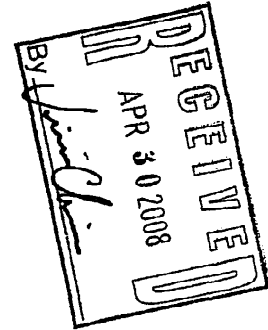


April 29, 2008

Vicim Chima, Assistant Planner
Design & Historic Preservation Section
Permit Center
175 N. Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109-7215



RE: Proposed Marengo-Pico Landmark District—Support

Dear Mr. Chima,

Anne Regan-Smith, my wife, and I are the owners of the house located at 621 S. Marengo Ave., one of the six properties that will soon be considered for designation as a Landmark District by the Historic Preservation Commission.

As the staff and members of the Historic Preservation Commission are no doubt aware, the applicant, Mrs. Ruth Christensen, has had a long history of promoting the preservation of California Bungalow style architecture in our neighborhood, most notably in the South Marengo district. We are grateful for her initiative and hard work in applying for this designation for all six properties, and we fully support the inclusion of our property in the proposal.

I believe the same architect designed our residence, a so-called “acroplane” Craftsman, as the one-story residence at 627 S. Marengo. They both embody many of the distinctive characteristics of this period, as do the other two properties at 611 S. Marengo and 181 Pico St. The Wallace Neff property, at 180 E. California, has historic and architectural significance for Pasadena and the region, and should be included also.

We plan on attending the May 5th hearing to urge the commission to recommend the designation of the six properties as a landmark district. Assuming a positive outcome, we look forward to signing the petition that will be forwarded to the Planning Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If we can be of further assistance in supporting the application, please do not hesitate to contact us at (626) 695-7696

Sincerely

Gary E. Smith
621 S. Marengo Ave.
Pasadena CA 91106

Chima, Vicrim

From: Stadnicki , Emily F
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2008 9:04 AM
To: Chima, Vicrim
Subject: FW: Historic District

From: Rex Uber [mailto:RUber@mparchitects.com]
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 10:53 AM
To: Stadnicki , Emily F
Subject: Historic District

Hi Emily,

We would be glad to have the Neff Building be included in a historic district bounded by California, Pico, Marengo and Picher Alley. We look forward to hearing more details.

Best regards,

Rex Uber

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Pasadena May 5-2008.

Respecting our Past - Historic Craftsman Houses.

RE: Proposed Matengo-Pico Landmark District

Dear members of Historic Preservation Commission.
Meeting May 5-2008

I am the applicant - Ruth E. Christensen - 611 So. Matengo ave
of proposed designation of the 6 Properties located on
this short 600 Block of So. Matengo avenue.

Owner of 3 Craftsman Houses 611-629 So. Matengo - and
and 181 Pico Street. My Home 611 So. Matengo - 100 Year.

I feel that unless protected as a Historic Landmark
District - this Block soon will be replaced by new
Development - only a handful of older Craftsman
Houses in this area (between California and Glenarm)
remain - therefore must be preserved for future
Generations to enjoy.

So. Matengo - oldest residential Street in Pasadena (1885)

Pasadena's first Hotel was located on So. Matengo
near California - Build 1879-1880.

Several Churches build on So. Matengo (called ave of Churches)
1903 President Theodore Roosevelt - Visit to Pasadena
an Arch of Calla Lillies was build over Matengo avenue

Thank you for your consideration to this historic
designation.

Copy: This Old House
611 So. Matengo

Sincerely,
Ruth Christensen
611 So. Matengo avenue