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City Council
c/o City Clerk
117 E. Colorado Boulevard, 6th floor
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: **APPEAL OF STAFF DECISION**
Council District 3
Case Number PLN2005-00556

To whom it may concern:

This letter serves as formal Notice of Appeal on your decision regarding the above mentioned case.

Please be advised that we had to change the doors to our home because the doors were in bad condition and were defective; they were not safe nor secure because the wood had become cracked, worn and moldy in addition, we were told by a trusted source that the doors had termites.

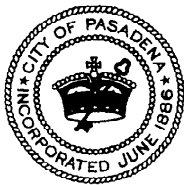
We paid \$2000.00 to correct these issues. If we had to replace the doors again, it would be an extreme financial burden on our family.

We therefore respectfully request that this issued be dropped and that your file be closed. Should you have questions or comments please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Very truly yours,


ROBERTO MARTINEZ


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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
PLANNING DIVISION

October 20, 2005

Mr. Roberto Martinez
468 Rio Grande Street
Pasadena, CA 91104

NOTICE OF DECISION—APPEAL OF STAFF DECISION

Certificate of Appropriateness for Existing Installation of New Front and Side Doors

468 Rio Grande Street (Normandie Heights Landmark District)

Case# *PLN2005-00556*

Council District 3

Dear Mr. Martinez:

At a public hearing on October 17, 2005 in the Centennial Place gymnasium, 235 E. Holly Street, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed your appeal of a decision by the Planning Director to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness for the existing installation of new doors—with ornamental glass panels and surface-mounted trim— on the front and west side elevations of the house at 468 Rio Grande Street. The house, constructed in 1941, is a contributing property to the Normandie Heights Landmark District. The existing doors were installed without a Certificate of Appropriateness. The original application for this project was submitted on July 12, 2005. The staff issued its decision on August 2, 2005.

In its decision, the Commission:

1. Acknowledged that the installation of replacement doors is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Article 19 §15301, existing facilities);
2. Found that the design of the new doors does not comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the Design Guidelines for Historic Districts, specifically, because the project does not comply with the requirements to preserve the functional and decorative features of an historic door (Guideline 7.6, pg. 57), and to repair wooden door components by patching, piecing-in, consolidating or otherwise reinforcing the wood (Guideline 7.7, pg. 57), and, when replacement is necessary, match the original door as closely as possible (Guideline 7.10, pg. 58); and
3. Based on these findings, denied the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness and specified that the applicant shall have 30 days to sort out replacement of the doors and another 30 days to complete the installation.

Effective Date	Appeal	Call for Review
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This decision becomes effective on **Friday, October 28, 2005**. You, as the applicant, as well as any person affected by this decision may appeal it to the City Council before the effective date by filing an application for an appeal with the City Clerk (6th floor, 117 E. Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91101). **The last day to file an appeal is Thursday, October 27, 2005.**

Appeals must state the reason for the appeal. Before the effective date, the City Council may also call for a review of this decision. Please note that appeals and calls for review are conducted as *de novo* hearings, meaning that the lower decision is vacated and the item is reviewed as a new application. The time limits within which judicial review of land use and permit decisions may be sought are generally very short. If you intend to seek judicial review of this action, you are advised to consult legal counsel immediately.

Sincerely,



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