



April 9, 2021

Pasadena City Council
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California 91101

Re: Pasadena Avenue Historic District

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We are pleased you will be reviewing the Pasadena Avenue Historic District at your April 12 meeting, and hope you will support our nomination. Our consultant, Shannon Papin, has been working hard on this document since 2019, and though COVID delayed the State's schedule, we are happy it is moving forward. We thank Kevin Johnson and the Historic Preservation Commission for the comments and suggestions, and we agree with Kevin's recommendations. We will incorporate them into the document and want the nomination to be as accurate as possible. We also want to thank John Ripley, who has provided additional edits which will also be included in the final version.

We respectfully ask for your support for this nomination, and it will be important to the State Historical Resources Commission to see that it has your approval.

Please note that once the District is listed, the southern portion of the 710 Corridor in Pasadena will be granted preservation protections and incentives. The northern portion, the Markham Place Historic District, was nominated by Pasadena Heritage several years ago and is now listed, so the Pasadena Avenue nomination completes the process. Both of these Districts were determined eligible at least twice in the past, during the long review process for the 710 Freeway. Listing on the National Register will help preserve the aesthetics of a district that has been virtually unchanged since the 1950s. It will open up powerful tools like the Mills Act and the State Historic Building Code to homeowners looking to restore Caltrans homes and help return them to our occupied housing stock.

We thank you for your dedication to historic preservation and know you join us in wanting to see these homes occupied and preserved for future generations.

Sincerely,

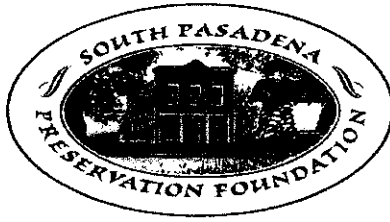
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Dear Mayor Gordo and honorable City Council members,

The South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF) wishes to wholeheartedly express its support for your submitting a recommendation to the State Historical Resources Commission in support of the listing of the Pasadena Avenue Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places, with technical comments outlined in the agenda report, including the additional comment provided by the Historic Preservation Commission at its April 6, 2021 meeting. As the proposed National Register District includes four contributing properties on the south side of Columbia Street in the City of South Pasadena, we share your desire to see the designation bestowed on the district. We sincerely appreciate your efforts, and those of your partners in preservation, Pasadena Heritage and Common Bond Preservation, to gain proper recognition for this important historic neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Mark Gallatin

President

South Pasadena Preservation Foundation

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