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Pasadena City Council C/o City Clerk 100 North Garfield Ave. Pasadena, CA 91101

Subject: Resignation of Russell Hobbs as Bungalow Heaven Landmark District Representative

Re: Cultural Heritage Commission

Dear Council Members:

Much work lies ahead for Bungalow Heaven and city staff to improve the guidelines of our Conservation Plan. Additionally, to secure better protection from "in compliance" but unacceptable improvements, or worse, non-conforming work constructed without permit coupled with weak enforcement policies. Revisions to the City Zoning Ordinance are in process, and should incorporate changes to better protect historic neighborhoods from unacceptable change, such as front yard fencing.

With all of this before us, and as I enter my eighth year of service to the neighborhood, the sixth year of service on the Commission, and move into my seventy-fifth year, I realize that the time has come in my life and in the life of our neighborhood for a change. I must respond to my personal mission statement, and devote my energy to pursue my talents in the arts.

Working with the Commission and the dedicated people in the Design and Historic Preservation and Building Departments has been a rich and rewarding experience. Their response and cooperation has contributed greatly to a better understanding and respect by the residents of our neighborhood. My other activities for the neighborhood, such as improvements for McDonald Park, have given me the opportunity to meet many others of your city family, particularly Public Works and more particularly Parks and Natural Resources. Their response has always been cordial and timely.

It is with difficulty, but also with the determination to fulfill my mission, that I submit this resignation as the Bungalow Heaven Landmark District Representative on the Cultural Heritage Commission effective immediately.

Respectfully

Russell Hobbs 1075 Mar Vista Ave. Pasadena, CA 91104

Cc: Bungalow Heaven Neighborhood Assn., Jeff Cronin, Design and Historic Preservation Section, Robert Fowler, Building Official, Bob Baderian, Director Parks and Natural Resources