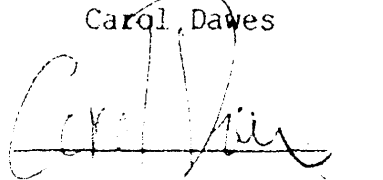
  
  
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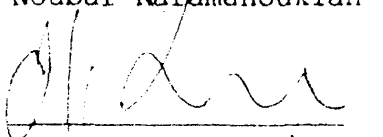
  
 Miriana (for Juan Stoyanov)  
 Elaine Parker

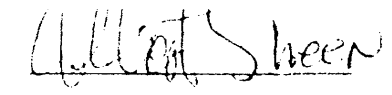
  
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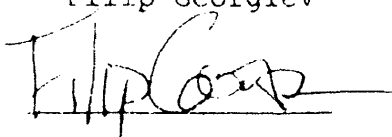
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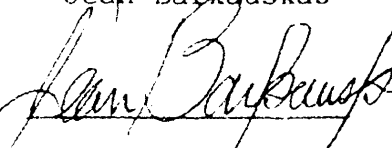
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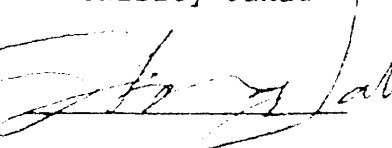
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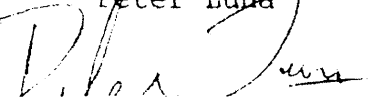
Noubar Karamanoukian  
  
 Ali Eltantawi



Filip Georgiev  


Jean Barkauskas  


Shirley Jahad  


Peter Luna  


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103

**Date:** Sept. 17, 2007

**To:** Pasadena Historical Preservation Commission

**Re:** Marion White's Request for 1000 E. Cordova St.

**CC:** Whispering Waters Association Board of Directors:

Jean Barkauskas, President, Will Evison, Vice President, Miriana Blaskova, Secretary/Treasurer, Matt Dillhoefer, At Large

From: Albert Sheen Unit # 103

1. DO YOU WANT 1000 E. CORDOVA TO BE DESIGNATED A HISTORIC MONUMENT?

Check one:  Yes  No

2. DO YOU WANT TO RESTORE THE POOLS USING THE PROPOSED DESIGN BY PURKIS ROSE DESIGNATED "SCHEMEA"? (The estimated cost is \$450,000 plus an increase in monthly dues of \$79 per unit, per month for maintenance)

Check one:  Yes  No

Signature: Albert Sheen Date: 9/16/07

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**CC: Whispering Waters Association Board of Directors:**

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From: Miriana Blaskova Unit # 104

1. DO YOU WANT 1000 E. CORDOVA TO BE DESIGNATED A HISTORIC MONUMENT?

Check one.

Yes

No

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Check one.

Yes

No

Signature: M Blaskova Date: 9-20-07

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From stevenljulian893@aol.com  
Subject Scheme A  
Date Mon, September 17, 2007 9:36 am  
To J.barkauskas@att.net, cappel@webtv.net

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Pending no viable alternative plan, I oppose Scheme A as proposed by MIG and recommended by the WW Building Committee.

Steve Julian  
September 17, 2007  
Unit 106

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Email and AIM finally together. You've gotta check out free [AOL Mail!](#)

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**CC: Whispering Waters Association Board of Directors:**

**Jean Barkauskas, President, Will Evison, Vice President, Miriana Blaskova, Secretary/Treasurer, Matt Dillhoefer, At Large**

From: PERRY & TRISH ELLIOTT Unit # 108

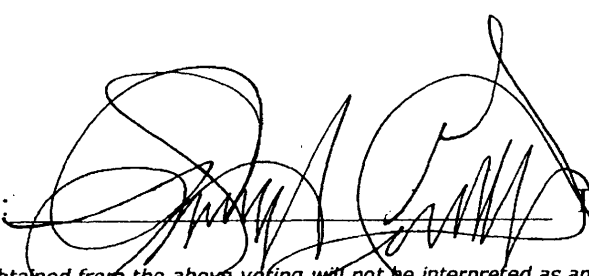
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Check one:  Yes  No

Signature:



Date:

9/12/07

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**To: Pasadena Historical Preservation Commission**

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**CC: Whispering Waters Association Board of Directors:**

**Jean Barkauskas, President, Will Evison, Vice President, Miriana Blaskova, Secretary/Treasurer, Matt Dillhoefer, At Large**

From: Filip Georgiev Unit # 109

1. DO YOU WANT 1000 E. CORDOVA TO BE DESIGNATED A HISTORIC MONUMENT? (Check One)

yes  no

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yes  no

Signature or typed name if in an email:

Filip Georgiev

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110

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**To: Pasadena Historical Preservation Commission**

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**CC: Whispering Waters Association Board of Directors:**

**Jean Barkauskas, President, Will Evison, Vice President, Miriana Blaskova, Secretary/Treasurer, Matt Dillhoefer, At Large**

From: Gary Hindoyan Unit # 110

1. DO YOU WANT 1000 E. CORDOVA TO BE DESIGNATED A HISTORIC MONUMENT? (check one)

yes

no

2. DO YOU WANT TO RESTORE THE POOLS USING THE PROPOSED DESIGN BY PURKIS ROSE DESIGNATED: "SCHEME A"? (The estimated cost is \$450,000 plus an increase in monthly dues of \$79 per unit, per month for maintenance)

yes

no

Signature: Gary Hindoyan Date: 9-18-07

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TO: John English  
Design & Historic Preservation Section  
George Ellerey Hale Building  
175 North Garfield  
Pasadena, CA 91109

FROM: Carol Dawes *Carol Dawes*  
17 North San Mateo *8/30/07*  
Ventura, CA 93004

RE: Marion K. White's Application for Historic Monument status for 1000 East Cordova Street

As an owner of a condominium located at 1000 Cordova (#205) I adamantly oppose the designation of 1000 Cordova Street as a Historic Monument. It is a 1960's condominium complex which has NO reason to be designated historic. It is in no sense historic! I trust that your Board will deny this application.

cc: Jean Barkauskas, Chairman of Board of Whispering Waters (1000 Cordova)  
Will Evison, Board Member of Whispering Waters

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207

**Date: Sept. 17, 2007**

**To: Pasadena Historical Preservation Commission**

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**CC: Whispering Waters Association Board of Directors:**

**Jean Barkauskas, President, Will Evison, Vice President, Miriana Blaskova, Secretary/Treasurer, Matt Dillhoefer, At Large**

From: Jean Barkauskas Unit # 207

1. DO YOU WANT 1000 E. CORDOVA TO BE DESIGNATED A HISTORIC MONUMENT? (Check One)

yes  no

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yes  no

Signature or typed name if in an email:

Jean Barkauskas

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From: ADenila@aol.com > Dave Johnson > Forwarded  
To: j.barkauskas@att.net  
Subject: (no subject)  
Date: Mon, 17 Sep 2007 02:33:35 +0000 [View Source]

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Alden, Will said that you did not get a copy of the letter to sign; so you can type your response below and type in your name- instead of signing and return to me. I will submit this with the other letters. Thanks, Jean

**Date: Sept. 17, 2007**

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**CC: Whispering Waters Association Board of Directors:**

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From: Alden Denali Unit # 208

1. DO YOU WANT 1000 E. CORDOVA TO BE DESIGNATED A HISTORIC MONUMENT? (Check One)

yes  no

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yes  no

Signature or typed name if in an email: alden denila

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209

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**CC: Whispering Waters Association Board of Directors:**

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From: Elaine Porter Unit # 209

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yes  no

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yes  no

Signature or typed name if in an email: Elaine Porter  
by phone *EB*

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301

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**CC: Whispering Waters Association Board of Directors:**  
**Jean Barkauskas, President, Will Evison, Vice President, Miriana Blaskova, Secretary/Treasurer, Matt Dillhoefer, At Large**

From: Noubar Karamanukian Unit # 301

1. DO YOU WANT 1000 E. CORDOVA TO BE DESIGNATED A HISTORIC MONUMENT?

Check one:  Yes  No *Don't have enough information to make a decision yet.*

2. DO YOU WANT TO RESTORE THE POOLS USING THE PROPOSED DESIGN BY PURKIS ROSE DESIGNATED "SCHEMEA"? (The estimated cost is \$450,000 plus an increase in monthly dues of \$79 per unit, per month for maintenance)

Check one:  Yes  No

Signature: Noubar Karamanukian Date: 9-17-07

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From: cappa1@webtv.net (Cappa) > **Save Address** > **Reminder**  
To: alexbark@dslextreme.com, j.barkauskas@att.net  
Subject: Fwd: RE: VITAL NEED!  
Date: Tue, 18 Sep 2007 19:46:08 +0000 [\[View Source\]](#)

Shirley  
Jahad  
Unit 302  
Hof...

Shirley's NO vote. Alex, can you cut out the junk (and my question) and make a hard copy? I think this is the best we're going to get.

Barbara told Danae last night, about the Historic status.. "The vote was unanimous"..well, I hope it really DOES raise the property value. I wonder WHY determines that?

Matt and the gang will say "The property values will now go up...but ONLY after we approve Scheme A"...tough luck, guys!

Attached Message

From: Cappa2@webtv.net (Will) [\[ Save Address \]](#)  
To: Cappa1@webtv.net  
Subject: Fwd: RE: VITAL NEED!  
Date: Tue, 18 Sep 2007 12:25:57 -0700

Attached Message

From: "Jahad, Shirley" <sjahad@scpr.org> [\[ Save Address \]](#)  
To: Will <Cappa2@webtv.net>  
Subject: RE: VITAL NEED!  
Date: Tue, 18 Sep 2007 11:37:17 -0700

i would like to see additional bids on lower cost alternatives that would include lower monthly maintenance costs.

thanks for all your work on this will.

-----Original Message-----

From: Will [mailto:[Cappa2@webtv.net](mailto:Cappa2@webtv.net)]  
Sent: Tue 9/18/2007 11:24 AM  
To: Jahad, Shirley  
Subject: VITAL NEED!

Shirley, on Thursday Bill Ney, the balcony guy is coming over and we're going to try and get all the small stuff done. WE STILL NEED YOUR YES OR NO VOTE ON SCHEME A...Just for your information, Steve voted NO. Your choice, but please write me a quick email and just say "I support

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From: ANAIT POSTOIAN Unit # 304

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Check one:  Yes  No

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Check one:  Yes  No

Signature : ANAIT POSTOIAN Date: 9/10/07

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**CC: Whispering Waters Association Board of Directors:**

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From: Ali Eltantawi Unit # 305

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yes  no

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yes  no

Signature or typed name if in an email: Ali Eltantawi

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**To: Pasadena Historical Preservation Commission**  
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**CC: Whispering Waters Association Board of Directors:**  
**Jean Barkauskas, President, Will Evison, Vice President, Miriana Blaskova, Secretary/Treasurer, Matt Dillhoefer, At Large**

From: PETER LUNA Unit # 306

1. DO YOU WANT 1000 E. CORDOVA TO BE DESIGNATED A HISTORIC MONUMENT?

Check one:  Yes  No *Need more information of implications, costs, etc.*

2. DO YOU WANT TO RESTORE THE POOLS USING THE PROPOSED DESIGN BY PURKIS ROSE DESIGNATED "SCHEMEA"? (The estimated cost is \$450,000 plus an increase in monthly dues of \$79 per unit, per month for maintenance)

Check one:  Yes  No *don't know alternatives*

Signature: *Peter Luna* Date: *Sept. 11, 2007*

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**Date:** Sept. 17, 2007

**To:** Pasadena Historical Preservation Commission

**Re:** Marion White's Request for 1000 E. Cordova St.

**CC:** Whispering Waters Association Board of Directors:

Jean Barkauskas, President, Will Evison, Vice President, Miriana Blaskova, Secretary/Treasurer, Matt Dillhoefer, At Large

From: Susan Blawfield Unit # 307

1. DO YOU WANT 1000 E. CORDOVA TO BE DESIGNATED A HISTORIC MONUMENT?

Check one:  Yes  No

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Check one:  Yes  No

Signature: Susan Blawfield Date: 9-11-07

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From: Cappa

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From: cappa1@webtv.net (Cappa)  
To: alexbark@dslextreme.com, j.barkauskas@att.net  
Subject: Fwd: Roof Repair vs Pool Restoration...  
Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 21:14:35 +0000

**Attached Message**

From: lindm@ncat.edu [ **Save Address** ]  
To: Cappa1@webtv.net  
Subject: Roof Repair vs Pool Restoration  
Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 13:46:51 -0700

The Lind's would like to retract our vote for the pool assessment. We no longer support the pool restoration.

Instead, I vote for roof repair for those on the 3rd floor where we have experienced leaks. Our unit 308 has had 2 leaks.

My cell is 336-549-6549. You may call me at any time.

Mary R. Lind, Professor  
NCA&T School of Business and Economics  
New Business School Building  
Greensboro, NC 27401  
[www.ncat.edu/~lindm](http://www.ncat.edu/~lindm)  
cell: 336-549-6549

**Attachment 1:** [Roof Repair vs Pool Restoration.eml](#) (Message/RFC822) Displayed Inline

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1. WILLIAM EVISON, DO NOT  
WISH WHISPERING WATERS TO BECOME  
AN HISTORIC MONUMENT

2. I WILL NOT VOTE FOR THE FRONT  
POOL PROJECT, ESTIMATED AT \$450,000  
+ \$79 PER MONTH IN INCREASED UNIT  
DUES — DESCRIBED AS "SCHEME A"

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William Evison