

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

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October 27, 2018

City of Pasadena Mayor and Council Members

c/o Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

City of Pasadena

175 N. Garfield Ave.

Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Honorable Mayor Tornek and Pasadena City Council Members:

I am writing this to say I support the designation of Whispering Waters as a City landmark and ask that you approve the staff's recommendation to approve this designation.

I was a resident of Whispering Waters condominium for more than ten years, until I moved recently to a retirement community to be near my son and his family. Previously I lived for many years in the San Rafael area of Pasadena. One thing I always loved about living in Pasadena was its great architectural heritage and its historic neighborhoods.

Whispering Waters, built in 1960, has been considered an excellent example of Modernist-style architecture, designed by the well-known designer Lionel Mayell. I was always proud to have my family and friends visit such a lovely historic building.

It is nice to hear that the City staff, the Historic Preservation Commission, and Pasadena residents recognize Whispering Waters as a valuable historic condominium in the heart of the City's downtown residential area.

I urge you to support the recommendations of staff and the Historic Preservation Commission to approve Whispering Waters as a City landmark.

Sincerely,

Barbara Robison

3575 N. Moorpark Road

Thousand Oaks, California 91360

Cc: Mr. Kevin Johnson, Senior Planner-Design & Historic Preservation Section

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Ken Perry <kenpasadena@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2018 9:51 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Cc:** Johnson, Kevin  
**Subject:** Approve Historic Landmark Designation for Whispering Waters

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Please include the attached letter in support of the historic landmark designation for Whispering Waters, 1000 Cordova, in the package scheduled to go to the Pasadena City Council on Nov. 5.

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October 24, 2018

City of Pasadena Mayor Tornek and Council Members  
c/o Mark Jomsky, City Clerk  
City of Pasadena  
175 N. Garfield Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Honorable Mayor Tornek and Pasadena City Council Members:

I support the designation of Whispering Waters as a City landmark and ask that you support the recommendation of staff and the unanimous recommendation by the Historic Preservation Commission to approve this designation.

Whispering Waters was built in 1960. The designer of Whispering Waters, Lionel Mayell, was a prolific builder of well-executed Modernist apartment buildings in Pasadena during the 1950s and 1960s, completing at least six projects in Pasadena. He is well-known and respected as a significant contributor to the Modernist style of architecture.

Pasadena is known for valuing and protecting its historic resources, and Whispering Waters is a stunning example of the unique historic architecture of the 1960s. With the massive building of not-so-attractive multi-family units going up all over town, it is vital that we maintain our civic character by preserving important projects such as Whispering Waters.

I urge you to support the recommendations of staff and the Historic Preservation Commission to approve Whispering Waters as a City landmark.

Sincerely,

Ken Perry

775 N. Martelo Ave.

Pasadena, CA 91104

Phone: 626-794-1409

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** J.P. Walsh <j.p.walsh@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2018 10:47 AM  
**To:** Johnson, Kevin; Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Landmark Application: 1000 Cordova Street

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Subject:  
*Whispering Waters* 1000 Cordova Street  
(11/5/18 City Council Public Hearing)

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I own four residential properties in this district, including directly across the street at 999 Cordova Street.

I support the Whispering Waters Association desire for Landmark designation.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Patrick Walsh

c/o  
Mark Jomsky, City Clerk  
Kevin Johnson, Senior Planner

October 24, 2018

Mr. Mark Jomsky, City Clerk  
c/o email ([mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net))  
City of Pasadena  
175 N. Garfield Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91101

CC: Mr. Kevin Johnson [kevinjohnson@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:kevinjohnson@cityofpasadena.net)

Dear Mr. Jomsky,

Attached is my letter of support for Whispering Waters Landmark designation. I ask that you please include my letter of support in the package for the November 5 City Council meeting.

Thank you,

Kirk V. Hachigian

245 S. Holliston Ave. #103

Pasadena CA 91106



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City of Pasadena  
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Kirk V. Hachigian  
245 S. Holliston Ave. #103  
Pasadena CA 91106

Cover letter attached:

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**Ann Bussard**

2077 Queensberry Road • Pasadena, CA 91104  
626/676-6963 • annbussardlmft@gmail.com

October 21, 2018

City of Pasadena Mayor and Council Members  
c/o Mark Jomsky, City Clerk  
City of Pasadena  
175 North Garfield Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91101

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Sincerely,



Ann Bussard  
2077 Queensberry Road  
Pasadena, CA 91104

October 17, 2018

City of Pasadena Mayor and Council Members  
c/o Mark Jomsky, City Clerk  
City of Pasadena  
175 N. Garfield Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91101

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Sincerely,

Park M. Neely  
2110 E. Orange Grove Blvd.  
Pasadena, CA 91104



## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** C. Carmen Mayell <carmen.mayell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 31, 2018 2:26 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: WHISPERING WATERS HISTORIC DESIGNATION

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October 31, 2018

Mr. Terry Tornek, Mayor  
City of Pasadena and  
Members of the City Council  
c/o Mark Jomsky, Pasadena City Clerk

Dear Mayor Tornek:

I'm writing in support of the passage of Whispering Waters (1000 Cordova Street) as a project well deserving of historic designation. Given the many accolades attributed to the great city, for which you provide leadership, I do not take my statement of support lightly. In view of such, your consideration of my reasoning is appreciated.

My father, Lionel Mayell, was a visionary in the field of multi-family development. Having constructed his first multi-family, own-your-own dwellings in the 1920s, soon after World War II he was drawn to both the beauty of Pasadena, as well as the opportunity therein, to build the precursor of the modern day, suburban condominium. It would have been eighty years ago this year, I believe, when he argued his case before the City Council--to build the first multi-family dwelling on Orange Grove Blvd.

Of interest, perhaps, dad's developments were not structured around particular enterprises (e.g. bank or trust company) or, necessarily, conceived as part of one's architectural portfolio. Rather, dad built his buildings around a concept (a concept devised while a law student at Stanford) offering fee-simple, title ownership in multi-family dwellings. Most importantly, dad built with an eye to complement the area in which he built as well as the desire to provide a pleasing atmosphere for those who a project's future residents.

Whispering Waters seems to exemplify the vision my father had--a vision attuned to people, particulars of unique opportunity and, of course, a panorama of beautiful vistas. Although he went on to build two more "Whispering Waters" complexes (Winter Park and St. Petersburg, FL) following 1000 Cordova, it was in your city that he conceptualized, initiated and refined his idea of the suburban, own-your-own apartment home. Indeed, my father's developments continue to provide well-designed, desirable housing throughout the nation in California, Arizona and Florida--several of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. I confess, my appreciation, as a son, for my dad's achievements--a designer-developer with no formal training--only escalates as I grow older.

Mr. Tornek, you must know the entire Mayell family is grateful for yours and the Council's consideration in this matter (so much so that my wife and I will be traveling, from Florida, to share in this most important occasion; regardless of outcome, we wouldn't miss it!). Without question, the architectural gems so evident within your city, are nothing short of amazing! Thus even the Council's willingness to consider another of my dad's buildings, for local landmark status, is met with deep appreciation. And should we be so fortunate to have the City Council of Pasadena vote to confirm Whispering Waters as an historically-significant development, you can rest assured your city will, once again, only celebrate another gem confirming the hallmark of architectural achievement within the city limits of the great city of Pasadena.

Sincerely,

**C. Carmen Mayell**  
Delray Beach, FL  
561-870-8944



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October 31, 2018

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Sincerely,

Christine Steele  
405 S. Los Robles Ave., Apt. 302  
Pasadena, CA 91101

cc: Kevin Johnson, Senior Planner, Design & Historic Preservation Section

November 1, 2018

City of Pasadena Mayor and Council Members  
c/o Mark Jomsky, City Clerk  
City of Pasadena  
175 N. Garfield Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91101

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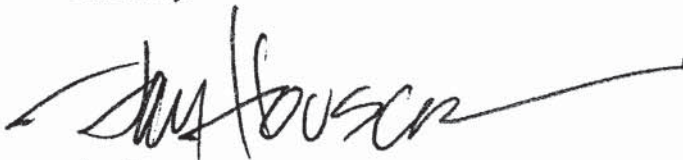
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Sincerely,



Jay Houser  
1000 South Orange Grove Blvd. Unit #7  
Pasadena, CA 91105-1700



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Robert Gasdick  
1000 South Orange Grove Blvd. Unit #7  
Pasadena, CA 91105-1700