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From: Elayne Techentin <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 11:17 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: 980 South Los Robles Demolition

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Elayne Techentin

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Pasadena, California 91106

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From: Scott Smith <magicspark@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 11:46 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Please Support the Proposed Moratorium on Demolition

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

As a member of our community with a keen interest in the preservation of Pasadena's rich architectural and aesthetic heritage, I support the proposed temporary moratorium on the demolition and alteration of historic properties so that the Planning staff can review current city ordinances and recommend changes. Too many historic properties are not duly considered for preservation due to the current system.

I urge you to vote for the proposed moratorium in order to develop better protections for our historic homes and neighborhoods.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

—Scott

Scott Smith
N Chester Ave
Pasadena, CA

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From: Lee Allen <allenla882@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 11:39 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Support for moratorium on demolition of historic properties

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Mr. Jomsky,

Please record my support for the moratorium on eligible but undesignated historic homes and buildings. The Planning staff must have time to review current (and outdated) city ordinances, to make recommendations, and develop solutions to better protect the historic properties that distinguish Pasadena from other cities.

Thank you ,

Lee Allen

2091 Paloma Street

Pasadena, CA 91104

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From: Betsey Tyler <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 11:35 AM
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Thank you.

Betsey Tyler

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From: Katie Moran <k8tmoran@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 2:12 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: preservation@pasadenaheritage.org
Subject: Support the Moratorium!!!

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

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*Thank you for your time,
Katie Taylor*

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From: Nancy Foster <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 12:55 PM
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Thank you.

Nancy Foster

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From: Ethelyn Wilcox <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 2:49 PM
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Ethelyn Wilcox

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Madison ave

Pasadena , California 91106



November 18, 2019

Pasadena City Council
 City of Pasadena
 100 North Garfield Avenue
 Pasadena, California 91101

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RE: Interim Demolition Moratorium Ordinance

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

Pasadena Heritage strongly supports City Staff's recommendation to implement an interim urgency ordinance designed to protect Pasadena's eligible, yet undesignated, historic resources. For many years, loopholes in our citywide preservation ordinance have allowed important historic buildings that are eligible for designation on the National, California, or local registers to be demolished with little thought. We believe a short-term moratorium as proposed would allow the Planning Department, with the help of the preservation community and neighborhood groups, to study and recommend necessary amendments to our City Code.

Pasadena has done an excellent job at protecting its historic resources over the last half-century, and this is one of the major reasons why Pasadena stands out compared to neighboring cities. New residents move to Pasadena because they like the historic character of our single-family neighborhoods, the "Main Street" feel of Old Pasadena, or the urban feel of South Lake Avenue. These things make Pasadena a livable and vibrant city. In many cases, our Historic and Landmark Districts, in conjunction with our Specific Plans, protect these treasured qualities of Pasadena. However, there are instances when individual buildings slip through the cracks.

In the past few years, due to an intense real estate market rife with speculation and house flipping, we have seen threats to older homes and buildings accelerate. New residents choose to move to historic neighborhoods because they are drawn to the setting, but feel that they should have the largest house on the block. Demolitions or improper expansions of eligible resources ensue. Eligible resources are rarely torn down to build something new and appropriate, but rather the replacement building is only bigger, more imposing, and less charming than the structure it replaced. In many cases, the new construction sticks out like a sore thumb. At Pasadena Heritage, we receive countless calls from neighbors who are

concerned that a historic house on their block will be mansionized into something incompatible with their community.

We also have concerns with the economic aspects that come with the inherent right to demolish an eligible structure. Many of the small, undesignated houses in areas such as Madison Heights, Northwest Pasadena, and East Pasadena are excellent starter homes for young families. If starter homes are allowed to be demolished and redeveloped into something much larger, it inflates their values significantly. As California faces a statewide housing and affordability crisis, we must take steps to retain some of our more modest housing stock for middle-income families. This moratorium is an important temporary action, providing time to more closely scrutinize demolition citywide.

We support the ordinance as proposed, but ask City Staff to clarify the third exemption, which would allow for new construction on vacant properties. Does this pertain only to lots that are entirely undeveloped, or lots with buildings that are currently vacant? As written, we are confused about its impact. We ask that this be considered in deliberations tonight.

We commend the City Council and City Staff in scheduling this public hearing, and for listening to the concerns of the citizens of Pasadena. We urge you to support Staff's recommendation. We thank our members and supporters for their outpouring of letters and emails, as well as those from homeowners in Madison Heights and elsewhere. We fully support this moratorium, and are pleased that the concerns of Pasadenans are being addressed.

Sincerely,



Susan N. Mossman
Executive Director



Andrew Salimian
Preservation Director

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Steve Cathell

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Lori McShane

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