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

Re: Landmark Designation for 840-842 N. Fair Oaks Ave. and 371 Patrician Way

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Pasadena Heritage supports the designation of the two properties before you for consideration as landmarks. They represent three styles distinct to Pasadena.

We strongly objected to the moving of the Pinney House which we hoped could stay in its original location, but the move has been accomplished successfully and the building still shows its original design features after reassembly. The new residential neighborhood created by the Pinney and Doane houses, and supplemented by new construction, creates a sense of place on a stretch of N. Fair Oaks Ave. that has been largely neglected. With this project, and the nearby Decker House project further north on Fair Oaks, we have seen two residential projects incorporate house relocations, historic preservation, and new construction. We hope you take these projects into consideration when the Fair Oaks-Orange Grove Specific Plan comes before you in the coming months. They are a good example of appropriate infill development that can utilize existing buildings, give them new life, and successfully blend new housing with surrounding history

The home at Patrician Way is simple, elegant and stunning. Though characteristically Spanish-Revival in plan, its use of board-formed concrete is atypical of the style. In this way, it has a direct connection to the Rose Bowl and Colorado Street Bridge, which makes it quintessentially Pasadenan.

Pasadena Heritage wholeheartedly supports these nominations, and we hope that you will award them landmark status.

Sincerely,

Susan N. Mossman
Executive Director

Andrew Salimian
Preservation Director

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