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Pasadena City Council  
100 North Garfield Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91109

RE: Support for Landmark Designation of 1313 North Hill Avenue (“Gehrig Building”) and  
1383-1399 East Washington Boulevard (“Hill & Washington Apartments Building”)



Dear Mayor Bogaard and Honorable Council Members,

On behalf of Pasadena Heritage, I would like to express our support for the applications for landmark designation submitted by Historic Preservation Commissioner Ms. Brigid Fennell for two locally significant, intact examples of 1920’s-era vernacular masonry commercial structures located at the intersection of North Hill Avenue and East Washington Boulevard.

The Staff Report prepared for these applications makes clear that these buildings meet Criterion C for designation as a Pasadena Landmark. The Historic Preservation Commission considered this matter in a Public Hearing on May 7, 2012. There was no opposition presented at that Public Hearing, and the Commission recommended that the City Council approve the designation of these properties as landmarks. I urge you to accept the Commission’s recommendation when you consider this matter on October 1, 2012.

I would also like to note that these applications have the support of two important neighborhood groups in the vicinity of these properties: Historic Highlands Neighborhood Association and Bungalow Heaven Neighborhood Association, whose letters are attached to the Staff Report. Clearly, these buildings not only meet the necessary requirements for official landmark designation, but also are highly valued by the community for their contributions to the City’s historic character and quality of life.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jenna Kachour  
Preservation Director

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Johnson, Kevin  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2012 10:00 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** 1383-1399 E. Washington Blvd. letter from neighbor

Mark,

Below is text from an email sent to me by a neighbor of the building at 1383-1399 E. Washington Blvd., which is on Monday's Council agenda:

I am a neighbor in Historic Highlands, northwest of the commercial buildings at Hill and Washington, particularly 1383 and 1384 E. Washington Blvd, and 1313 N. Hill Avenue. I would love to see these buildings preserved as historic landmarks but am unable to make the council meeting to say so. Please let this note serve as my opinion in favor of Historic Landmark status. I feel these important buildings have been a portal to our neighborhood of gorgeous old family homes and a beacon of old-time stability, certainly not anything to be 'modernized'. Thank you all for your serious consideration to preserve not just the housing stock in Pasadena, but the commercial stock as well. Sincerely,  
Leslie Comras Aiken

Thanks,

Kevin

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**Jomsky, Mark**

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**Subject:** FW: 383 Washington and 1313 Hill

**From:** Amy Richards [<mailto:amy@showcaller.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2012 3:21 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Kevin  
**Cc:** Bridgid Fennell  
**Subject:** 383 Washington and 1313 Hill

Hi Kevin,

I am writing in support of the landmarking of 383 Washington and 1313 Hill. Those buildings are the cornerstones of Historic Highlands and their loss would destabilize the character of our historic district. One need only to look across the street to the graceless, bland, dare I say tacky buildings on the NE corner of Hill and Washington to visualize what could be built in place of the modest, attractive and historic storefronts of 383 Washington and 1313 Hill.

I strongly urge the Council to protect and preserve these buildings by granting them landmark status.

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