

ATTACHMENT A:

SHPO Requests for Comments

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September 6, 2012

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**RE: Historic Preservation Commission Review and Comment on the Nomination of
Southern California Sanitarium Historic District to the National Register of Historic
Places**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pursuant to the Certified Local Government Agreement between the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) and your governmental entity, we are providing your historic preservation commission with a sixty (60) day review and comment period before the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) takes action on the above-stated National Register of Historic Places (National Register) nomination at its next meeting. Details on the meeting are enclosed.

As a Certified Local Government under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, your commission may prepare a report as to whether or not such property, in its opinion, meets the criteria for the National Register. Your commission's report should be presented to the Chief Elected Local Official for transmission, along with their comments, to California State Parks, Attn: Office of Historic Preservation, Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, State Historic Preservation Officer, P.O. Box 94286, Sacramento, California 94296-0001. So that the SHRC may have adequate time to consider the comments, it is requested, but not required, that OHP receives written comments fifteen (15) days before the SHRC's meeting. If you have questions or require further information, please contact the Registration Unit at (916) 445-7008.

As of January 1, 1993, all National Register properties are automatically included in the California Register of Historical Resources and afforded consideration in accordance with state and local environmental review procedures.

Supplemental information on the National Register is available at our website at the following address: www.ohp.parks.ca.gov.

Thank you for your assistance in this program.

Sincerely,

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Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures: Nomination, Meeting Notice

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September 7, 2012

Kevin Johnson, CLG Coordinator
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Pasadena, California 91109-7215

**RE: Historic Preservation Commission Review and Comment on the Nomination of
Merwin House to the National Register of Historic Places**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

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MEETING NOTICE

FOR: State Historical Resources Commission Quarterly Meeting

DATE: Friday, November 9, 2012

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Balboa Park Club Ballroom
2150 Pan American Road
San Diego, California 92101

This room is accessible to people with disabilities. Questions regarding the meeting should be directed to the Registration Unit (916) 445-7008

ATTACHMENT B:

Draft Comment Letter

DRAFT

October 22, 2012

State Historical Resources Commission
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In response to your request for comments, the Historic Preservation Commission and City Council urge your favorable consideration on November 9th of the National Register nominations of the Southern California Sanitarium Historic District and the Merwin House. The distinctive grouping of buildings on the Las Encinas Hospital Campus is important for its representation of the historical development of the City of Pasadena as a health, tourist and social mecca. The Merwin House is an important example of the work of seminal Arts & Crafts Period architects Charles & Henry Greene and builder Peter Hall.

The attached comments from the Historic Preservation Commission are intended to enhance the excellent work of Architectural PP Services and Historic Resources Group in preparing the nomination forms. We look to your support on November 9th to advance these nominations to the Keeper of the Register.

Sincerely,

BILL BOGAARD
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMENTS ON SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SANITARIUM HISTORIC DISTRICT
AND THE MERWIN HOUSE NOMINATIONS FOR LISTING IN THE NATIONAL
REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

1. The description of the Merwin House should include a discussion of the site design and should indicate any specific site features are significant and contributing to the nomination.

The Merwin House property has site features that may be historic and may contribute to the historic designation of the property. The nomination includes a site plan prepared by Greene & Greene and a photograph showing a rock retaining wall along the southern property line. These site features should be discussed in the nomination form to ensure future stewardship of those resources that are significant.

2. The Southern California Sanitarium Historic District nomination should include a map that numbers each building and the list of contributing and non-contributing buildings should be numbered to correspond to the map.

The nomination form lists each building in the district by name and references photographs that were not provided to the City for this review. Those that are unfamiliar with the site and the names of the buildings may find it difficult to identify buildings in the future. To ensure a clear understanding of the location of each of the buildings listed in the nomination, a map that includes a number for each building should be included and the list of buildings in the nomination form should be numbered to correspond to the map.

3. Consider removing the parcel with address of 2954 E. Del Mar Boulevard from the boundaries of the historic district because it does not include any contributing features.

The parcel is at the eastern end of the site along El Nido Avenue and includes two multi-unit residential buildings constructed circa 1979, along with associated circulation and parking. These buildings are not contributing to the district and, therefore, should not be included in the boundaries.