

Jomsky, Mark

From: Adriana Lim <adrianalim65@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2019 9:19 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: preservation@pasadenaheritage.org; Masuda, Gene
Subject: Preservation moratorium

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Honorable city council members;

I am writing this letter to strongly urge you to adopt the moratorium to preserve our historic homes and neighborhoods that would otherwise be eligible for preservation status, but have not been given this protection and are now subject to demolition by their current owners.

As a state licensed real estate appraiser for many years, I cannot understand why anyone would pay close to \$1,200,000 for a beautiful historic home and then want to tear it down. The **value** of this property is its uniqueness and its rarity. You absolutely are unable to recreate the architectural style and quality. It would be like purchasing a vintage, classic car and then gutting the engine and removing the original body of the car and replacing it with generic, non authentic parts. The value is now lost---never to be gained back. The originality has been diluted....there now nothing special about this car. The same goes for a classic, architecturally significant home. Once you remove too much of what makes it special--it loses significant value. Vintage homes, cars and jewelry almost are always worth more than new counterparts.

What makes a community like Pasadena special is its neighborhoods and architecture. We have a responsibility to leave the next generation the beautiful neighborhoods, bungalows and historic homes that we currently enjoy, however these homes are under constant threat of being destroyed and ruined by overzealous developers and flippers who have no appreciation for community and preservation and whose only interest is to turn a quick buck.

I understand that some of these smaller bungalows and homes may need updating in order to accommodate today's family needs. I am not against any homeowner wishing to do this. This can be done in a tasteful and respectful way to the homes' original architecture, while preserving its style and uniqueness. One doesn't have to tear a house down to studs and remove the classic details in order to adapt a house to today's modern family.

If we do not put safeguards in place immediately through restrictions and moratoriums, we will lose a small part of history, culture and community with each home that is allowed to be demolished. Please do not allow 980 S. Los Robles fall into this category.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Adriana Lim, writing as an individual
Commission Member TAC
Commission Member-design

Jomsky, Mark

From: Bert M. Steece <berts@usc.edu>
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2019 9:13 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: preservation@pasadenaheritage.org
Subject: Preservations of historic buildings

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Pasadena needs a moratorium on demolishing historic buildings until there is time to determine what must be saved. It would have been a shame to demolish the buildings on Colorado that have become destinations for visitors throughout Southern California. The restaurants, shops, and entertainment centers bring in people and dollars. So many cities in California have taken the wrecking ball to buildings that cannot be replaced. Please be careful about what is allowed to be destroyed forever.

Sincerely,

Joyce and Bert Steece

Jomsky, Mark

From: Sarah Cramer-Mason <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2019 5:19 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: 980 South Los Robles Demolition

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I support City staff's identification of the need to strengthen our historic preservation ordinance. I appreciate that they are bringing the urgency of the situation to the attention of City Council on November 18th, and like many fellow residents, I applaud their intention to ensure there is no demolition of historically significant homes without full CEQA review, including an EIR. I hope this and other houses can be saved.

Thank you.

Sarah Cramer-Mason
sarahcramermason@gmail.com
441 East Glenarm St
Pasadena, California 91106

Jomsky, Mark

From: Thomas Hirose, M.D. <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2019 5:18 PM
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Thomas Hirose, M.D.
tghirosemd@aol.com
441 East Glenarm St
Pasadena, California 91106

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From: Sandra Cramer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2019 5:16 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
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Sandra Cramer
scramerhr@yahoo.com
441 E Glenarm St
Pasadena, California 91106

Jomsky, Mark

From: Annette Marchain <annettemarchain@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2019 2:30 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Moratorium on Demolition and Alteration of Historic Properties

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

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

Thank you,

Annette

Annette Marchain

Real Estate Professional
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Jomsky, Mark

From: Kristina Nichols <kristina_nichols@mac.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2019 1:45 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Kristina Nichols; preservation@pasadenaheritage.org
Subject: Please vote for the Moratorium!

Importance: High

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Many thanks,
Kristina Nichols
355 S Madison Avenue #319
Pasadena, CA 91101
310.924.2896

Jomsky, Mark

From: Jenenne Macklin <jenennemacklin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2019 1:04 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Temporary Moratorium

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Abby Wanamaker <abby.wanamaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2019 12:22 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Proposed Historic moratorium on demolition/alteration

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I urge you to vote for the proposed moratorium, in order to develop better protections for our historic homes and neighborhoods. I support the proposed temporary moratorium on the demolition and alteration of historic properties to give time to the Planning staff to review current city ordinances and recommend any changes.

*Thank you,
Abby Wanamaker.*

Jomsky, Mark

From: Sean Ortega <seanortega@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 9:53 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Demolition Moratorium

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From: Michael Jeffries <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 9:41 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
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Thank you.

Michael Jeffries

jeffrmm@gmail.com

984 S. Oakland Avenue

Pasadena, California 91106

Jomsky, Mark

From: Phil Blum <520phil@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 9:21 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark; Kennedy, John; Gordo, Victor
Cc: preservation@pasadenaheritage.org
Subject: In support of the moratorium on demolition of historic structures

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Greetings!

As a founding member and president of the Craftsman Heights Neighborhood Association, I worked with the rest of our board and many volunteers for years to gain approval of our Craftsman Heights Landmark District. We well know the value of our historic architectural heritage to our city's special character. We also know that preservation of that character is a time consuming struggle. I urge you to approve the proposed moratorium to give staff time to develop reasonable protections for our historic buildings and neighborhoods. Those of us who value our historic neighborhoods thank you!

Warmest regards,

Phil Blum

Jomsky, Mark

From: Camille Guevara <acamilleg@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 8:57 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark; preservation@pasadenaheritage.org
Subject: Moratorium on Demolition/Alteration

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I support the proposed temporary moratorium on the demolition and alteration of historic properties so that the Planning staff has ample time to review current city ordinances and recommend changes. I urge you to vote for the proposed moratorium in order to develop better protections for our historic homes and neighborhoods. What appealed to me about the city of Pasadena is the abundance of preserved historic properties and I'm certain I'm not the only one that was drawn to this. Allowing developers and other private interests to change the landscape of Pasadena will cause the city to lose its unique charm and character. Please consider the future price that will be paid when making your vote. Thank you.

*Best regards,
Camille Guevara*

Jomsky, Mark

From: Jennifer Tomassi <jtmassi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 8:51 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: preservation@pasadenaheritage.org
Subject: Support for moratorium on demolition

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Jurca, Catherine <cjurca@hss.caltech.edu>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 8:41 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: please support moratorium on demolition to preserve historic resources

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Dear Mayor Tornek and Members of the City Council,

I have worked in Pasadena for almost twenty-five years, and I lived there for sixteen. I deeply regret moving out of the city and plan to move back as soon as feasible, because of its indescribably charming character. What other city would make the local academic powerhouse Caltech move and rehabilitate an entire historic bungalow court to build a new science building? And it looks fantastic!

Please vote to put a moratorium on demolition to consider extending greater protections to undesignated resources. Even Glendale, Glendale!!!! where I live now does this, and it is not serious about historic preservation. Virtually nothing new that gets built in residential architecture is any match in quality or materials for the older homes that are replaced. When the State is busily stripping away the character of southern California's residential neighborhoods, take this step to make sure Pasadena's unique qualities remain.

Thank you so much for your consideration and service.

Best wishes,
Catherine Jurca

Jomsky, Mark

From: Diana Britt <dkbritt@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 8:22 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: MORATORIUM ON DEMOLITION

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Diana Britt
280 Sequoia Drive
Pasadena, CA 91105
626-817-9086

Jomsky, Mark

From: Carol Ebbinghouse <carol.ebbinghouse@att.net>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 8:19 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Sue Mossman
Subject: Support for moratorium on building demolitions

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Members of the Pasadena City Council:

I urge you to vote in favor of a temporary moratorium on building demolitions pending review of the city's various codes. Once an historic building has been demolished, it is gone forever, along with the architectural consistency of the neighborhood--and especially a neighborhood that is moving toward Landmark status.

Pasadena has lost thousands of historic homes, commercial and cultural buildings due to a variety of mass demolitions for a variety of freeways. Pasadena has just recently saved hundreds of CalTrans homes, gardens, school buildings, etc.

It is time to pause, acknowledge this important opportunity to recommit to preserving Pasadena's prized historic and architecturally significant buildings, homes and neighborhoods. Especially as the Council moves forward in developing new legislation on building mass, density and other considerations regarding new buildings.

I appreciate your consideration.

Carol Ebbinghouse
carol.ebbinghouse@att.net

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

Jomsky, Mark

From: Kent Sokolow <kent@kenterle.com>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 8:08 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: 'Hayden Prater'
Subject: Moratorium on demolishing historical or potentially historical properties in Pasadena

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Hello Mark, As the steward (owner) of the 17th Historical Landmark in Pasadena, I respectfully request you to bring about a moratorium on the demolition of historical or potentially historical properties in Pasadena, I appreciate your consideration, Kent E Sokolow, KenCott Manor, West Pasadena

Jomsky, Mark

From: lorraine montgomery <lorrainemontgomery@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 7:59 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: no demolition!

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Lorraine Montgomery

Commissioner on the Status for Women

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From: Darrell Banta <darrellbanta@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 7:54 PM
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Cc: preservation@pasadenaheritage.org
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*Sincerely,
Darrell & Bert Banta
Pasadena, CA
91105*

Please excuse my typos 😊
Sent from my iPhone

Jomsky, Mark

From: Mary Quinn-Lumsden <mquinnlumsden@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 6:31 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: No demolition!

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To the major/city council of Pasadena:

I support the moratorium to demolish any historic buildings in Pasadena! Please consider the precious buildings that are relevant to this area's significant architectural history, to the many visitors who come to Pasadena every year to experience their continued protection for all to see.

Mary Quinn Lumsden
Gamble House Docent '96

Sent from my iPhone

Jomsky, Mark

From: Eileen Doody <edoody100@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 6:28 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark; preservation@pasadenaheritage.org

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*Sincerely,
Eileen Doody*