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**From:** John Dean  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2022 7:36 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Citywide Survey of Historic Properties

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Mayor Victor Gordo, Members of the City Council and City Manager:

I strongly support the need for a city-wide survey of historic properties and I urge the Council to request such a survey and allocate funding for it. The need for the survey is especially important for Pasadena's traditional communities of color where many of the homes and businesses in these neighborhoods were either zoned out of existence, subjected to redevelopment or destroyed by freeway construction. As such, what homes and buildings that remain and have significance to these community members should be identified and protected as a historical resource. Thank you for your consideration!

John Dean  
Member of Pasadena Heritage

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**From:** Christian Arndt  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2022 4:42 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Cc:** Sue Mossman  
**Subject:** Historic property survey

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I would like to express my support for a City-wide survey of historic properties and urge the Council to request funding for such a survey.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of my request.

With my regards  
Christian Arndt  
Pasadena Heritage

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February 26, 2022

**Mayor Victor Gordo**  
**Members of the City Council**  
**Interim City Manager Cynthia Kurtz**  
Via email to: [mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net)

**Subject: Historic Preservation Ordinance and  
Citywide Historic Resources Survey**

Honorable Mayor, Council Members and Interim City Manager Kurtz:

Monday's City Council agenda includes two items which we have been following, both as residents and as members of Pasadena Heritage:

- **Proposed revisions to the Historic Preservation Ordinance** to address certain technical issues; and
- **The East Colorado Specific Plan** which we understand that Pasadena Heritage will support with an amendment to identify more historic resources within the plan area.

We understand **both** staff reports recommend preparation of a historic resources survey, something Pasadena Heritage has requested often over the years.

Preservation battles often occur not because a historic resource exists, but rather because of definitive information is lacking as to historic significance. When property owners have clearer data, both owners and City entities can better guide decision making. A proper Citywide inventory provides the site-specific data needed to facilitate that evaluation.

With the City's planning staff supporting a survey, and requests by both the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Commission now on record, we believe there is a tremendous opportunity to fund and implement a survey through the City's annual budget.

**We are writing to support a City-wide survey of historic properties. We urge the Council to request the survey and appropriate the funding needed. If we can provide further information, please let us know. Thanks for considering this request.**

With best regards,



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**From:** Nina Chomsky  
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**Subject:** City Council Meeting 2/28/2022; Agenda Item 2; Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendments

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Nina Chomsky  
Pasadena, CA

Re: City Council Meeting 2/28/2022; Agenda Item 2; Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendments

Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers,

I am writing in my individual capacity to express concerns about the effects of these proposed Amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance in terms of historic preservation of Pasadena's ELIGIBLE historic neighborhoods and neighborhood resources.

As to the "transfer" of determining Landmark District listed status "back" to neighborhood "grass roots", the thinking seems to be that the Design and Historic Preservation section of Planning has too little Budget and too few members of staff to fully commit to determining what Landmark Districts and individual Historic Resources are Eligible for historic status and then assisting neighbors in transitioning all these resources into listed status to avoid destruction by SB 9 and other State mandates. These points were made in recent public hearings.

The answer is to commit more City Budget resources to historic preservation in the upcoming Budget cycle. In this context, I fully support all the recommendations of the Planning Commission, particularly the following:

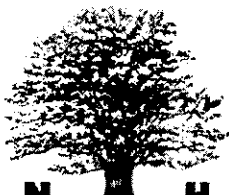
**The City should pursue a city wide {historic resources} survey starting calendar year 2022.**

Without the knowledge that such a Survey will provide, it is not realistic to think that most of Pasadena's Eligible Landmark Districts and Eligible individual historic resources will be preserved in the future. I urge you to endorse and adopt this recommendation of the Planning Commission including funding the Survey, and also adopt the balance of the Commission's recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Nina Chomsky



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February 28, 2022

The Honorable Mayor Victor Gordo and Members of the City Council  
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**RE: Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendments**

The Madison Heights Neighborhood Association has two comments about the proposed amendments:

**1. SURVEY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:**

We strongly support conducting a complete survey of historic properties throughout the City, and hope City Council will request and find the funding to carry it out as swiftly as possible.

**2. LONGER DELAY PERIOD FOR DEMOLITIONS IN ELIGIBLE LANDMARK DISTRICTS:**

Regarding item 3 on the list of 4 recommendations from the Planning Commission: we feel that 180 days or even 360 days is not a sufficient period of time to delay proposed demolitions in eligible landmark districts. If a neighborhood is actively pursuing landmark district designation, the delay period should be at least 2-3 years. This is because it can take even longer than that to achieve designation, as it has for the proposed Madison Heights Landmark District. Even without a pandemic hindering the process, gaining designation is still a very time-consuming volunteer effort. While we understand the complications with preventing proposed demolitions, we feel the benefits to the City at large and to neighborhoods specifically outweigh the harms.

Please approve a longer period of delay. Once destroyed, historic resources are gone forever. The easier we make it to destroy them, the more Pasadena loses its unique charm and character.

Thank you very much.

John Latta  
President, MHNA