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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
PLANNING DIVISION

September 2, 2005

Mr. Christopher Mullen
341 Adena Street
Pasadena, CA 91104

Ms. Karen Bateman
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Pasadena, CA 91104

RE: 361 Adena Street - Activity #PLN2005-00411
Determination of Eligibility for Landmark Designation

Dear Mr. Mullen & Ms. Bateman:

The staff of the Design & Historic Preservation has received your application for landmark designation of 361 Adena Street and evaluated the historic and architectural significance of the property according to the criteria for significance in P.M.C. Chapter 17.62. Staff has determined that the property does not individually meet the criteria for designation as a landmark for the following reasons:

1. According to National Register guidelines for evaluating properties for association with lives of significant persons, the house does not qualify for designation because of its former owners or residents. The guidelines state: *"A property is not eligible if its only justification for significance is that it was owned or used by a person who is a member of an identifiable profession, class, or social or ethnic group."* Also, *"Properties eligible under (this criterion) are usually those associated with a person's productive life, reflecting the time period when he or she achieved significance.* The documented evidence of ownership by Henry Lewis (1888-1901) and the purported residency of Anna M. Luckey (the directory cited as evidence lists a different person with the same last name) are insufficient for determining eligibility under this criterion.
2. The late nineteenth-century house on the property does not embody the distinctive characteristics of the Queen Anne or Colonial Revival

architectural styles that were prevalent in the late nineteenth century; rather, it is a vernacular house with only minor references to architectural design details of the period. In the historic context of residential architecture of the late 1800s, the house does not warrant the level of distinction that individual landmark designation would bring. There are many more important examples of late nineteenth-century styles exhibited in both large and small dwellings that remain in the City.

Though it is not significant individually as a landmark, the house is important in the context of the Garfield Heights Landmark District as a contributor to that district.

Effective Date — Appeal — Call for Review

This decision becomes effective on **Tuesday, September 13, 2005**. Before the effective date, the City Council may call for a review of your application. In addition, you or any person affected by this decision may submit a written appeal to the Historic Preservation Commission before the effective date. Appeals must be submitted to the Commission at the Permit Center (175 N. Garfield Avenue). Appeals must cite a reason for objecting to a decision. Please note that appeals and calls for review are conducted as *de novo* hearings, meaning that the lower decision is vacated and the entire decision is reviewed anew. The final day to appeal the staff decision is **Monday, September 12, 2005**.

Please contact me if you have questions about this matter.

Sincerely,



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