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

Re: Designation of the Shakespeare Club of Pasadena as a Historic Monument

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

Pasadena Heritage supports the nomination to the City of Pasadena of the Shakespeare Club, the "Josephine P. Everett House," as a historic monument. It is an excellent example of the Italian Renaissance Revival style by significant architects Sylvanus Marston and Edgar Maybury. Although Spanish and Mediterranean Revival buildings abound in Pasadena and Southern California, examples in this distinctive Italian style are less common.

The details of the building, commissioned by arts patron and philanthropist Josephine P. Everett made it the perfect home for her interests. It also makes it well-suited as the home of the Shakespeare Club. Its grand entry welcomes members and guests, and its ballroom, patio, and loggia are designed to allow people to gather. The house has been used for nearly 100 years and continues as an important meeting place for Pasadena's women of culture.

The building is already landmarked. Monument designation would convey a higher level of significance and prestige, regional as well as local. Such designation would require no greater permitting requirements nor additional maintenance as compared to local landmark status.

We support Monument designation for the Shakespeare Club, and find it the fitting designation for an architectural resource of its importance. We congratulate the Shakespeare Club for its over 50 years of proud ownership and stewardship of the house.

Sincerely,

Susan N. Mossman
Executive Director

Andrew Salimian
Preservation Director

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