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

Re: December 5, 2022 Landmark Designations

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

Pasadena Heritage is proud to support the three landmark designations on the agenda tonight and ask that you vote in the affirmative. Each site is a unique contributor to Pasadena's sense of place and history. In honor of your time, we have condensed our support into a single letter but wish to write a few words on each property on what makes each one significant:

781 S. Grand Ave. – This stately turn of the century American Craftsman has been moved from a site next to the L Line trench and is in the process of being restored. This move allowed the creation of 24 new units of housing near jobs and transit while still preserving the historic home. We are pleased that the house will find new homeowners in the South Grand neighborhood, where it joins a collection of historic homes in various Craftsman, Vernacular and Revival styles.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 1118 N. Allen Ave. – Unlike his grander, Gothic Revival churches such as the First Baptist Church and Throop Unitarian Universalist Church in the Central District, Frederick Hunt Kennedy, Jr.'s Mission Revival Mount Olive Lutheran Church presents a quintessential California look. With stucco walls, a red clay tile roof, and a bell tower, it referenced California's early Missions rather than churches in Europe. We were pleased to learn at the Historic Preservation Commission hearing that the church is thriving and that some of the new, young congregants have advocated for this designation as a way to honor the church.

The James L. Lee Residence, 673 S. Los Robles Ave. - This vernacular Queen Anne Victorian is one of the oldest homes in the neighborhood and representative of Victorian-era Pasadena. More and more rare, these late nineteenth century homes are important local resources well worth recognizing. We commend the owners for their sensitive and compatible work on the house and for nominating their home for landmark status.

We ask you to support these landmarks and Pasadena's continued preservation.

Sincerely,

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Preservation Director

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