

**PASADENA PERMIT CENTER**
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**Supplemental Application for  
HISTORIC DESIGNATION**

**Note:** In addition to this application, a completed **Planning Division Master Application Form** is also required.

**PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION**

1. Name of Property:	
2. Property Address:	
3. Date of Original Construction	
4. Original Owner	
5. Architect / Builder:	

**DESIGNATION CATEGORY**

(CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX—SEE CRITERIA ON PAGES 2 & 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION):

☐ **HISTORIC MONUMENT**
☐ **LANDMARK**
☐ **HISTORIC SIGN**
☐ **LANDMARK TREE**
**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

Briefly describe the property proposed for designation, indicating whether the entire site or a portion of the site is the subject of the nomination (e.g., how many buildings or objects on the site are included in the nomination) or if the nomination is for an object, sign or tree. A map may be used for the description. Please also submit recent and, if available, historical photographs. Use additional sheets if necessary.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON SIGNIFICANCE OF PROPERTY**

With this application, please attach information that will assist staff with the preparation of a designation report. Books, photographs, articles, and other archival information will all be useful to document the significance of the nominated resource.

Refer to bibliography, historical photographs, chronology, and other supporting information.



### **LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Attach a copy of the most recently recorded legal description for the property (usually in the deed for the property or other documents when the property was purchased—also available from a title company).

### **CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION**

Check the box under the category checked on first page that corresponds to the criterion under which you are nominating the property, object, sign or tree for designation. Multiple boxes may be checked if applicable.

<b>CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATING AN HISTORIC MONUMENT</b> <b>(May include significant public or semi-public interior spaces and features)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the history of the region, state or nation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. It is associated with the lives of persons who are significant in the history of the region, state or nation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. It is exceptional in the embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of a historic resource property type, period, architectural style or method of construction, or that is an exceptional representation of the work of an architect, designer, engineer, or builder whose work is significant to the region, state or nation, or that possesses high artistic values that are of regional, state-wide or national significance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. It has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history of the region, state or nation.

<b>CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATING A LANDMARK</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the history of the City, region, or State.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. It is associated with the lives of persons who are significant in the history of the City, region, or State.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, architectural style, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of an architect, designer, engineer, or builder whose work is of significance to the City or, to the region or possesses artistic values of significance to the City or to the region.
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. It has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important locally in prehistory or history.



**CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATING A HISTORIC SIGN**

<input type="checkbox"/>	A. It is exemplary of technology, craftsmanship or design of the period when it was constructed, uses historic sign materials and means of illumination, and is not significantly altered from its historic period. Historic sign materials shall include metal or wood facings, or paint directly on the façade of a building. Historic means of illumination shall include incandescent light fixtures or neon tubing on the exterior of the sign. If the sign has been altered, it must be restorable to its historic function and appearance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. It is integrated with the architecture of the building.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. It demonstrates extraordinary aesthetic quality, creativity, or innovation.

**CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATING A LANDMARK TREE**

<input type="checkbox"/>	A. It is one of the largest or oldest trees of the species located in the City.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. It has historical significance due to an association with a historic event, person, site, street, or structure.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. It is a defining landmark or significant outstanding feature of a neighborhood.

**DESIGNATION PROCESS** (INFORMATION ONLY; NO ACTION REQUIRED)

§17.62.050 Pasadena Municipal Code:

1. A preliminary evaluation by staff to determine if the nominated property meets the applicable criteria and is eligible for designation.
2. If staff determines that the nominated property is eligible for designation, the nomination is scheduled for a public hearing before the Historic Preservation Commission. If not, the applicant may appeal the determination of ineligibility to the Historic Preservation Commission or it may be called for review by the Historic Preservation Commission or City Council.
3. If the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the nominated resource qualifies for designation, it forwards a recommendation on the designation to the City Council.
4. At a noticed public hearing, the Council then determines whether to approve or disapprove the application.



## PASADENA PERMIT CENTER

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# PLANNING DIVISION MASTER APPLICATION FORM

**Project Address:** 801 S. San Rafael. Avenue

**Project Name:** John Van de Kamp House

**Project Description:** (Please describe demolitions, alterations and any new construction) Landmark nomination

**Zoning Designation:** RS-4 HD **General Plan Designation:** Low Density Residential (0-6 DU/Acre)

**Estimated Valuation (Cost of Project):** N/A

### APPLICANT / OWNER INFORMATION

**APPLICANT NAME:** Pasadena Heritage

**Address:** 651 S. St. John Ave

**City** Pasadena **State:** CA **Zip:** 91105

**CONTACT PERSON:** Andrew Salimian

**Address:** 651 S. St. John Ave.

**City** Pasadena **State:** CA **Zip:** 91105

**PROPERTY OWNER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** [ 626 ] 441-6333

**Fax:** [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** preservation@pasadenaheritage.org

**Telephone:** [ 516 ] 662-6425

**Fax:** [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** asalimian@pasadenaheritage.org

**Telephone:** [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### TYPE OF PLANNING REVIEW AND APPROVALS REQUIRED (Mark clearly the type of approval(s) required):

<input type="checkbox"/> ADJUSTMENT PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/> HEIGHT AVERAGING	<input type="checkbox"/> PREDEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW
<input type="checkbox"/> AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONCESSION OR WAIVER	<input type="checkbox"/> HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIEF FROM THE REPLACEMENT BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC DESIGNATION (MONUMENT, LANDMARK, TREE OR SIGN)	<input type="checkbox"/> SIGN EXCEPTION
<input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFICATE OF EXCEPTION	<input type="checkbox"/> HISTORICAL RESEARCH/EVALUATION	<input type="checkbox"/> TENTATIVE PARCEL/TRACT MAP
<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGES TO APPROVED PROJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDMARK TREE PRUNING	<input type="checkbox"/> TEMP. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
<input type="checkbox"/> CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/> MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN	<input type="checkbox"/> TREE PROTECTION PLAN REVIEW
<input type="checkbox"/> DESIGN REVIEW	<input type="checkbox"/> MASTER SIGN PLAN	<input type="checkbox"/> TREE REMOVAL
<input type="checkbox"/> DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/> VARIANCE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXPRESSIVE USE PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/> MINOR VARIANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> VARIANCE FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES
<input type="checkbox"/> FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR) INCREASE	<input type="checkbox"/> PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ZONE	<input type="checkbox"/> ZONE CHANGE (MAP AMENDMENT)
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PRELIMINARY PLAN CHECK	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____

**Note:** Space for signature is on reverse side

Master Application (without supplementals)5/27/20

## INDEMNIFICATION

Applicant agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and its officers, contractors, consultants, employees, and commission members (collectively, "City") from any and all liability, loss, suits, claims, damages, costs, judgments and expenses (including attorney's fees and costs of litigation), including any appeals thereto (collectively, "proceeding") brought against the City with regard to any approvals issued in connection with the application(s) by the City, including any action taken pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. If Applicant is required to defend the City in connection with such proceeding, the City shall have and retain the right to approve counsel to so defend the City; and all significant decisions concerning the manner in which the defense is conducted; and any and all settlements, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. The City shall also have and retain the right to not participate in the defense, except that the City agrees to reasonably cooperate with Applicant in the defense of the proceeding. If the City's Attorney's Office participates in the defense, all City Attorney fees and costs shall be paid by Applicant. Further, Applicant agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from and for all costs and fees incurred in additional investigation or study of, or for supplementing, revising, or amending, any document if made necessary by said proceeding.

## CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I am the applicant or designated agent named herein and that I am familiar with the rules and regulations with respect to preparing and filing this petition for discretionary action, and that the statements and answers contained herein and the information attached are in all respects true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>For Office Use Only</u></b>  <b>PLAN #</b> _____ <b>CASE #</b> _____ <b>PRJ #</b> _____  DATE ACCEPTED: _____ DATE SUBMITTALS RECEIVED: _____ RECEIVED BY (INITIALS): _____  <b>FEES:</b> BASE FEE:: \$ _____ 3% RECORDS FEE: \$ _____ TOTAL: \$ _____  HISTORIC ARCH. RESEARCH REQUIRED? YES NO PUBLIC ART REVIEW REQUIRED? YES NO TRANSPORTATION REVIEW REQUIRED? YES NO INCLUSIONARY HOUSING REQUIRED? YES NO	<b><u>REVIEW AUTHORITY:</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> STAFF <input type="checkbox"/> HEARING OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> PLANNING COMMISSION/BZA <input type="checkbox"/> DESIGN COMMISSION <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION <input type="checkbox"/> CITY COUNCIL  <b><u>TAXPAYER PROTECTION</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> DISCLOSURE REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT REQUIRED	<b><u>CEQA REVIEW:</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> EXEMPTION <input type="checkbox"/> INITIAL STUDY <input type="checkbox"/> EIR  <b><u>CEQA REVIEW STATUS:</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETED	<b><u>Design &amp; Historic Preservation:</u></b>  <b><u>TYPE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW:</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> CATEGORY 1 (DESIGNATED) <input type="checkbox"/> CATEGORY 2 (ELIGIBLE)  LANDMARK/HISTORIC DISTRICT NAME: _____  <b><u>TYPE OF DESIGN REVIEW:</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> CONCEPT <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL <input type="checkbox"/> CONSOLIDATED <input type="checkbox"/> PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION
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## PASADENA PLANNING DEPARTMENT

[www.cityofpasadena.net](http://www.cityofpasadena.net)

# APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION FOR REPRODUCTION OF APPLICATION MATERIALS

Project Address: 801 S. San Rafael Ave.

Case #: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this form grants the City of Pasadena permission to reproduce submitted materials, including but not limited to, plans, exhibits, and photographs, for distribution to staff, Hearing Officers, Commission, Board, and City Council Members, and other Agencies in order to process the application, and to make those materials available to the public on the City of Pasadena's website, notwithstanding Health & Safety Code § 19851 or any other provision of law. Nothing in this consent, however, shall entitle any person to make use of the intellectual property in plans, exhibits and photographs for any purpose unrelated to the City's consideration of this application.

Applicant's Signature: Andrew Salimian

Date: May 21, 2021

Name (print or type): Andrew Salimian

Phone: 516-662-6425



## SUPPLEMENT TO MASTER APPLICATION FORM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

### EXISTING PROPERTY INFORMATION:

This section of the Environmental Assessment is for information regarding the existing property only.

*Your application is complete when all attached supplemental applications are completed and submitted. The case manager will notify you if any additional items or reviews are necessary.*

Assessor Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Square Footage of Property: \_\_\_\_\_ Average slope of land if over 15% \_\_\_\_\_

### Surrounding Land Uses:

North: \_\_\_\_\_ East: \_\_\_\_\_

South: \_\_\_\_\_ West: \_\_\_\_\_

EXISTING BUILDING(S)	BUILDING A	BUILDING B	BUILDING C	BUILDING D
Total gross square footage				
Total commercial gross square footage				
Total residential gross square footage				
Year built				
Building footprint in square feet				
Open space / landscaping square footage				
Paving square footage				
Number of parking spaces				
Height of building in feet				
Number of stories				
Number of housing units				
Square feet to be demolished				
Number of covenanted affordable units to be demolished				
Number of housing units to be demolished				
Number of hotel / motel rooms to be demolished				
To be altered? ( yes / no )				
To be relocated? ( yes / no )				
Un reinforced masonry? ( yes / no )				
Type of use (i.e. residential, commercial, mixed uses, etc.)				

### ADDRESS OF LOCATIONS OF EXISTING BUILDINGS:

Building A: \_\_\_\_\_

Building B: \_\_\_\_\_

Building C: \_\_\_\_\_

Building D: \_\_\_\_\_



## SUPPLEMENT TO MASTER APPLICATION FORM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

### PROPOSED PROJECT INFORMATION:

This section of the Environmental Assessment is for information regarding the proposed project only.

Estimated Valuation: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain if the project is located in a geological hazard area (i.e. hillside area, Seismic fault, erosive soils): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of grading proposed: Cut: \_\_\_\_\_ Fill: \_\_\_\_\_ Balance: \_\_\_\_\_

Imported: \_\_\_\_\_ Exported: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of development (single family residence, apartments, condominiums, commercial, industrial, institutional): \_\_\_\_\_

Total housing units: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this an affordable Housing Project? ☐ yes ☐ no # of affordable units: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Energy Types: ☐ All electrical ☐ Electric Kitchen ☐ Electric HVAC ☐ Gas kitchen

PROPOSED BUILDING(S)	BUILDING A	BUILDING B	BUILDING C	BUILDING D
Total gross square footage				
Total commercial gross square footage				
Total residential gross square footage				
Building footprint in square feet				
Open space square footage				
Landscaping square footage				
Height of building in feet				
Number of stories				
Number of parking spaces				
Number of housing units				
Number of bedrooms				
Hotel / motel number of rooms				
Hours of operation				
Number of employees				
Square feet of restaurant seating area				
Number of fixed seats (restaurant)				
Number of hotel / motel rooms to be demolished				
UBC occupancy group				
UBC construction type				
Fire sprinklers? yes / no				
Type of use (i.e. residential, commercial, mixed uses, etc.)				

\* If there are additional buildings on the site, please attach a separate sheet with the above information for each building.

ATTACH AN EXPLANATION of any questions answered with yes.

☐ yes ☐ no Is this a phased project?

☐ yes ☐ no Will there be demolition or removal of any structure of any age?

☐ yes ☐ no Will there be any alteration of any existing structure?





## SUPPLEMENT TO MASTER APPLICATION FORM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

### INCLUSIONARY HOUSING:

(If project includes 10 or more residential units):

#### Project type:

\_\_\_\_ Ownership (for sale) → For Sale Subarea \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Rental → For Rental Subarea \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Combination (sale / rental) → For Sale Subarea \_\_\_\_\_ For Rental Subarea \_\_\_\_\_

#### Net Residential floor area (habitable space) of the project in square feet:

Rental units: \_\_\_\_\_ square feet

For sale units: \_\_\_\_\_ square feet

Total number of units proposed: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of inclusionary units required: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of inclusionary units proposed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Residential Units Mix:

# Bedrooms	Total # Units	# Units on Site	# Units off Site	# Market Rate Units	# Very Low Income Units	# Low Income Units	# Moderate Income Units
Studio							
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							

#### Alternatives selected: (if 'yes' is selected, provide information in second part)

☐ **yes** ☐ **no** On-site development → Inclusionary Units Provided # \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ **yes** ☐ **no** Off-site development → Inclusionary Units Provided # \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ **yes** ☐ **no** Land Donation → Estimate Land Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ **yes** ☐ **no** In-Lieu Fee → Estimate In-Lieu Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Land Donation of Off-Site Development Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Incentives requested:

Affordable Housing Fee Waiver ☐ **yes** ☐ **no**  
Unit Credit ☐ **yes** ☐ **no**  
Density Bonus ☐ **yes** ☐ **no**  
Financial Assistance ☐ **yes** ☐ **no**  
Enterprise Zone ☐ **yes** ☐ **no**  
Marketing Assistance ☐ **yes** ☐ **no**  
Green Building Rebate ☐ **yes** ☐ **no**  
Residential Impact Fee Rebate ☐ **yes** ☐ **no**



## SUPPLEMENT TO MASTER APPLICATION FORM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

### DENSITY BONUS AND COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 2222

(If project is utilizing the State Density Bonus Law pursuant to Government Code §§ 65915):

In order to receive a building permit for a density bonus project that involves the demolition or conversion of rental units and/or construction on vacant land where rental units were demolished and/or converted within five years, an owner must comply with the housing replacement provision of California Government Code §§ 65915 as amended by Assembly Bill 2222 (AB 2222). AB 2222 requires that owners/applicants of density bonus projects replace any rental dwelling units that are either existing at the time of application, or have been vacated or demolished in the five-year period preceding the application, which meet any of the following criteria:

- 1) subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of lower or very low income;
- 2) subject to any other form of rent or price control; or
- 3) occupied by lower or very low income households.

The replacement units must be the equivalent size or type, or both, and be made available at affordable rent/cost to households in the same or lower income category.

1. **Density Bonus Project** ☐ YES ☐ NO

2. **Existing Affordable Units on Project Site** ☐ YES ☐ NO  
(Includes existing affordable units AND affordable units demolished and/or converted within five (5) years)

Affordability Level*	Number of Units						
	Total	Ownership Units			Rental Units		
		Criteria 1	Criteria 2	Criteria 3	Criteria 1	Criteria 2	Criteria 3
Very Low							
Low							
Moderate							

3. **Existing Affordable Unit(s) to be Demolished and/or Converted as a Result of Proposed Project** ☐ YES ☐ NO

Affordability Level*	Number of Units						
	Total	Ownership Units			Rental Units		
		Criteria 1	Criteria 2	Criteria 3	Criteria 1	Criteria 2	Criteria 3
Very Low							
Low							
Moderate							

**IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO QUESTION #1 AND THERE ARE UNITS INDICATED IN THE HIGHLIGHTED CELLS IN QUESTIONS # 2 AND #3, THE PROJECT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH AB 2222 AND ANY OTHER SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATION ASSOCIATED WITH AB 2222.**

It is the *responsibility of the owner/applicant* to obtain all necessary documentary evidence (e.g. employer pay stubs of tenants, IRS forms, rent rolls, rent receipts, etc.) verifying the existing property's affordability status and submit them to the City for review. In the absence of sufficient documentation, it is assumed that the vacant units were last occupied by 50% very low income and 50% low income households, unless the owner can demonstrate otherwise.

\*As defined by Division 31 of California Health and Safety Code



**TREE INVENTORY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT**

*(For hillside project include all trees with a diameter of 4 inches or more. For all other projects, include all trees with a diameter of 8 inches or more.)*

[illegible]

- 1 Tree number should match number on the site plan. Show tree location on site plan. Include all street trees and trees in public rights-of-way.
- 2 Diameter at breast height (DBH) measured at 4 ½ feet above the point where the trunk meets the ground.
- 3 Estimate the tree height and spread of canopy and provide measurement in feet.

**Disclosure Pursuant to the  
City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Act  
Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII**

I. Does the value of this application/project ***have the potential*** to exceed \$25,000? ☐ Yes ☐ No **(Applicant *must* mark one)**

II. Is the application being made on behalf of a government entity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

III. Is the application being made on behalf of a non-profit 501(c) organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate the type of 501(c) organization: ☐ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c)(4) ☐ 501(c)(6)

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(for questions regarding this form)

Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Description: \_\_\_\_\_

III. Applicant and Property Owner must disclose all joint owners, trustees, directors, partners, officers and those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in owner and/or project. If any of these are an organization/entity, include the name of the organization/entity **and** the first and last names of all parties of interest of that organization/entity. *(List all parties below and use additional sheets as necessary, or provide all parties on an attachment)* **Please print legibly.** Have any additional sheets or an attachment been provided? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Names of Owner(s), Trustees, Directors, Partners, Officers of Owner/Project	Names of Owner(s), Trustees, Directors, Partners, Officers of Owner/Project (continued)	Those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Owner and/or Project

I hereby certify that I am the owner or designated agent and that the statements and answers contained herein, and the information attached, are in all respects true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Owner or Designated Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Application: ☐ Variance (all types) ☐ Adjustment Permit ☐ Sign Exception ☐ Temporary Use Permit ☐ Expressive Use Permit  
☐ Conditional Use Permit (excluding Master Plan) ☐ Master Plan Amendment ☐ Planned Development ☐ Other

Assigned Planner: \_\_\_\_\_ PLN#: \_\_\_\_\_

Attached Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ No Attached Address

Appealed: ☐ Yes ☐ No Appeal PLN# \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Application Withdrawn

Final Decision: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied Decision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Decision Maker: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title, or Name of Commission/Committee)

Votes in favor (*please print*):

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



## NOTIFICATION PACKET PREPARATION

Applications which require a **Public Notice** must include a mailing list of property owners within a required mailing radius of the project site as stipulated by the Pasadena Municipal Code. The mailing list preparation requirements are listed below.

- 1) **RADIUS MAP** (two sets) – A radius map (scaled) must be prepared showing the mailing radius (300 feet or 500 feet, depending on type of application) from the subject property or properties. Each lot/parcel must be newly numbered (1 through 99...), beginning with the project site as number "①" (*written within a circle*). *Note: If the radius line touches a lot, or simply a lot line, that lot must be included on the mailing list.*
- 2) **OWNERSHIP LIST** (two sets) – The typed ownership list of the property owners within the required mailing radius. The first name on the list shall correspond to the lot newly numbered "①" on the radius map, the second name corresponding to lot number "②", etc. The list must also contain the assessor's parcel number for each lot. The property owner names and address must be obtained from the latest assessor's records. Property ownership information can be obtained from the following County Assessor's offices:

### Los Angeles County Assessor Offices

(1) County Hall of Administration #205  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles (213) 974-3211

(2) 1190 South Durfee Avenue  
South El Monte (626) 579-8589  
(626) 579-8590

(3) 13800 Balboa Boulevard  
Sylmar (818) 833-6000

- 3) **MAIL MERGE EXCEL SPREADSHEET** – Applicant shall provide the ownership list in Excel Spreadsheet form for mail merge purposes. The spreadsheet shall include the following columns in the following order: Radius Map Reference No. (corresponding to the radius map and ownership list); Property Owner's Full Name; Street Address; City; State; and Zip Code (zip code may or may not include the +4). Type all information in **CAPS ONLY** (*see sample of spreadsheet attached*). Applicant, owner of the site and/or architect shall be included in this list. Each property owner within the radius should be listed only once. Simply reference each property as described above. The spreadsheet shall be saved on a USB flash drive and submitted as part of the notification packet.
- 4) **ON-SITE POSTING REQUIREMENTS** – A sign shall be posted, at least 14 days before the public hearing. The sign will be provided by the City and given to the applicant. The applicant would then staple or nail the sign to the plywood or posts or locate the sign on a storefront window.

The following requirements shall be met:



## NOTIFICATION PACKET PREPARATION

- (1) For corner lots, signs shall be posted on each street frontage.
  - (2) The sign(s) shall be located in a conspicuous place on the property abutting a street and be located five feet from the property line but not more than 10 feet from the property line.
  - (3) The sign(s) may be posted in windows when there is an existing structure on site that is not setback from the street.
  - (4) The Zoning Administrator may approve deviations to these requirements in order to meet the intent of these noticing provisions.
  - (5) Each sign shall comply with the following:
    - (a) The sign shall be 12 feet square in sign area, generally measuring three feet by four feet.
    - (b) The sign shall not exceed six feet in height from the ground level; provided, that if the property is surrounded by fences, walls, or hedges at or near the street property line, additional height may be provided as necessary to ensure visibility of the sign from the public right-of-way.
    - (c) The sign shall not be illuminated.
    - (d) The sign shall include all of the factual information about the pending application in compliance with Subsection A. (Contents of notice), above.
    - (e) The size, style, and color of the sign's lettering shall be the specifications approved by the Zoning Administrator.
    - (f) Support elements for the sign shall be made of four-inch by four-inch wood posts.
    - (g) A Building Permit shall not be required for the posting of a sign, installed in compliance with this Subparagraph.
    - (h) The sign shall remain in place until the expiration of the appeal period following a decision by the review authority. If the application has been appealed or called for review, the sign shall remain in place with the new hearing date noted until the final decision is rendered. The sign shall be removed within 10 days of either of the appeal period or the final decision, whichever applies.
    - (i) The applicant shall submit to the Zoning Administrator an affidavit verifying that the signs were posted on the subject site in a timely manner in compliance with this Subparagraph.
  - (6) Failure to post the sign, to include the required information, or to comply with applicable placement or graphic standards or requirements may result in the delay of the required public hearing.
- 5) AFFIDAVIT** – The affidavit is to be signed and dated, verifying that the information on the radius map and ownership list is accurate and obtained from the latest assessor's records.

## MAIL MERGE EXCEL SPREADSHEET

RADIUS MAP REFERENCE NO.	TO: (PROPERTY OWNER)	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE (MAY OR MAY NOT INCLUDE +4)
1	HARRY & DEBRA CONNICK JR.	100 N. GARFIELD AVENUE	PASADENA	CA	91101-1726
2	WILLIAM JOEL	123 JUMP STREET	HOLLYWOOD	CA	90047
3	BOBBY DARIN	3200 S. SPLASH AVENUE	FOREST HILLS	CA	91009
4	MR. AND MRS. ARMAN ASANTI	60 ROMA COURT	PASADENA	CA	91109
5	ROBERT & JOSEPHINE DINERO	723 MILANO AVENUE	VENICE	CA	90803
6	ALBERTO & ANGELA PACINO	434 PORTOFINO PLACE	PASADENA	CA	91101
7	SONNY PUTRINO	1 CALABRIA BOULEVARD	PASADENA	CA	91104
8	DELTA & GERALD MCRAINEY	1234 LINDA VISTA	PASADENA	CA	91103

## OWNERSHIP LIST

PROJECT ADDRESS: 4321 Newhome Street

PROJECT # CUP-4000

**Applicant:** Harry Connick Jr.

**Date:** April 17, 1997

No.	Assessor Parcel #	Name	Address
1	5423-040-009	Harry & Debra Connick Jr.,	100 N Garfield Ave, Pasadena 91103
2	5423-040-010	William Joel,	123 Jump Street, Hollywood CA 90047
3	5736-230-005	Bobby Darin,	3200 S Splash Avenue, Forest Hills CA 91109
4	5736-230-006	Bobby Darin,	3200 S Splash Avenue, Forest Hills CA 91109
5	5724-025-111	Mr & Mrs Armand Asanti,	60 Roma Court, Pasadena CA 91109
6	5628-034-003	Roberto & Josephine DiNero,	723 Milano Avenue, Venice CA 90803
7	5628-034-006	William Joel,	123 Jump Street, Hollywood CA 90047
8	5628-034-007	Sonny Putrino,	One Calabria Boulevard, Pasadena CA 91104
9	5628-034-010	Delta & Gerald McRaney,	1234 Linda Vista, Pasadena CA 91103
	etc.	etc.	





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# OWNERSHIP LIST AND RADIUS MAP AFFIDAVIT

PROJECT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT # \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_, we prepared an ownership list and radius map, including properties entirely and partially within \_\_\_\_\_ feet of the most exterior boundaries of the property being considered in the above referenced project known as (Property Address) \_\_\_\_\_.

The property owner names and addresses listed on the ownership list and mail merge spreadsheet were taken from the latest records of the Los Angeles County Assessor. Such names are recorded in the records of the County Assessor as being the present owner or owners of both the subject property and the property/properties within the required mailing radius of the subject property.

We certify that said ownership list and radius map are correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. We also acknowledge that any errors in this information will constitute an incomplete application and may invalidate its approval.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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# INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC HEARING SIGN AFFIDAVIT

Please complete the following affidavit and mail or deliver to:

**City of Pasadena, Planning Division**  
**175 North Garfield Avenue**  
**Pasadena, CA. 91101**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name) hereby certify that on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of posting) I installed a  
Notice of Public Hearing at the property known as \_\_\_\_\_ (site address), for  
which \_\_\_\_\_ (case type and number) is being considered by the  
\_\_\_\_\_ (hearing body) on \_\_\_\_\_ (hearing date).

By signing this, I have posted the sign(s) in a conspicuous place on the property abutting a street frontage no more than 10 feet inside the property line but no closer than five feet to a property line, or the sign has been posted in a window when there is an existing structure on site that is not setback from the street.

I hereby submit a photo(s) of the sign(s) as it was installed on the property and will submit additional certifications and photos of the sign for any subsequent public hearings.

Furthermore, failure to adequately post and maintain the required sign(s) on the property, **fourteen (14) days** prior to the hearing date will result in an automatic **delay** of the application.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### For Office Use Only

Checked by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Photos Attached: \_\_\_\_\_



January 15, 2021

David Reyes  
Director of Planning & Community Development  
City of Pasadena  
Hale Building  
175 N. Garfield Ave., 2nd Floor  
Pasadena, CA 91101

**Re: Supplemental Documentation to Prove Eligibility of 801 S. San Rafael Ave.**

Dear Mr. Reyes,

Pasadena Heritage requests that the City of Pasadena reconsider the eligibility of the Van de Kamp house and property at 801 South San Rafael Avenue as an historic resource. We have compiled additional sources that prove that John Van de Kamp lived at the property during an esteemed and productive period of his life. We were very disappointed to receive the decision letter and frustrated that we did not know it had been sent. It was certainly our fault that our general mailbox was not monitored carefully enough, but we would have hoped that the letter would have been sent directly to our contact person so that it would have received immediate attention. The end result was that we regret that we missed the 10 day appeal period to respond to your decision.

We do strongly disagree with the decision that the property is not eligible as an historic resource under Criterion B, while we agree with the assessment that it does not qualify under the other categories. We find the conclusion that Mr. Van de Kamp did not reside at the house during his most productive portion of his life incorrect. We believe the house can and should be considered eligible for his many accomplishments during his time of residence. We have performed further research and developed with a list of major campaigns and causes where he provided pivotal leadership and accomplishment for which he was regionally and nationally recognized, from 1987 onward, to substantiate our position.

John Van de Kamp's accomplishments in the later portion of his life stand on their own. John's career was long and storied, including many significant achievements while living in this house. In many ways, it was the most impactful time of his life. Some of his successes have had lasting impacts on issues we still face today. For example, he prevented the merger between Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas and Electric, as well as worked out deals for several supermarket consolidations. The utility merger would have been particularly problematic. In recent years California has been attempting to rein in large investor-owned utilities due to their direct role in wildfires. A massive utility created by the combination of SCE and SDGE could have been more damaging than PG&E has been to in Northern California. John Van de Kamp exhibited great foresight in preventing this merger.

John Van de Kamp was a deeply trusted man by regulators and businesses alike. It was for his reputation of fairness and reason that he was chosen to oversee and mediate in the scandal-prone City of Vernon. His role as Independent Special Counsel brought Good Governance reforms and steered Vernon out of a period of turmoil. He similarly oversaw efforts to reform

the J Paul Getty Trust, one of Los Angeles County's most important arts institutions. It is a testament to his character that he was brought on time and time again to mediate these difficult, and politically sensitive, issues.

We have compiled news articles and reports pertaining to these efforts and more, and organized them into a Dropbox folder so that they can be studied more closely. We focused on achievements from 1987 and later, corresponding to the period of residence at 801 S. San Rafael Ave. We also have included two letters from Mr. C. Douglas Kranwinkle and Mr. William Bogaard, which provide first-hand testimony on John's accomplishments, as well as the importance of the property as a meeting place for politicians and government leaders. The folder can be viewed here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0wetssam4cz092l/AABvsDglF8xiIN7nYlPxI8R0a?dl=0>

In hindsight, we should have asked for a thorough assessment of eligibility as soon as we learned about the project, and we wish we had done so. We were told that an early staff review concluded the property was "probably eligible" and relied on that information without investigating more directly. We also did not learn about the project until it was well underway because it did not appear on any public meeting agenda, and we were first focused on the garage, which we learned was allowable under the Hillside Ordinance. We hope that in the future, the strong new changes to the Historic Preservation Ordinance as well as the Hillside Ordinance will prevent projects like this from proceeding without more in-depth review and that we will be able to learn of them earlier in the process. If eligibility had been explored more thoroughly in the beginning, we believe that this project would be significantly different and much more preservation sensitive today. With the newly approved code changes, even more scrutiny would now be in effect and be brought to bear on a project like this one.

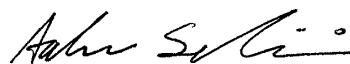
Pasadena Heritage does not intend to pursue with a second landmark nomination of the property at the present time, but we still ask that its eligibility as an historic resource be reconsidered in light of the information we are providing herewith and hope that staff's conclusion will change. As preservation advocates, we do not support the landmarking of historic homes where interiors have been fully gutted, exteriors have been demolished or significantly altered, or there has been wholesale replacement of historic fabric unnecessarily. We recognize that Criterion B allows some more flexibility for change than Criterion C, which should be more stringent to protect the architecture itself. Because of this, and the fact that the primary façade of the building is largely intact, the property can by all accounts be recognized as the home of John Van de Kamp. Determining the property eligible as an historic resource can still provide some protections and regulation going forward, and we believe that the property meets the eligibility standard.

We thank you for your time in addressing this request. Please contact us should you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



Susan N. Mossman  
Executive Director



Andrew Salimian  
Preservation Director

Landmark Nomination for  
John K. Van de Kamp House  
801 S. San Rafael Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91105

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

801 S. San Rafael Avenue in the South Arroyo neighborhood of Pasadena is the former home of Attorney General John Van de Kamp and is eligible as a landmark under Criterion B: "It is associated with the lives of persons who are significant in the history of the City, region, or State." It was recently surveyed in 2019 by Senior Planner for Design and Historic Preservation Kevin Johnson, who wrote that the Van de Kamp "house appears eligible for landmark designation."<sup>1</sup> The main structure at 801 S. San Rafael Avenue is a two-story Monterey Colonial style single-family residence. It was completed in 1947.<sup>2</sup> The architect and/or designer and builder are unknown, and on the original 1946 building permit, only the original owner, Holmes P. Tuttle, is listed as both the owner and contractor.<sup>3</sup>

#### SUPPLEMENTAL BUILDING DESCRIPTION

There are two well-proportioned double doors at each end of the second floor and two well-proportioned divided-light double hung windows between the doors. The doors and windows are symmetrically located. There are shutters on the sides of the windows and doors.

The roof overhangs the second floor but does not obscure the frontal view of the second-floor doors and windows. A chimney rises from the rear of the house and is visible from the front, again carefully proportioned to the roof and second floor front facade features.

The first-floor features are fully compatible with the second-floor features. The windows and doors on the right side, as one faces the house from the street, are divided light, double hung, symmetrical and shuttered. The windows on the left side are asymmetrical.

There is an offset one-story attached extension at the south end of the home. This also has a front facing divided light double hung window, as well as a small window facing the street. This extension contains an additional bathroom and has been used as a maid's quarters, den and exercise room in the past.

There is an attached, covered (one story) patio at the rear of the house. This was enclosed in 1980.<sup>4</sup> The Van de Kamp family used this room as a den. This room contained sliding glass doors leading to the back yard. Above the enclosed den, second story bedroom and bathroom

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<sup>1</sup> Kevin Johnson, "Plan Review Comments," D & HP Review, Completed 12/16/2019.

<sup>2</sup> Tim Gregory, "801 South San Rafael Avenue," The Building Biographer, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Tim Gregory, p. 24.

<sup>4</sup> Tim Gregory, p. 2.

windows looked west to the pool and backyard below. The property is on nearly 0.80 of an acre, so the view is expansive.

A laundry room kitchen opens to the rear of the house south of the den.

Behind the house is a guest house (ADU). It was converted from a garage while Jim Boswell owned the home. This guest house has one bedroom, two bathrooms, a kitchenette, a living room area, and chimney. There is a covered walkway between the main house and the guest house.

In 2020 a building permit was issued for: "ADDITION OF 466 S/F TO REPAIR ELEVATION, INTERIOR REMODEL AT 3310 S/F & NEW 3 CAR GARAGE AT 600 S/F."<sup>5</sup> Because the garage addition is detached and the addition is minimal, these contemporary alterations do not materially impair the historic resource.

### SIGNIFICANT OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE HOUSE

#### John K. Van De Kamp

John Van De Kamp lived at the Property from 1987 until his death in March 2017. John Van de Kamp is not just significant but was, as the *Los Angeles Times* said, a "towering political figure"<sup>6</sup> in Pasadena, Los Angeles and the State of California.

John was born in Altadena and raised in Pasadena.<sup>7</sup> He graduated from John Muir High School, and went on to attend Dartmouth College and Stanford Law School.

John's father Harry J. Van De Kamp co-founded the Lawry's food chain. Harry Van De Kamp lived in Pasadena from 1919 until he died at Huntington Memorial Hospital on July 1, 1977.<sup>8</sup>

John's mother, Georgie Van De Kamp, served as President of the Pasadena Symphony and co-founded the Pasadena Arts Council. John's mother adored gardening and roses, in particular. Van de Kamp Hall at Descanso Gardens is named in Georgie's honor.<sup>9</sup>

John comes from a family dedicated to supporting Pasadena's institutions and a tradition of community involvement. John fulfilled this family tradition and much more.

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<sup>5</sup> Permit Number: BLD2019-0165, Pasadena Permit Center Self Service Portal, [mypermits.cityofpasadena.net](http://mypermits.cityofpasadena.net).

<sup>6</sup> Matt Stevens, "John Van de Kamp, a former California attorney general and L.A. County district attorney, dies at 81", *Los Angeles Times*, March 15, 2017.

<sup>7</sup> John Van de Kamp, "John Van de Kamp, One of Pasadena's Most Prominent Citizens, On How the City Has Changed," *Pasadena Now*, May 11, 2015.

<sup>8</sup> "Father of D.A. Van De Kamp dies at 73", *Valley News*, July 1, 1977, p. 41.

<sup>9</sup> "Georgie Van de Kamp – Obituary," *Pasadena Star-News*, May 8-9, 2003.

John was District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles from 1975 to 1981. He was California's Attorney General from 1983 to 1991. He ran for California Governor in 1990, and John was elected President of the State Bar of California in 2004, the country's second largest state bar of lawyers.

Beyond his titles, John's substantive accomplishments at the local, regional, state and federal levels are long and lasting. As California Attorney General, John was an early advocate for the ban of assault rifle. In order to demonstrate his opposition, he notably brought an AK-47 into a State Assembly hearing.<sup>10</sup>

Unlike our polarized politics of today, John easily understood and moved between camps holding opposing views. He went from leading the federal public defender office in Los Angeles responsible for safeguarding the fair trial rights of the accused, to leading the Los Angeles District Attorney office in charge of prosecuting suspected criminals.

As Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Justice Stephen Trott said at John's memorial service, "John started as a public defender, but he ended as a defender of the public." For example, John introduced the "Roll-Out Unit" which dispatched a specially trained team of prosecutors and investigators to the scene of police shootings to independently investigate them. Former Secretary of State Warren Christopher called John "the most honorable person that ever lived." Former Secretary of Commerce Mickey Kantor described John as "the perfect public servant" who was "devoted to the public good to an unusual degree."<sup>11</sup>

John was not only a dedicated public servant; he was a selfless volunteer. John served on the boards of the Norton Simon Museum, the Skid Row Development Corp., the Los Angeles Conservation Corps and the California Historical Society.

John's service and devotion to Pasadena—where he was born, raised, married and died—was as deep as his work for Los Angeles county and California.

John raised money for Pasadena schools through the Pasadena Educational Foundation.

He worshiped at and ran capital campaigns for his beloved St. Andrew's Church. A lover of music, John quietly bought the church a new sound system. His gifts were often anonymous.

John helped raise the \$400,000 needed to install the busts of Jackie Robinson and his brother, Mack, that sit across from Pasadena City Hall. No organization or cause which John believed worthy was too local or too small for his support. Importantly, John did and achieved nearly all of these things while living at 801 S. San Rafael Avenue.

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<sup>10</sup> Richard Sandomir, "John Van de Kamp, Former Prosecutor in California, dies at 81," *New York Times*, March 17, 2017.

<sup>11</sup> Kathleen Tuttle, "John Van de Kamp: Man of Principle", California Supreme Court Historical Society Newsletter, Fall/Winter 2017, p. 23.

In May 2015, just two years before he died, John wrote an article for *Pasadena Now*. In it he compared the Pasadena of his boyhood to the Pasadena of 2019. He wrote of schools, culture, smog, transportation, architecture, restaurants, grocery stores, and so on. He ended the article by sharing his hope for Pasadena's future:

"Going forward, I would personally put emphasis on preserving our historic neighborhoods, protecting against mansionization, and improving our housing stock for middle and lower income earning families."

John died at home on March 14, 2017 at the age of 81.

In recognition of John's many contributions to our city and the State of California, the La Loma Bridge was renamed the John K. Van de Kamp bridge on June 24, 2017. The decision to rename the bridge in John's honor was unanimously approved by the Pasadena City Council.

#### Andrea Van de Kamp

John's wife Andrea also lived at 801 S. San Rafael Avenue. Andrea was and is a person significant to the history of our city, region and state in her own right.

Andrea chaired the Board of Governors of the Music Center of Los Angeles County. Andrea was the first woman to do so since its founder, Dorothy Chandler, drove the Music Center into existence.

Andrea also headed up the development committee to raise \$270 million to build the Walt Disney Concert Hall. "[Andrea] Van de Kamp's efforts will live on in the walls of Disney Hall, which many say would not have been built without her leadership."<sup>12</sup>

The Frank Gehry- designed Walt Disney Concert Hall is one of the most striking buildings in Los Angeles, California and on the West Coast. "Los Angeles has its share of iconic architecture... But the most striking [is] Walt Disney Concert Hall".<sup>13</sup>

#### James Griffin Boswell, II

Immediately before the Van de Kamp family, James Griffin ("Jim") Boswell II owned and lived at 801 S. San Rafael Avenue. Jim Boswell was more private than the Van de Kamps but he was also a person significant in the history of Pasadena, the region and State.

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<sup>12</sup> Jason Mandell, "Fundraising Pioneer: Andrea Van de Kamp," *Los Angeles Downtown News*, July 28, 2003.

<sup>13</sup> Geoffrey Morrison, "Best seat in the house: Exploring the incredible Walt Disney Concert Hall," *CNET*, March 31, 2019, <https://www.cnet.com/news/best-seat-in-the-house-exploring-the-incredible-walt-disney-concert-hall/>.



As his biographers wrote, Jim Boswell was “the biggest farmer in America and the last land baron of California”.<sup>14</sup>

Jim’s company, the J.G. Boswell Company is still headquartered in Pasadena on Walnut Street across from Parsons.

### Holmes Tuttle and Robert Tuttle

Before Jim Boswell, the 801 S. San Rafael Avenue Property had been owned by a man named Holmes Tuttle. Holmes Tuttle migrated from Oklahoma to Los Angeles in 1926. After starting out by working in the parts department of a Ford dealership, he came to start and own 14 automobile dealerships across Arizona and California.<sup>15</sup> Holmes Tuttle was a member of President Ronald Reagan’s so-called “Kitchen Cabinet.”<sup>16</sup>

Holmes Tuttle was the father of Robert Tuttle. “Bob” Tuttle, who grew up at 801 S. San Rafael Avenue. Bob Tuttle later served as ambassador to the United Kingdom under President George W. Bush.<sup>17</sup>

### Other Visitors and Guests

In addition to the distinguished residents already listed, Pasadena Heritage asked Andrea Van de Kamp to list some of the more notable guests at the home. Transcribed below is the list she provided:

- Senator Cranston
- Governor Pat Brown
- Kathleen Brown
- Mickey Kantor, Heidi Schulman, Trade Representative under President Clinton
- Frank & Berta Gehry
- Senator Boxer
- Scott Berg Pulitzer Prize winner
- Fannie Flagg, author Green Fried Tomatoes
- Sherry Lansing- Head of Paramount Studios
- Billy Friedkin Academy Award Winner, Rosemary’s Baby
- Mr. & Mrs. Eli Broad
- Adam & Eve Schiff, one of his first major fundraisers
- Ambassador Robert Tuttle to U.K. under George W Bush
- Andrea Ordin, US Attorney

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<sup>14</sup> M. Arax and R. Wartzman, “The King of California, J.G. Boswell and the Making of a Secret American Empire (2003 Public Affairs), p. 6.

<sup>15</sup> Tim Gregory, p. 1.

<sup>16</sup> Tim Gregory, p. 2.

<sup>17</sup> Tim Gregory, p. 9.

- Stephen Trott, 9th C Court of Appeals
- Ira Reiner, LA DA
- 801 was a local hangout for local Pasadena candidates
- Many local events
- Warren Christopher, Sec. of State under President Carter

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

LOT COM SE ON SW LINE OF SAN RAFAEL AVE 135 FT FROM MOST N COR OF LOT 42 SAN RAFAEL HEIGHTS TR NO 5 TH SE ON SD SW LINE 108.08 FT TH S 33 28'35" W 374.97 FT TH S 87 24'25" W 54.77 FT TH LOT 42 SAN RAFAEL HEIGHTS TRACT NO 5

# **Bill Bogaard**

581 Garden Lane  
Pasadena, CA 91105-2825

January 16, 2021

Susan Mossman, Executive Director  
Andrew Salimian, Preservation Director  
Pasadena Heritage  
651 South Saint John Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91105

Dear Sue and Andrew,

As you requested, I am pleased to confirm in this letter certain information regarding John Van de Kamp, a lifelong resident of Pasadena, and believe that his home at 801 South San Rafael Avenue meets the criteria to be declared eligible for landmark status as a Pasadena Landmark under Section 17.62.040 of the Pasadena Zoning Code.

Based on my nearly 50 years of friendship and community and social interaction with John in Pasadena, there is no doubt in my mind that this property meets the requirements of Criterion B as being "associated with the lives of persons who are significant in the history" of Pasadena, Southern California, and the State of California.

For a full statement of the facts and circumstances of John's residence in the South San Rafael Avenue property, reference is made to the Landmark Nomination submitted by Pasadena Heritage for the John K. Van de Kamp House. John and his wife, Andrea, acquired the house in 1987 and, with their daughter Diana, made it their family home from then until John's death in 2017.

When my family and I moved to Pasadena in 1970, one of the first families we met were Harry and Georgie Van de Kamp and their son, John,

who were neighbors three doors away. From that point on, we had the privilege and pleasure of knowing and socializing with John Van de Kamp and his family, and standing in awe of his many talents, energy and accomplishments. His interests and activities, his responsibilities and relationships, his good judgment and positive impact were truly extraordinary. In a word, he was a classic "Renaissance man"!

In the domain of public service, he served as Assistant U.S. Attorney, Federal Public Defender, Los Angeles County District Attorney, and California Attorney General, frequently taking courageous and principled positions on difficult issues facing California. His landmark cases included antitrust, mergers, legal compliance, and the environment.

In the pursuit of community service, frequently as a volunteer in the public interest, he served with the Norton Simon Museum, Skid Row Development Corporation, the California Conservation Corps, the California Historical Society, the Pasadena Education Foundation, St. Andrew Church in Pasadena, and the fundraising for the Jackie and Mack Robinson Memorial at Pasadena City Hall.

John was frequently called upon to deal with problems that seemed to have no solution, but required the utmost of intelligence, integrity, good judgment, and impeccable reputation. Throughout his long and distinguished career, he was dedicated to Pasadena, its many institutions, and its tradition of civic engagement and public service. At the time of his death, the Los Angeles described him as "a towering political figure" and a person who "lived for the values of justice and opportunity that define the State of California".

Among those who saluted John at the time of death were Warren M. Christopher, former U.S. Secretary of State, Governor Jerry Brown, Xavier Becerra, California Attorney General, Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, U.S. Judge Stephen Trott, Mickey Kantor, former U.S. Secretary of Commerce, and many others. It is clear to me that during his lifetime he was the best known public and political figure in the City of Pasadena, and a source of great pride among the people of this great City.

John Van de Kamp's home at 801 South San Rafael Avenue for 30 years is surely an eligible landmark in Pasadena and should be recognized as such.

If there is any way I can be helpful in regard to this historic property, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Bogard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "Bogard" following in a fluid script.

1179 Yocum Street  
Pasadena, CA 91103  
January 15, 2021

Ms. Susan Mossman, Director  
Mr. Andrew Salimian, Preservation Director  
Pasadena Heritage  
651 South St. John Street  
Pasadena CA 91105

Dear Ms. Mossman and Mr. Salimian:

I write in support of the application of Pasadena Heritage to have the property located at 801 South San Rafael, Pasadena 91105 (sometimes referred to as “the Property”) declared an eligible historic resource based on the fact that it was the long-time residence of John K. Van de Kamp, a very distinguished legal, political and business leader of Pasadena, Los Angeles County and the State of California. John and his wife, Andrea, acquired the Property in 1987 and, with their daughter, Diana, resided in it as the Van de Kamp family residence until John’s death in 2017.

John was a personal friend. My wife and I met John and Andrea before they married. We were introduced at a dinner party hosted by John’s parents, Harry and Georgia Van de Kamp. Georgia, herself a force of nature, was an extremely active and effective leader in the Pasadena area, traits which she passed on to John. We became close friends of John and Andrea over the years, playing tennis together and dining in one another’s homes frequently. I assisted John in his campaigns for Los Angeles County District Attorney and California Attorney General. He served with distinction in both of those offices and was highly respected nationally. (As an aside, we had as a visitor to our home about 10 years ago former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson who greatly admired John and asked to meet him; I took Governor Richardson to the Property where he and John talked about national affairs for hours.)

After his service as California Attorney General, John turned his focus to Pasadena, the town in which he had been raised, attended schools and lived while serving as an Assistant US Attorney and then the first Federal Public Defender. It was a frequent occurrence for John and Andrea to host events at the Property attended by very distinguished guests. We had the pleasure of being there and meeting, among others, both Governors Edmund G. Brown Senior and Junior, then San Francisco Mayor and now US Senator Dianne Feinstein, former US Trade Representative Micky Cantor and California Treasurer Jesse Unruh. The Property was a well-known site of high-level political gatherings. When John died in 2017, his funeral attendees included a Who’s Who group of local, state and national political and governmental leaders.

In addition to his political elder statesman activities while residing at the Property, John became increasingly involved in significant local matters. He was instrumental in guiding the Pasadena Education Foundation, chairing its advisory board, meeting with and providing guidance on numerous occasions to the Superintendent of Education and assisting in raising funds to improve Pasadena public schools. He was personally active in the annual Principal for a Day Program which he encouraged me and many others to support. John was also a close advisor to Rachael Worby, the founder and continuing leader of Mus/ique, now a widely acclaimed cultural success in Southern California. Ms. Worby was a frequent dinner guest of the Van de Kamps at the Property.

Finally, while residing at the Property, John was a distinguished business leader. He was for many years the full-time Chairman of the Board of Lawry's Foods, a prominent international restaurant and specialty foods company.

Although this is largely intended to be about John K. Van de Kamp's prominence while residing at the Property, I would be remiss if I did not mention that John's wife, Andrea, was also an active and effective leader in the community during that same time period. Among other activities, she was of central importance in helping the City of Pasadena raise funds to restore a different landmark property, The Rose Bowl.

In short, the Property had a very distinguished period during the residence of John K. Van de Kamp and his wife, Andrea.

Very truly yours

C. Douglas Kranwinkle

## Landry, Amanda

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**From:** Andrew Salimian <asalimian@pasadenaheritage.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 1:47 PM  
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Hello Amanda,

I was able to locate John's Oral History, which was commissioned by the California State Archives as part of their Oral History Program. That report can be accessed on this page: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/admin-programs/oral-history>. I followed up and spoke to the researcher who worked on the report in the early 2000s. Unfortunately, she could not dedicate time to write something attesting to John's significance, but she did point me to some good excerpts in the report. His work did not stop when he left the Attorney General position, as detailed in the supporting documentation I supplied earlier, but if we had to pick a period where he was *most* productive it would be during those years as AG and immediately after. His advocacy on the assault weapon ban and his run for governor are of the peak of his career and height of political capital.

There was an earlier house he lived in while he was AG. That house is 419 Prospect Terrace. He lived there first as a bachelor and then through his early marriage. One may argue that that property could be considered as well, but the house has been so heavily remodeled that it no longer retains any significance. You can see the house on Zillow here: [https://www.zillow.com/homes/489-Prospect-Ter-Pasadena,-CA-91103\\_rb](https://www.zillow.com/homes/489-Prospect-Ter-Pasadena,-CA-91103_rb) The San Rafael house is the only remaining location that would be appropriate to be landmarked.

If staff feels that his role as AG does not rise to the appropriate level of significance, we understand, but disagree. Is there a process where staff would recommend against approval where we can still go before the HP Commission? I'm assuming it will require an appeal on our part but we believe it is worth pursuing. If so, can you send us a determination letter which we could appeal? I would like to just take this to the HP Commission and let them weigh in on it.

Please let me know how we could proceed with the nomination.

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Andrew,

Thanks for meeting with me back on June 17<sup>th</sup>. I'm just following up on that meeting to see if you were able to obtain the information I requested? To recap, I had requested scholarly information about JVDK and his significance to the field of politics, as well as a list of other residences he had throughout his career. This information is necessary to establish significance under Criterion B. If this information cannot be provided, it may be more appropriate to recognize JVDK through commemorative memorials, such as naming a local bridge in his honor, which has already occurred.

I attached some more information with respect to our prior conversation to this email for your records.

Thank you,

Amanda

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Thanks, Andrew. How does the morning of the 17<sup>th</sup> look to you?

Thank you,

Amanda

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Hi Amanda,

I have some updates. John lived at 489 Prospect Terrace before moving to the home on San Rafael. I don't know exactly what year he bought the house, but he lived there as early as 1971 as a bachelor. This information comes from Larry Wilson of the Star News who moved in next door (781 Prospect) in '71 with his family. Here's his recollection:

Yes, John and Andrea and Diana lived right next door to our 781 Prospect -- our address was on Prospect Boulevard, and theirs was on Prospect Terrace ... let me figure out what their address must have been -- there it is by Google Earth, 489 Prospect Terrace. When we moved in there in '71 was John still a bachelor? i know he married late. In any case he was there already.

Interesting Mission-y house that was modernized and on a really odd-shaped lot -- small at the front, widening out toward the Arroyo and Seco Street.

They must have been there for at least 10 years, mebbe more.

Digging through some other documents, John met Andrea in 1974 and they married in 1978. Their daughter Diana was born in 1979. This puts them in the house as a married couple for 9 years, but John lived there longer. See pages 178-179 in this Oral History:

There are some other details on then pages about Andrea Van de Kamp in the Tim Gregory report. No addresses to corroborate however, but the sStar News article from '85 says she lives in an "historic neighborhood in Pasadena.

I can certainly meet the week of the 14th, just let me know what times works for you when you get back and get settled. And have a good vacation!

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Thank you, Andrew. That information will be necessary for this review and analysis. I'm out all next week but perhaps we can meet sometime the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> or after to discuss the application?

Thank you,

Amanda

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As far as I know, he lived for a short time in another house nearby, but I have get the exact location and the years he lived there. Will get back to you shortly.

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Andrew,

I'd like to set up a meeting with you to discuss the most recent submittal for Landmark Designation of 801. In advance of this meeting can you please confirm for me where JVdK lived prior to 1987?

Thank you,

Amanda

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**801 SOUTH SAN RAFAEL AVENUE**

**PASADENA**

**Style:** Monterey Colonial

**Year of Completion:** 1947

**Original Building Permit:** #3952-J, issued by the City of Pasadena on March 26, 1946 for a new two-story residence and garage. The house, to measure approximately 29 by 68 feet with a maximum height of 23 feet, would have a concrete foundation, walls of Douglas fir and stucco, a roof covered in cedar shingles, a brick chimney, and a brick and tile fireplace. A total of 51 light fixtures would be installed.

A copy of this permit is attached on page 24.

**Cost to Build:** \$25,000—a typical cost for a new house of this size at the time.

**Architect:** Unidentified on the building permit. The architect may have been an unlicensed building designer who worked under the direction of the owner/builder. State law forbade building designers from identifying themselves as architects on building permit applications.

**Builder and First Owner:** Holmes P. Tuttle, an automobile dealer and later a member of Ronald Reagan's "kitchen cabinet." He shared his home with his wife Virginia H. Tuttle and their two children.

Holmes Paul Tuttle was born in Oklahoma on June 17, 1905, one of seven children of James and Carrie Tuttle. His hometown of Tuttle was named after his farming family. His first job was as stock-boy at a Ford plant in Oklahoma City in 1923. Mr. Tuttle relocated to Los Angeles in 1926 where he became parts manager in the car dealership of Charles E. Cook. Mr. Tuttle would open his own Ford dealership in Los Angeles in 1945 and eventually established fourteen branches, including Beverly Hills, Spokane, and Tucson.

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A wealthy man, Mr. Tuttle had supported Republican causes since 1952 and attended every Republican national convention from 1960 to 1984. He was one of the strongest advocates of Ronald Reagan in his bid for the Governorship of California and later as President of the United States. Mr. Tuttle was one of the ten wealthy financial backers and Reagan advisors who came to be known as the "kitchen cabinet." He continued to raise money for Republican causes for the rest of his life and was one of twenty friends who purchased a Bel-Air home for Mr. and Mrs. Reagan upon the President's retirement.

Mr. Tuttle was one of the founders of Los Angeles Community Bank and of Harvey Mudd College in Claremont and was on the board of directors of Dart Industries, Inc., and Trans World Airlines. He was also an associate of USC and of Stanford. Mr. Tuttle belonged to the Los Angeles Country Club, the California Club, and the Eldorado Country Club in Palm Desert.

Mrs. Tuttle was born Virginia Harris in California on September 7, 1907. She married her husband in 1934. It was her second marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle would have two children: Robert and Sally.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle eventually retired to Montecito where Holmes Tuttle died at the age of 84 on June 16, 1989. Mrs. Tuttle survived her husband by several years, passing away on May 12, 1995 at age 87, also in Santa Barbara County. Holmes Tuttle Enterprises, Inc., is still privately-owned.

Additional biographical material on Holmes Tuttle is attached on pages 6 through 9.

**Other Building Permits:** A permit was issued in January 1951 for the construction of an 18-by-44-foot swimming pool, to cost \$3,000.

In October 1953, a fireplace was to be added and a ceiling exhaust fan installed at a cost of \$400. The owner would serve as his own contractor. A copy of this permit is attached on page 25.

New plumbing fixtures for a bathroom and the kitchen were to be installed in September 1954.

A permit was issued in July 1955 to enlarge a room by four feet. Clyde H. Gault of Sherman Oaks was the contractor. The cost was estimated at \$4,000. A copy of this permit is attached on page 26.

A new HVAC system was installed in December 1961.

In July 1980, an 11-by-30-foot patio cover was to be built in the rear yard at a cost of \$2,418.

The residence was to be re-roofed with pressure-treated wood shingles for \$9,000, according to a permit issued in April 1987.

The following September, a central heating and air-conditioning system was installed.

The house and garage were re-roofed again with Class A fiberglass shingles at a cost of \$13,600 in May 1999.

The kitchen was modernized in June 2009. Cynthia Bennett & Associates of South Pasadena was the contractor.

In July 2012, the existing pool equipment enclosure was to be replaced with a six-foot wood fence and a sixteen-inch retaining wall.

An electrical subpanel was replaced in February 2017.

(Note: Permits for very minor alterations, such as water heater replacement, are not included. Also not included are permits missing from the file or whose microfilmed or digital copies are indecipherable and not otherwise recorded or described in Assessor's records.)

**Assessor's Records:** The Pasadena City Assessor first visited the property on May 23, 1947 and recorded a newly-built two-story residence and garage. The house had a concrete foundation, walls of plaster and wood siding, a gabled roof and detailed trim. Heat was provided by two fireplaces with marble mantels and a gas furnace with twelve openings. There were 21 plumbing fixtures. Interior finishes and built-ins were described as "detailed."

The Assessor estimated the square footage at 3,292. On the first floor were four living rooms (one was probably a dining room), one bedroom, one and one-half bathrooms, and a kitchen. The second floor contained three bedrooms and two tiled bathrooms. There was also a basement that measured approximately twelve by sixteen feet. Also on the property were 450 linear feet of wire fencing and 100 linear feet of split-redwood fencing. The detached garage, connected to the house by a 6-by-25-foot porch, measured approximately 30 by 28 feet.

On April 3, 1951, the Assessor returned to note the completion of a 1,120-square-foot swimming pool.

On March 5, 1954, the Assessor reported the installation of a fireplace and ceiling fan. At that time, he also noted that 560 square feet of the garage had been converted into a "playroom."

The Assessor returned on October 8, 1956 to record the addition of 255 square feet to the house.

The Los Angeles County Assessor currently estimates the square footage of the house at 3,310 with four bedrooms and four bathrooms.

Copies of the City Assessor's building records are attached on pages 27 through 32.

(Note: The Pasadena City Assessor's Office ceased operations in 1974. Their square footage totals often differed from those of the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office, since they frequently included garages, terraces, patios, etc. in their computation. It is advisable to rely on the County Assessor's square footage figures since they are more up-to-date and consistent.)



**Other Owners and Residents:** By 1951, Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle had sold their home to Calvin C. B. Wheeler, a builder, and his wife Dixie M. Wheeler.

In 1955, Mrs. E. Lena Cook, the widow of Egbert C. Cook, an engineer, had become the owner along with her son Howard F. Cook. Interestingly, Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle had been boarders in the Cooks' Rowland-area home in the 1930s, shortly after they were married.

In 1964, the new owners were James Griffin Boswell II and his wife Rosalind M. Boswell. Mr. Boswell (1923-2009), a Pasadena native, was president of the J. G. Boswell Company, owner of what is now the world's largest privately-owned farm, founded by his father and uncle in 1924. The primary crops are cultivated on 135,000 acres mostly in Kings County, California. The younger Mr. Boswell is credited with the company's massive growth during the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He served as president from 1952 to 1984.

The next owners of 801 South San Rafael, as of 1987, were John and Andrea Van de Kamp. Mr. Van de Kamp (1936-2017) was a native of Pasadena, a member of a famous local bakery family. After earning his J.D. degree from Stanford, he became an Assistant U. S. Attorney in Los Angeles. Between 1975 and 1983 he was the District Attorney for Los Angeles County and then became the Attorney General for the State of California, serving from 1983 to 1991. In later years, he practiced private law and was involved in many legal, social justice, and environmental organizations. Upon his death, he was described as a "role model" and a "pillar" of his community, the county, and the state.

Andrea Van de Kamp, born in Detroit and a graduate of Columbia University, has worked in college admissions and recruitment, as national chair of the Coro Foundation, as Director of Public Affairs for Carter Hawley Hale Stores, and as manager of West Coast operations for Sotheby's. She also is well-known as a fundraiser, particularly for artistic causes. She married her husband in 1978.

Mrs. Van de Kamp became the trustee owner of their home in 2017 following her husband's death. The Van de Kamp family have owned the property for over thirty years. Biographical materials on Mr. and Mrs. Van de Kamp family are attached on pages 11 through 23.

**Note:** The property was advertised for sale in the August 20, 1950 issue of the *Los Angeles Times*. The house was described as a "Monterey Colonial [with a] beautifully appointed interior." A copy of the ad is attached on page 10.

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## **Holmes Tuttle, a Force in Reagan Political Rise, Dies**

A Times Staff Writer

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# **Holmes Tuttle, a Force in Reagan Political Rise, Dies**

*From a Times Staff Writer*

Republican fund raiser Holmes Tuttle, who refused to take no for an answer when Ronald Reagan at first declined to run for governor of California in the mid-1960s, died Friday morning at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. He would have been 84 today.

His son-in-law, Joseph J. Keon, said Tuttle, who had lived in Montecito for several years, suffered a stroke eight weeks ago.

Tuttle succeeded in persuading the reluctant Reagan that he should run for governor in 1966. Reagan won, was elected to a second term and then in 1980, with Tuttle's support, was elected President of the United States.

Tuttle's greatest ambition was realized when Reagan became President. Tuttle loved Reagan like a brother because their conservative political philosophies were identical. Reagan was his alter-ego, his idol.



*Los Angeles Times*

## **Holmes Tuttle**

A wealthy automobile dealer, Tuttle had been one of Reagan's closest friends and advisers since

**Please see TUTTLE, Page 34**

they met in 1946, when Tuttle sold Reagan a Ford coupe.

Tuttle had been the dominant force in Reagan's "kitchen cabinet"—the group of 10 or so wealthy financial backers whose advice Reagan respected and often followed—in Sacramento and later in Washington.

Tuttle was born in Tuttle, Okla. (a community named for his farm family) when it was still Indian territory, and started out as a stock boy in a Ford plant in Oklahoma City in 1923. He came to Los

Angeles three years later.

A short profile on Tuttle published in 1980 had him riding into Los Angeles on a freight train. His son, Robert, believes instead that someone gave his father a ride to Los Angeles in an automobile.

Charles E. Cook, then a Ford dealer and later a wealthy Los Angeles investor, gave Tuttle a job as parts manager at his dealership. Tuttle and Cook remained lifelong friends and business associates.

Tuttle later opened his own Ford dealership in Los Angeles and then established, one after the other,

Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealerships in Beverly Hills, Spokane, Wash., Irvine, and Tucson, Ariz. He became one of the most successful dealers in the nation.

As he became wealthy, Tuttle became active in conservative Republican politics. He never apparently aspired to political office himself but was always ready to raise money for any candidate who shared his views.

He was one of a number of prosperous Los Angeles businessmen active in Republican fundraising. One of the others was Henry Salvatori, also a member of Reagan's kitchen cabinet. But there was a difference.

"If you need money," a Republican Party official once said, "Henry [Salvatori] will write you a \$5,000 check. Holmes will go out and raise \$50,000."

Tuttle got a lot of those contributions for Reagan in his gubernatorial and presidential races.

It was a speech Reagan made on behalf of Barry Goldwater's unsuccessful bid for President in 1964 that persuaded Tuttle that Reagan had the makings not only of a great governor but also of a great President.

The speech, in which Reagan eloquently outlined his conservative Republican position, was described by Washington columnist David S. Broder as "the most successful national political debut since William Jennings Bryan electrified the 1896 Democratic convention with his 'Cross of Gold' speech."

Reagan made the speech at Tuttle's request at a \$1,000-a-plate Republican dinner in Los Angeles.

"We didn't have anybody, so I called up Ron and asked if he wouldn't give a 20-minute talk," Tuttle later recalled. "After the speech, we were swamped with requests from people who said these are the things Goldwater's been missing. We decided we had to get that speech on television."

### Overwhelming Response

When Reagan's speech was televised on Oct. 27, shortly before the election, viewers were so impressed that they sent in an estimated \$600,000 to \$1 million in contributions for the Republican cause.

"Good gracious alive, after the speech was over, I was besieged," Tuttle told an interviewer. "This is what people wanted to hear, and poor Barry had gone on the defensive."

Tuttle said he "called Henry Salvatori and some others, and we went to Ron and discussed the idea of his running for governor."

Reagan begged off, explaining that he was too busy with television and other projects. The Republican businessmen withdrew, but Tuttle later went back.

"Holmes came up to the house specifically to see me," Reagan said later. "I gave him the usual thing about running for office."

Tuttle was persistent, though.

"Would you agree not to give us a flat no?" he asked Reagan. "Just kick it around in your mind."

Reagan relented and agreed to do that. Tuttle and his friends started a Friends of Reagan organization. The pressure and support became so great that Reagan agreed to run for governor.

Tuttle explained that it was more than just Reagan's ability as a speaker that persuaded him that the actor should run for public office.

"I wouldn't give a damn," Tuttle said, "how good looking a man was, how attractive he was or how good he could speak if I thought his political philosophy and fundamental principles were contrary to mine, but this man had everything going for him."

Several years after Reagan's kitchen cabinet was formed, Tuttle remarked:

"As for any of us making the decisions or anyone else making the decisions, that is not right. There's no kitchen cabinet that makes any decisions for the governor. I guarantee that."

"That Irish Dutchman makes his

own decisions. That governor is a strong governor."

But there was never any doubt that Tuttle had a powerful influence on Reagan.

"Ron always takes a call from Holmes," an aide to Reagan said after he was elected President.

Usually a quiet, soft-spoken man who was suspicious of reporters, Tuttle could "talk like a trooper" whenever defending Reagan's interests, one of those reporters said.

During the 1980 presidential campaign, Tuttle publicly described President Jimmy Carter as "a mean, vitriolic little guy."

Tuttle was still raising money for Reagan in the last years of his life. He got 23 people from the oil industry to donate \$270,000 toward redecoration of the White House living quarters. Tuttle contributed \$10,000 to that fund.

Also, he was one of nearly 20 friends who purchased the \$2.5-million Bel-Air Estates home now occupied by the former President and his wife.

Tuttle was active as well with Salvatori and other conservatives in raising money to defeat then-Chief Justice Rose Elizabeth Bird and two other state Supreme Court liberals, Joseph Grodin and Cruz Reynoso, in 1986.

Next to helping Reagan get elected President, Tuttle probably was proudest of two other personal accomplishments—his election in the 1970s to Oklahoma's Cowboy Hall of Fame and his being honored

by the Ford Motor Co. in 1973 for his 50-year association with the company.

Reagan, then governor, and his wife, Nancy, were among 400 friends of Tuttle who helped him celebrate his golden anniversary with Ford.

Besides his son Robert, Tuttle is survived by his wife, Virginia; a daughter, Sally Keon, and four grandchildren.

Robert Tuttle was in charge of

White House personnel during the Reagan administration. Robert Tuttle's wife, Donna, served as undersecretary of commerce for travel and tourism.

A memorial service will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. at All-Saints-by-the-Sea in Montecito. Family graveside services will be at Forest Lawn Memorial-Park.

The family asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Childrens Hospital in Los Angeles.

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**Andrea with her husband, Atty. Gen. John Van de Kamp**



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## John Van de Kamp, former state attorney general, LA County DA, dies at 81

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John Van de Kamp, a former Los Angeles County district attorney and California attorney general, died Tuesday at his home in Pasadena. He was 81.

Family friends said Van de Kamp became ill in the past week but was expected to recover from the flu-like symptoms. His wife, Andrea Van de Kamp, confirmed his death Wednesday.

"My daughter and myself are simply devastated by the loss," she said.

Funeral services have not been set.

The Pasadena native was a pillar in Los Angeles County and the state. He lent his reputation and knowledge to his local church and his neighborhood's association, and to work on federal corruption probes, municipal reforms and efforts to end the death penalty.

"He worked so thoughtfully and cautiously and sensibly on everything he took on," said Claire Bogaard, a member of the St. Andrew Church restoration committee with Van de Kamp. "Every time he spoke, I made a special point of listening carefully, because I knew he would be right on target."

Van de Kamp frequently championed the environment and preservation. He spoke out against the extension of the 710 Freeway in Pasadena and spent decades as member of the Planning and Conservation League. He was actively involved in lawsuits to protect California's water and assisted with bond measures to preserve open space and wetlands, according to Sage Sweetwood, president emeritus of the PCL.

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Though he left public office in 1990, he continued to serve through appointed and volunteer positions. He never shied away from making his opinion known, according to his friends.

"He enjoyed public service and being involved in the community, but he also saw it as a responsibility and he took it very seriously," said Fred Register, Van de Kamp's former speech writer. "He had a strong sense of social justice and he was always eager to be involved in projects that he felt advanced the cause."

#### Mentor and pioneer

Van de Kamp, a member of the famous bakery family, grew up in Pasadena. He graduated from John Muir High School before moving on to Dartmouth, then Stanford to study law.

He served as a U.S. Attorney and as the first federal public defender in the Central District of California. Van de Kamp's work in those initial years shaped the public defender's office, according to Register.

Van de Kamp served as Los Angeles County's 37th District Attorney from 1975 to 1981. While in office, he established a "rollout" policy that sent a prosecutor and investigator immediately to the scene of police shootings. Other jurisdictions across the country replicated the work.

In a statement, Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey said she frequently sought Van de Kamp's advice and looked up to him as a stalwart of the justice system.

"Among his lasting legacies was his devotion to helping victims of serious and violent crimes. As district attorney, he established one of the nation's first victim-services programs," said Lacey in a statement. "We, as an office, are indebted to him for his innovative and straightforward leadership and his enduring sense of fairness."

In 1983, Van de Kamp succeeded George Deukmejian, who had become governor, as California's attorney general.

He left politics and returned to Pasadena in 1990 following an unsuccessful bid for governor that year.

Van De Kamp worked in private practice following his return. He joined the law firm Mayer Brown in 2012.

"Above all, John was a true gentleman and friend, always gracious and generous with his time and wisdom, particularly with the numerous young lawyers and politicians he mentored and counseled over the years," said Philip Recht, partner-in-charge of Mayer Brown's Los Angeles office, in a statement. "Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time."

Friends and colleagues described Van de Kamp as a role model.

"An extraordinary leader of impeccable integrity, John never backed away from taking strong, principled stands on tough issues," said Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer in a statement. "John was supremely effective at everything he did - always with a quiet confidence and devotion to public service that inspired generations of lawyers."

"If you look up gravitas in the dictionary, there is probably a picture of John," said Steve Madison, Pasadena councilman and former assistant U.S. attorney. "When he walked into city hall, or a courtroom, or a meeting, where ever it was, I think the building would sink a little bit, because this was a heavyweight."

Few, if any attorneys, have held the positions of U.S. Attorney, federal public defender, district attorney and attorney general.

"I would venture to say nobody is ever going to do that again," he said. "I wish we had him longer, but I also know that's a life well lived."

#### The neighbor

Though Van de Kamp earned prominence and prestige through his legal career, he stayed involved in regional and civic issues, particularly in his neighborhood.

"He was a giant in our community and our neighborhood," said Geoffrey Baum, who served on the West Pasadena Residents Association with Van de Kamp. "He was a great guy that was always generous with his time and his wisdom. He had a wonderful sense of humor and he was just a great neighbor."

Baum recalled how Van de Kamp hosted a party for all of west Pasadena residents one summer simply because he wanted his neighbors to feel connected to their community. He brought in a "Pie 'n Burger" truck to cater the gathering.

"I still get notes from residents that just say 'this is what makes Pasadena different,' " Baum said. "It reminded them what being part of a neighborhood was all about and John was the embodiment of that."

#### Defender of transparency

In Vernon, Van de Kamp was critical in implementing more than 150 municipal reforms as the city's independent reform monitor and his work has become a model for others. In an interview in 2016, Van de Kamp said he felt confident he could step down from his role without the city sliding back into its old ways.

"He was always resolute in his advice: Do what is right. Do your work in an open and transparent manner. Stay on the path of good governance and ethics. We have done that thanks, in large part, to John Van de Kamp's work with our city," said Melissa Ybarra, a Vernon councilwoman.

The City of Industry, facing allegations of corruption and cronyism, mirrored some of its reform efforts after Van de Kamp's work.

"He was a pioneer doing this work. We have had monitors appointed to manage bankrupt corporations, to reform police departments and other tasks that are perhaps analogous, but this was a broader, deeper and more comprehensive challenge," said William Lockyer, a former attorney general and Industry's reform monitor.

Van de Kamp was among more than three-dozen former prosecutors and legal scholars from around the country who signed a letter in November 2015 asking the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate allegations that police and prosecutors in Orange County systemically withheld evidence and improperly used jailhouse informants to obtain confessions.

The department's civil rights division launched a probe into the Orange County District Attorney's office and the Orange County Sheriff's Department in December 2016.

"Failure to turn over exculpatory evidence can lead to wrongful convictions. Without a comprehensive investigation, we'll never know how many convictions were wrongfully obtained in Orange County," Van de Kamp said in a November 2015 interview. "At the same time, serious cases there appear to have been minimized by or tainted by the practices of the two agencies."

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## John Van de Kamp, former California attorney general and L.A. County district attorney, dies at 81

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### Los Angeles Times

John and Andrea Van de Kamp had been married almost a decade when they went to the Kentucky Derby in 1986.

By that point, Van de Kamp was already a career politician and had garnered a reputation for being cautious - friends and colleagues saw a measured but thoughtful leader who would routinely defend laws he personally opposed, because it was his job to do so.

But at Churchill Downs, Van de Kamp and a friend split a \$100 bet on a 17-to-1 longshot.

When the horse won, Van de Kamp's wife was introduced to a side of her husband she didn't know. "I'd never heard him yell before," she said. "... I heard words that I didn't know he knew. I must say, he was quite articulate with them."

A towering political figure who became the top prosecutor in Los Angeles County and then California before running for governor, Van de Kamp died Tuesday at his home in Pasadena after a brief illness. He was 81. A family friend, Fred Registrar, confirmed his death.

One election cycle after that spring afternoon at the racetrack, opponents would accuse Van de Kamp of being too dull and robotic to take the reins of governor of California. The criticisms would ultimately help sink the Southland native in the 1990 Democratic primary against Dianne Feinstein, and he would never again seek high-profile political office.

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But by that time, the modestly raised member of a family known for its baked goods and windmill-themed bakeries had already left a significant mark in public life. In a career that spanned decades, Van de Kamp helped institute a revolutionary computerized fingerprint identification program, was instrumental in the push to "fast track" cases stuck in the state's civil courts, and pressed a laundry list of environmental, consumer rights and campaign finance reform cases that chiseled his public image into that of a liberal lion.

"John Van de Kamp lived for the values of justice and opportunity that define the state of California," said state Atty. Gen. Xavier Becerra, who once worked for Van de Kamp. "I will forever be grateful for the confidence he showed in me from my earliest days of public service under his leadership at the California Department of Justice."

"John understood the higher calling of public service," Becerra said. "He performed for the people of California like few others."

Gov. Jerry Brown also praised the former attorney general.

"John was a wonderful public servant and had a real sense of justice," Brown said in a statement released by his office.

Born in Pasadena to a bank teller and a teacher - and into a prominent family whose name was synonymous with baked goods - Van de Kamp attended a private school in Altadena, which thrust him into the outdoors and fostered in him an early appreciation for nature.

By 16, the precocious student went away to Dartmouth, and after a brief foray into broadcasting, he graduated from Stanford Law School in his early 20s. He served a short stint in the military before being appointed an assistant U.S. attorney.

He eventually entered politics, making an unsuccessful bid for a San Fernando Valley congressional seat, and continued working on campaigns until 1971, when he was tapped to head L.A.'s new Federal Public Defender's Office. The job required him to switch sides, sometimes standing up to the very agencies he had once fought for.

Five years later, he would reverse roles again, after being selected to replace L.A. County's district attorney, who had died in office.

"An extraordinary leader of impeccable integrity, John never backed away from taking strong, principled stands on tough issues," Los Angeles City Atty. Mike Feuer recalled. "John was supremely effective at everything he did - always with a quiet confidence and devotion to public service that inspired generations of lawyers."

It was in this role that Van de Kamp came face to face with the infamous Hillside Stranglers case, which would blotch his public career.

In 1977 and 1978, 10 young women and girls had been strangled, their bodies dumped on hillsides near downtown Los Angeles. Four years later, Van de Kamp, as district attorney, had to decide whether to prosecute one of the accused killers.

One suspect, Kenneth Bianchi, had accepted responsibility for five killings in a plea bargain that spared him the death penalty. He also agreed to be the key witness against his accomplice and cousin, Angelo Buono Jr.

But Bianchi began changing his story to investigators, and doubt emerged about his reliability as a witness. Ultimately, senior prosecutors recommended dropping the murder charges against Buono and instead prosecuting him on lesser sex crimes. Van de Kamp approved the plan.

Then, in a bold and unusual move, Superior Court Judge Ronald George ordered the capital case to continue. It was transferred to then-Atty. Gen. George Deukmejian, whose office eventually secured Buono's conviction for nine of 10 murders.

"We made an error in that case," Van de Kamp told The Times later, during his bid for governor. "And I take full responsibility."

Despite the setback, Van de Kamp easily won election to the state attorney general's office, where he created special units to handle child abuse, sexual assault and police shootings. It was there he launched the Cal-ID fingerprint system and, in an uncharacteristically brash move, strode into the Legislature with an AK-47 to support an effort to limit private ownership of assault weapons.

But the job of being the state's top prosecutor would expose him to new problems that would eventually hamstring his campaign for governor. In his role as attorney general, for example, he felt compelled to defend the state's efforts to prohibit the use of Medi-Cal benefits for abortions - though he disagreed with the law.

It proved to be one of many contradictions. Indeed, as he campaigned against Feinstein, a somewhat confounding portrait of the longtime politician emerged: a Roman Catholic who supported a woman's right to choose; an opponent of the death penalty who touted sending inmates to death row; a lifelong political insider who campaigned on "draining the ethical swamp" of Sacramento special interests.

Feinstein won the race, though she went on to lose to eventual Gov. Pete Wilson. Van de Kamp, meanwhile, came back home, serving as president of the State Bar of California, representing the thoroughbred owners of California and becoming a special monitor in beaten-down Vernon.

"He exemplified all that is best about public service," said Harvey Rosenfield, founder of the advocacy group Consumer Watchdog. "He was a determined advocate but always gracious and thoughtful. John represented a golden era of politics, when the public's interest was always the priority over partisan gain."

Van de Kamp is survived by his wife and a daughter, Diana.



# Mrs. Van de Kamp matches youth, policy

At a time when turn-offs may seem more popular than turn-ons, a national educational foundation is quietly working in the background, guiding and challenging young Americans to learn public policy through experience.

Andrea Van de Kamp, newly named national chairman of the Coro Foundation, is a woman accustomed to involving herself in things that matter.

"Coro strives to improve the quality and system of government and that matters to me,"

the 37-year-old Pasadena woman says. "How we spend our time is essentially an evaluation of our values."

Mrs. Van de Kamp divides her time among many things that matter.

She shares her life with her husband of three years, John Van de Kamp, Los Angeles County district attorney. And as director of development for the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art, she spends most of her working hours raising a \$10 million endowment for what she claims will be a world-class museum.

Coro, a private, non-profit educational foundation created

as a public trust to improve the system of government through experience, study and public affairs, has been a part of Mrs. Van de Kamp's life for some time.

She's served as executive director of the Southern California Coro Center from June 1977 until her recent appointment as national chairman. Now she is responsible for center offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco, St. Louis and New York.

A major activity of the foundation is its fellows program which sponsors 12 internships each year for post-graduate students selected on

the basis of demonstrated potential for public leadership.

"Youth desperately needs guidance and leadership from adults," she says, "and education needs people that care very much about young people and the direction they take. We need to spend time with them as parents, teachers and counselors and can't be afraid to say no because we're setting the standards."

"Coro for me has been a marvelous experience mainly because I enjoy working with young people and like the goals that it stands for."

The daughter of an architect and artist, Mrs. Van de Kamp spent her youth in Birmingham, Mich. She graduated from Michigan State University and earned a master's degree at Columbia University in New York City. Through 10 years of admissions and recruitment work at Monticello College, Columbia, Dartmouth College and Occidental College, Mrs. Van de Kamp has managed to stay in tune with youth.

"You're dealing with the future of an institution — who comes in and who goes out — and it's important to be sensitive," she says. "And to al-

ways be aware of what's happening in high schools around the country. It's a very challenging and exciting kind of work."

As the wife of the district attorney, Mrs. Van de Kamp is open and honest. "I'm John's wife and I think it's great," she says. "I'm crazy about him and to what extent I share his career is mutually decided upon."

"We've approached the conflicts ourselves in our respective professional roles so that we make accommodations to one another when we think something is important."

The couple met when she was assistant director of admissions at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. and Van de Kamp, a native of Pasadena, was a Dartmouth alumnus interviewing and recruiting students. After graduating from Stanford Law School, he became assistant U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles.

He served two years as U.S.

Attorney for the Central District of California and then joined the U.S. Attorney General in Washington, D.C., as deputy director of the executive office for U.S. Attorneys.

He was named first federal public defender for the Central District of California in 1971 and selected to be district attorney by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 1975. The following year he was elected to a full term.

Since last July, Mrs. Van de Kamp has been involved in a one-year campaign to raise \$10 million from the private sector for the planned Bunker Hill contemporary art museum scheduled to open in 1983. Europe's top modern museum professional, Pontus Hulten, currently director of Paris' Georges Pompidou Cultural Center (Beaubourg), has been recruited as director.

"We're building a world-class museum of contemporary art and went after the world's best museum director," Mrs. Van de Kamp said.



ANDREA VAN DE KAMP

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# New charm for old family name

## PROFILE

### ANDREA VAN DE KAMP:

**Profession:** Director of Public Affairs for Carter Hawley Hale Stores Inc., former college dean.

**Concurrent careers:** Wife of state Atty. Gen. John Van de Kamp, 49; mother of Diana Van de Kamp, 6; community volunteer.

**Age:** 42

**Place of residence:** Historic neighborhood in Pasadena.

**Reputation:** Los Angeles Magazine paired her and her husband among 50 most powerful people in Los Angeles.

**What she likes best:** "I love being a mother."

**Attitude:** Up

**Last book read:** "Frontiersman," a mystery novel or two.

**Characteristics:** Witty, loaded with energy, honest, productive, down-to-earth.

**Hobbies:** Tennis, spectator sports, squash, bicycling, gourmet cooking, sewing.

The Van de Kamp name has deep Pasadena roots that have spread to political circles.

And Andrea Van de Kamp has been tapping further areas since she became a part of the family seven years ago.

The wife of state Atty. Gen. John Van de Kamp, she's often been viewed as her husband's biggest political asset. She openly admits she particularly enjoys playing a role in his social causes, as she did in helping a rape treatment center get established while he worked on rape legislation.

Yet she's quick to emphasize, "I do not live his life, I share his life."

She's also carving out a niche of her own through her career in public affairs and her expanding activities in not only education and other social issues, but in the arts.

In addition, Van de Kamp's more and more in demand as a speaker as her fame for quotable quotes spreads.

In one public speech she said, "You want to know what it's like to be married to the attorney general? It's like a great affair. You never know when or where."

At a recent event for which she was mistress of ceremonies, she delighted Vice President George Bush when she introduced him with the opening comment, "I've never been a mistress before."

In a sense Van de Kamp exemplifies the woman of the '80s, the woman who has it all — a profession, home, motherhood.

But that wasn't precisely what she had in mind when she was growing up in a suburb of Detroit, Birmingham, Mich.

"Remember when we didn't have resumes," she said, when makeup kits were the baggage most women were concerned about?

Graduating from Michigan State University in 1966, she set off for New York to work her way through graduate school at Columbia University. She said, "I started out looking for a job and ended up with a career."

By 1985 Andrea Van de Kamp has a resume that stands in testimony to her accomplishments as a professional in college admissions, fund raising, public affairs and community service.

She probably still has a makeup kit somewhere, too, because she's flawlessly groomed.

A host of friends and colleagues also stand ready to testify about Andrea Van de Kamp.

Ed Carter, her boss at the corporate headquarters for the Broadway stores, helped woo her from Dartmouth to be associate dean of admissions at Occidental College, where he was chairman of the board of trustees. As she moved through other jobs, he became increasingly aware of her abilities and hired her in 1981.

"She's an unusual person," he said. "There are few women I would rate above her."

Stephen Garrett, director of the Long Beach Museum of Art, said, "She's the sort of person who's exciting to have around because she is so well-informed." After she solicits money for a good cause, people don't go away feeling "bruised, bullied and leaned on," he said.

Yet others see her as "just a Midwestern girl." That is what attracted her to Sarah O'Connell, an actress friend who also was from the Midwest and who double dated with the Van de Kamps during part of their four-year courtship.

"We shared the same values and priorities. You know — practical, thrifty, kind to your neighbors."

Helen Pashgian, an internationally known artist from Pasadena and longtime friend of the Van de Kamp family, said, "Her humor is unique. She has two almost contradictory qualities: She's discreet but very, very funny."

Yet she's not just a laugh a minute; she does have a serious, even competitive side, observed Susan Kranwinkle, a well-known cooking authority and columnist for the Star-News.

For example, she said, when Andrea and John participated in the cooking competition for the March of Dimes Gourmet Gala a year ago, Andrea wanted to be entertaining, make a nice presentation, but she also wanted to win.

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"She didn't just toss it off with some excuse about how she doesn't cook much anymore," Kranwinkle said.

Van de Kamp also is dedicated to helping solve serious social ills. As one of the first advisory board members for the first rape treatment center in California, she was instrumental in building corporate support and formulating the structure of the non-profit agency, said Gail Abarbanel, head of the center at Santa Monica Hospital.

Although on the opposite side of the political fence, Joanne Kozberg, senior policy consultant for Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif., is one of Andrea's biggest fans.

"When Andrea's in a room, the whole room lights up. Everyone is drawn to her. She's like a magnet," Kozberg said.

Martha Padve, a former neighbor of the Van de Kamps who's also been active in the arts, said, "She's very much her own woman. Whether she would be as well-known now (without the aid of the Van de Kamp name) is hard to determine."

Ask Andrea Van de Kamp how she balances her triple-decker life, and she'll probably turn the conversation to someone else.

Chatting over a weekday breakfast at the Konditori, her family's favorite haunt on Saturdays, Van de Kamp said, "Esther Mott is my heroine."

Mott, she said, is a single parent who raised two children and simultaneously handled a career while maintaining a beautiful home.

"My life by all standards is relatively easy ... with a husband and a live-in housekeeper."

Instead of complaining about how much her husband is away, she said, "When he's home, he's very much my husband and very much a father to Diana." Diana is their 6-year-old daughter.

Her usually twinkling brown eyes grow soft as she talks about her husband. "He's the most re-

sponsible person I know," she said. Knitting her eyebrows together, she told how he had an opportunity to go to China, but said, "I couldn't do that. I've been given the opportunity to be district attorney and I only have a few months left. I couldn't possibly leave."

The timing of the interview said something about how Van de Kamp sets her priorities. A regular in the carpool, she first had to drop her daughter, Diana, off at school.

Tilting her head and looking skyward, Van de Kamp said, "I love being a mother. It rounds out life. I can't image life with her not in it."

As she talked about how the teacher had called her in to talk about Diana's penmanship and her crooked a's, Van de Kamp seemed miles away from her executive office with Carter Hawley Hale headquarters and very much the parent extolling the virtues of her child's school.

"I want her to have a sense of herself," she said when asked what she wanted for her daughter. "I want her to be comfortable with who she is, with her talents, skills and limitations. I hope she'll want a profession and also be a wife and mother, but I can't lay that on her."

Then in the next moment, she slid effortlessly into her role as a professional in public affairs and deftly combined it with her social side as she greeted Lindsay Mac Donnell, who stopped by the table to say hello.

Why not invite a corporate leader new to the area to the opening night of the Pasadena Symphony, she suggested to MacDonnell, whose wife, Anna, is on the symphony board. It could mean new blood and possible support for the symphony, she urged tactfully.

In a moment's time, she had unconsciously played out a vignette illustrating an underlying philosophy of hers: Work should not be totally separate from the rest of a person's life.

She's candid about enjoying the influence she can wield because of the contacts she makes through her own career and her husband and funneling it toward a good cause.

Her dark-blond pageboy framing her youthful face, her eyes moist, she looked intently at her interviewer and said, "You and I are lucky," suggesting they led fortunate lives. "And we have a responsibility to give something back."

That's why she likes Women at Work, a non-profit organization in Pasadena that provides career resources for women in transition.

"I like the fact that it provides self-help and serves more than 2,000 women a year. It draws women who want to be the best and employers who want the best. These two meet at the crossroads."

When she speaks at the fifth anniversary fund-raiser for the group Oct. 7, John will introduce her.

"She's suffered through my speeches. I've even been roasted by her," he said. "Turnabout's fair play."

## Andrea Van de Kamp

**Age:** 52.

**Background:** Born in Detroit. Now lives in a two-story Monterey colonial in Pasadena south of the Rose Bowl.

**Family:** Married to attorney John Van de Kamp. They have one daughter, Diana, 16.

**Passions:** The arts, sports, politics, education.

**On riding the campaign trail with her husband during the 1990 primary for California governor:** "Campaigning gave me peripheral vision. We all have our own set of eyes. We all have our own set of beliefs. But suddenly you get on the campaign trail and you meet people who have had very different lives and very different beliefs than you have. And they feel just as passionately about theirs as you do about yours. It's one thing to read about them. It's another thing to look somebody in the eye and have a very strong difference of opinion."

**On supporting the arts in Los Angeles:** "One of the reasons why you want to go to New York City is so that you can go to the museums. I would like people to feel that one of the reasons they come to Los Angeles is because of LACMA, because there's MOCA, because there's a Getty. I would love them to feel the same vibrancy and love for this city, and that only happens when people care about these institutions and keep them alive."

**On steering Sotheby's West Coast operations without credentials as an art expert:** "I love to learn, and it's a treat to go around with people who know more than I do about a particular area. I have found that a delicious, rewarding part of the job rather than a liability. And I've never pretended to be something I'm not."

**On affirmative action:** "I honestly feel, from the experiences I've had professionally, that we've made better decisions because we've been a team—male and female, black, Chicano. It's not always comfortable and there have been some moments of tension. But the end result is we've all grown up some. We've probably all been challenged some and we've all been pushed some. And I would just like to come down on the side of somebody who's willing to grow."

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December 10, 1995

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including labor, material,  
wiring, heating, plumbing, etc. Approved



ORIGINAL LOCATION OF JOB

**801 SAN RAFAEL**

NUMBER STREET

**BUILDING ALTERATION**

Permit No. **1302N** Final Insp. **OCT - 1956**

Department of Building, Pasadena, Calif.

DO NOT FILL IN FOR USE OF ASSESSOR ONLY

**S.R. Harris, Inc.** Map No.

Size of Lot	Size Bldg.	JUL - 1956	
<b>100x400</b>	<b>1800 sq. ft.</b>		
Height, Feet	Stories	Type	Zone
<b>20'</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Stucco</b>	<b>R1</b>

Use **RESIDENCE**

Side | Front | Rear | Side

Owner Name **N. F. & E. C. Cook**

Address **801 SAN RAFAEL**

Architect Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Name **CLYDE H. GAULT**

Address **13230 BLOOMFIELD**  
**SHANTAN OAKS**

Contractor's License No. **32292**

**Clyde H. Gault**  
Signature of Contractor

State Clearly All Alterations to Be Made

**ENLARGING PRESENT**  
**ROOM F**

Special Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

It. & Fee No. \_\_\_\_\_ Checking Fee **12.00**

Value **4,000.00** Permit Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Including labor, material, working, hauling, plumbing, etc. Approved **[Signature]**

## BUILDING DESCRIPTION BLANK

No. 801 SAN RAFAEL AVE St. Ave. Map No. 456.

Description.....

TRACT NO 7257 As per Bl. 84, P. 34 of  
Mapa Records of L. A. Co.

Lot 1 & por of lot 2

PERMIT No. 3952-J Cost \$ 25,000.00 3/26/46

OWNER.....HOLMES P TUTTLE

Basement	Basmt.	1	2	3	4	5	Attic
ft.x ft.	Living Room	1					
ft.deep	Bed "	1					
cu.ft.@	Bath "	1					
Sq. ft. In Drives, etc.	Kitchen	1					
	Storage						
	Offices						
	Store						
	Marble Floor						
	Tile Floor						
	Hardwood Floor	X	X				
	Hardwood Fin.						
	Cement Floor						
	Unfinished						

RES &amp; GAR

CLASS	ROOF	TRIMMINGS	BUILT IN FEATURES
Single, Double California Bungalow Residence-- Flat, Apartment Factory Garage Shed, Barn Church School, Office Store, Storage	Flat Hip Gables; Dormers Cut up, Ordinary Plain, Gravel Tile, Shingle Corr. Iron, Tin Composition Slate, Concrete Asbestos	Plain	Plain
FOUNDATION	CONSTRUCTION	INSIDE FINISH	CONDITION
Stone, Brick Concrete; Wood Plere	Good, Medium Cheap	Plain	Good Medium Poor Built 1946 Dep. Rate
EXTERIOR	HEATING	BLDG. VALUES	
Bay Windows 1-sty-2-sty-3 sty Wall Covering: Plaster, Met Lath Hollow Tile Concrete Brick Reinforced Concrete Shakes, T. & G. Siding; B & B Brick, P or C Corr. Iron Steel Terra Cotta	Fire Place Gas Furnace	NO. SQ. FT. 3072 @ \$ 4.80 BLDG. COST \$ BSMT. COST \$ HEAT COST \$ PLB. COST \$ Out-Bldings Drives, Walks, etc.	
	PLUMBING		
	No. of Fixtures		
	LIGHTING		
	Electric Good, Medium Cheap	1084-2 R	
Report Dated			

Report Dated 2-22-47  
2m 9-21-45









90912

**BUILDING DESCRIPTION BLANK**

No. **801 SO SAN RAFAEL ST** St.  
 Ave.  
 Assessment No. **90912** Map No. **456**  
 Description .....

TRACT NO **7857** As per Bk. 84, P. 84 of  
 Maps Records of L. & C.  
 Lot 1  
 SAN RAFAEL HEIGHTS As per Bk. 7, P. 128 of Maps  
 TRACT NO. 5. Records of L. & C.  
 The Sly 10' Lot 42

PERMIT No. **2608-M** Cost \$ **400.00** 10-2-53  
 OWNER **CALVIN WHEELER**

Basement	bsmt	1	2	3	4	5	Alto
ft.x ft.	Living Room						
ft.deep	Bed "						
cu.ft.@	Bath "						
Sq. ft. In Drives, etc.	Kitchen						
	Storage						
	Offices						
	Store						
	Marble Floor						
	Tile Floor						
	Hardwood Floor						
	Hardwood Fin.						
	Cement Floor						
	Unfinished						

ADD  
 20x75-660 280  
 1-FIREPLACE 75  
 1-W.G. SINGLE RANGE 25

INST FIREPLACE,  
 INST CEILING FAN

CLASS	ROOF	TRIMMINGS	BUILT IN FEATURES
Single, Double	Flat Hip	Plain	Plain
California	Gables, Dormers		
Bungalow	Cut up, Ordinary		
Residence	Plain, Gravel		
Flat, Apartment	Tile, Shingle		
Factory	Corr. Iron, Tin		
Garage	Composition	INSIDE FINISH	CONDITION
Shed, Barn	Slate, Concrete	Plain	Good Built
Church	Asbestos		Medium
School, Office	CONSTRUC- TION		Poor
Store, Storage	Good, Medium		Dep. Rate
FOUNDATION	Cheap		
Stone, Brick	HEATING		
Concrete, Wood	Fire Place		
Piers	Gas Furnace		
EXTERIOR			
Bay Windows			
1 sty 2 sty 3 sty			
Wall Covering:	PLUMBING		
Plaster, Met Lath	No. of Fixtures		
Hollow Tile			
Concrete Brick			
Reinforced Con- crete			
Shakes, T. & G.			
Siding, B & B			
Brick, P or C			
Corr. Iron			
Steel			
Terra Cotta			
	LIGHTING		
	Electric		
	Good, Medium		
	Cheap		

Report Dated **3/5/54**  
 2m 4-22-53 B8

*Included*





**John Van De Kamp (1936-2017)**  
**Brief Timeline Major Accomplishments**

1936 – Born in Pasadena

1952 – Graduated from John Muir High School

1956 – B.A., Dartmouth College

1959 – J.D., Stanford University

1960-1966 – Assistant U.S. Attorney

1966-1967 – U.S. Attorney

1971-1975 – Federal Public Defender - Central District Of California

1975-1981 – 37<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles County District Attorney

1983-1991 – California State Attorney General

1987 – Moved in 801 S San Rafael Ave

1989 – Carried AK-47 into California Legislature to advocate for assault weapon ban

1990 – Ran for Governor of California (lost to former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein in Democratic Primary)

1991-2012 – Worked in private practice

2001-2005 – State Bar of California (Board of Governors '01-'04, President '04-'05)

2012 – Joined the law firm Mayer Brown

2015 – Advocated against wrongful convictions in Orange County

2017 – Passed away from illness



## OBITUARIES

## John Van de Kamp, former California attorney general and L.A. County district attorney, dies at 81



John Van de Kamp, right, leads a 2007 hearing of the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice at Loyola Law School. (Carlos Chavez / Los Angeles Times)

By MATT STEVENS

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John and Andrea Van de Kamp had been married almost a decade when they went to the Kentucky Derby in 1986.

By that point, Van de Kamp was already a career politician and had garnered a reputation for being cautious — friends and colleagues saw a measured but

thoughtful leader who would routinely defend laws he personally opposed, because it was his job to do so.

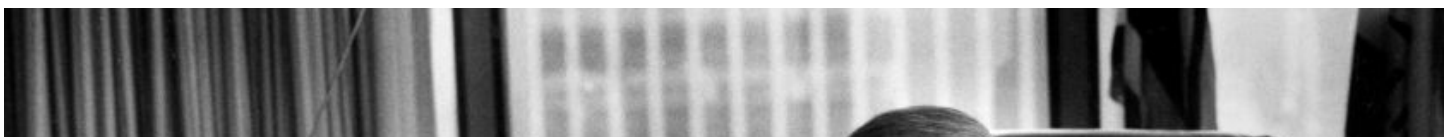
But at Churchill Downs, Van de Kamp and a friend split a \$100 bet on a 17-to-1 longshot.

When the horse won, Van de Kamp's wife was introduced to a side of her husband she didn't know. "I'd never heard him yell before," she said. "... I heard words that I didn't know he knew. I must say, he was quite articulate with them."

A towering political figure who became the top prosecutor in Los Angeles County and then California before running for governor, Van de Kamp died Tuesday at his home in Pasadena after a brief illness. He was 81. A family friend, Fred Registrar, confirmed his death.

One election cycle after that spring afternoon at the racetrack, opponents would accuse Van de Kamp of being too dull and robotic to take the reins of governor of California. The criticisms would ultimately help sink the Southland native in the 1990 Democratic primary against Dianne Feinstein, and he would never again seek high-profile political office.

But by that time, the modestly raised member of a family known for its baked goods and windmill-themed bakeries had already left a significant mark in public life. In a career that spanned decades, Van de Kamp helped institute a revolutionary computerized fingerprint identification program, was instrumental in the push to "fast track" cases stuck in the state's civil courts, and pressed a laundry list of environmental, consumer rights and campaign finance reform cases that chiseled his public image into that of a liberal lion.







John Van de Kamp when he was attorney general in 1988. (Los Angeles Times)

“John Van de Kamp lived for the values of justice and opportunity that define the state of California,” said state Atty. Gen. Xavier Becerra, who once worked for Van de Kamp. “I will forever be grateful for the confidence he showed in me from my earliest days of public service under his leadership at the California Department of Justice.”

“John understood the higher calling of public service,” Becerra said. “He performed for the people of California like few others.”

Gov. Jerry Brown also praised the former attorney general.

“John was a wonderful public servant and had a real sense of justice,” Brown said in a statement released by his office.

Born in Pasadena to a bank teller and a teacher — and into a prominent family whose name was synonymous with baked goods — Van de Kamp attended a private school in Altadena, which thrust him into the outdoors and fostered in him an early appreciation for nature.

The Van de Kamp's Holland Dutch Bakeries Model T delivery truck in Pasadena in 1924. (File photo / Van de Kamp's Holland Dutch Bakeries)

By 16, the precocious student went away to Dartmouth, and after a brief foray into broadcasting, he graduated from Stanford Law School in his early 20s. He served a short stint in the military before being appointed an assistant U.S. attorney.

He eventually entered politics, making an unsuccessful bid for a San Fernando Valley congressional seat, and continued working on campaigns until 1971, when he was

tapped to head L.A.'s new Federal Public Defender's Office. The job required him to switch sides, sometimes standing up to the very agencies he had once fought for.

Five years later, he would reverse roles again, after being selected to replace L.A. County's district attorney, who had died in office.

"An extraordinary leader of impeccable integrity, John never backed away from taking strong, principled stands on tough issues," Los Angeles City Atty. Mike Feuer recalled. "John was supremely effective at everything he did — always with a quiet confidence and devotion to public service that inspired generations of lawyers."

It was in this role that Van de Kamp came face to face with the infamous Hillside Stranglers case, which would blotch his public career.

In 1977 and 1978, 10 young women and girls had been strangled, their bodies dumped on hillsides near downtown Los Angeles. Four years later, Van de Kamp, as district attorney, had to decide whether to prosecute one of the accused killers.

One suspect, Kenneth Bianchi, had accepted responsibility for five killings in a plea bargain that spared him the death penalty. He also agreed to be the key witness against his accomplice and cousin, Angelo Buono Jr.

But Bianchi began changing his story to investigators, and doubt emerged about his reliability as a witness. Ultimately, senior prosecutors recommended dropping the murder charges against Buono and instead prosecuting him on lesser sex crimes. Van de Kamp approved the plan.

Then, in a bold and unusual move, Superior Court Judge Ronald George ordered the capital case to continue. It was transferred to then-Atty. Gen. George Deukmejian, whose office eventually secured Buono's conviction for nine of 10 murders.

“We made an error in that case,” Van de Kamp told The Times later, during his bid for governor. “And I take full responsibility.”

Despite the setback, Van de Kamp easily won election to the state attorney general’s office, where he created special units to handle child abuse, sexual assault and police shootings. It was there he launched the Cal-ID fingerprint system and, in an uncharacteristically brash move, strode into the Legislature with an AK-47 to support an effort to limit private ownership of assault weapons.

But the job of being the state’s top prosecutor would expose him to new problems that would eventually hamstringing his campaign for governor. In his role as attorney general, for example, he felt compelled to defend the state’s efforts to prohibit the use of Medi-Cal benefits for abortions — though he disagreed with the law.

It proved to be one of many contradictions. Indeed, as he campaigned against Feinstein, a somewhat confounding portrait of the longtime politician emerged: a Roman Catholic who supported a woman’s right to choose; an opponent of the death penalty who touted sending inmates to death row; a lifelong political insider who campaigned on “draining the ethical swamp” of Sacramento special interests.

Feinstein won the race, though she went on to lose to eventual Gov. Pete Wilson. Van de Kamp, meanwhile, came back home, serving as president of the State Bar of California, representing the thoroughbred owners of California and becoming a special monitor in beaten-down Vernon.

“He exemplified all that is best about public service,” said Harvey Rosenfield, founder of the advocacy group Consumer Watchdog. “He was a determined advocate but always gracious and thoughtful. John represented a golden era of politics, when the public’s interest was always the priority over partisan gain.”

Van de Kamp is survived by his wife and a daughter, Diana.

John Van de Kamp, Former Prosecutor in California, Dies at 81



John Van De Kamp, right, at a hearing of the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice at Loyola Law School in 2007. Carlos Chavez/ Los Angeles Times, via Getty Images

By Richard Sandomir

March 17, 2017

John Van de Kamp, a prominent former prosecutor in Los Angeles who, as California’s attorney general, carried an AK-47 into a State Assembly hearing to demonstrate his opposition to assault rifles, died on March 14 at his home in Pasadena. He was 81.

Philip R. Recht, a partner at Mayer Brown, the law firm where Mr. Van de Kamp worked until recently, confirmed his death. The cause was not yet known.

As the Los Angeles district attorney, Mr. Van de Kamp formed units that focused on gangs, domestic violence and white-collar crime in the entertainment industry. But he was probably best known for his decision in 1981 not to pursue murder charges against Angelo Buono Jr., who was accused of killing 10 women in the Hillside Strangler case.

Mr. Van de Kamp felt that he could not rely on the testimony of his key witness, Kenneth Bianchi, Mr. Buono’s accomplice, who had already agreed to plead guilty to five of the murders. But after Mr. Van de Kamp approved a recommendation from his senior prosecutors to pursue Mr. Buono for lesser sex crimes, a Superior Court judge, Ronald M. George, rejected the plan, and the case was transferred to the attorney general’s office. After a two-year trial, Mr. Buono was convicted of nine of the 10 murders.

Mr. Van de Kamp regretted his decision. He told The Los Angeles Times in 1989, “As district attorney, my office made hundreds of prosecutor judgments that were accurate and tough-minded.” The Buono decision, he added, “was also tough-minded, but it was an error.”

His decision became an issue in 1990 when he ran for the Democratic nomination for governor against Dianne Feinstein, a former mayor of San Francisco. In a television ad, the narrator said: “John Van de Kamp, who still opposes the death penalty and takes contributions from the Hillside Strangler lawyers, finally admits he made a mistake. Make sure you don’t make one on Tuesday, June 5.”

He lost the primary to Ms. Feinstein by a wide margin. She was then defeated by Senator Pete Wilson, a Republican, in the campaign to replace George Deukmejian, also a Republican, as governor.

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Mr. Van de Kamp, a liberal Democrat, brought philosophical paradoxes to his public service. A Roman Catholic, he opposed abortion but supported a woman’s right to choose. An opponent of capital punishment, he followed state law that filled death row with condemned men. When he was serving as the attorney general under Mr. Deukmejian, he appealed a stay of execution for Robert Alton Harris, who had killed two teenage boys, to the Supreme Court and vowed that he would oversee executions if he were elected governor.

“I swore to uphold the law, and we did,” he told the online magazine LA Progressive in 2015. “That’s what you do when you take public office. You have to support measures that you might not like and try to deal with them as carefully as you can.”

John Kalar Van de Kamp was born on Feb. 7, 1936, in Pasadena, Calif., to Harry Van de Kamp, a bank teller, and the former Georgie Kalar, a teacher. His uncles founded local bakeries and several restaurants, including Lawry’s Prime Rib.



Mr. Van de Kamp, left, announcing Johnnie L. Cochran as a new assistant district attorney at a news conference in 1977 in Los Angeles. Rick Meyer/Los Angeles Times, via Associated Press

Mr. Van de Kamp graduated from Dartmouth and then from Stanford Law School. After his Army service, he joined the United States attorney’s office in Los Angeles.

He was appointed acting United States attorney in 1966 but was replaced a few months later by a permanent successor, William M. Byrne Jr. Mr. Van de Kamp remained with the office as chief assistant United States attorney until he was named deputy director of the office of United States attorneys in the Justice Department in October 1967.

Within a few months, as troop levels during the Vietnam War were reaching their peak, Attorney General Ramsey Clark put Mr. Van de Kamp in charge of a new unit to prosecute violations of Selective Service laws. He helped prepare the successful case in 1968 against Dr. Benjamin Spock, the pediatrician and antiwar activist, and three others, who had been

accused of conspiracy to counsel draft evasion. The verdict was eventually reversed.

Mr. Van de Kamp entered politics in 1969, losing a race for a congressional seat in California to Barry Goldwater Jr., a son of the Republican Arizona senator who lost the 1964 presidential race to Lyndon B. Johnson.

Two years later Mr. Van de Kamp returned to government service as the first federal public defender in Los Angeles, shifting his focus from prosecuting criminals to advocating on their behalf.

"We were able to help real people," he told Pasadena Weekly in 2015. "People are in trouble, and we helped them to get through this or find a new way of getting on with their lives."

In 1975 he became a prosecutor again, this time on the local level, when he was appointed district attorney in Los Angeles after the death of the incumbent, Joseph Busch. Mr. Van de Kamp was subsequently elected twice to the position; during his first term, he was on the short list to become director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a job that went to William H. Webster.

Mr. Van de Kamp's signature achievement in two terms as attorney general was setting up a computerized fingerprinting system. But he was also known for his vigorous antitrust enforcement and efforts at environmental and consumer protection.

On the day he brought the AK-47 to the State Assembly, in February 1989, Mr. Van de Kamp held the rifle to his chest and told legislators that he could kill them all in the time it took to utter a sentence.

"You are lucky that I am the attorney general and not a nut," he told them.

He is survived by his wife, the former Andrea Fisher, and a daughter, Diana Van de Kamp.

After losing the campaign for governor in 1990, Mr. Van de Kamp entered private practice. He also served as president of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, which allowed him to indulge his love of horse racing, and as chairman of his family's Lawry's Restaurants chain.

And he pursued the abolition of the death penalty, which he could not while he was attorney general. He supported unsuccessful ballots to end capital punishment in the state in 2012 and 2016 and filed a lawsuit that led the state Supreme Court to stay the implementation of another ballot that was narrowly approved by voters and would shorten the death row appeals process.

## John Van de Kamp: Man of Principle

BY KATHLEEN TUTTLE\*

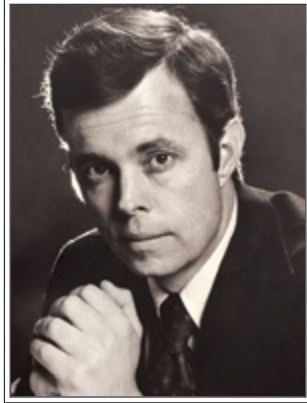
JOHN VAN DE KAMP, one of California's most distinguished legal and political figures, died on March 14, 2017 at the age of 81. Friends, family, clergy, colleagues from bench and bar, and official Los Angeles, gathered at his home parish of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Pasadena on March 30th to remember John.

Van de Kamp's calm and thoughtful manner brought him respect throughout his career, but the gush of appreciation and genuine affection expressed by several presenters at his memorial service were something else again. Father Paul A. Sustayta, principal celebrant and John's longtime pastor, called John "my treasured friend," spoke of his lifetime of good works, and said that his pioneering, forward-thinking record placed him far ahead of his time in the administration of justice.

Van de Kamp was the district attorney of Los Angeles County for six years, beginning in 1975.<sup>1</sup> Judge Stephen S. Trott of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit was a senior prosecutor in the DA's Office when Van de Kamp took charge. In his remarks at the service, Trott vividly recalled that many of his fellow prosecutors scratched their heads at Van de Kamp's appointment. How could someone who had spent the past five years as the federal public defender lead the DA's Office? But in fact, Trott said, Van de Kamp "revolutionized and improved every facet, every function" of the office.

Trott, whom Van de Kamp tapped to be his chief deputy, recited a litany of John's reforms: establishing innovative, dedicated units targeted at child abusers, career criminals, crime in the entertainment industry, sexual assaults, hardcore gang violence, elderly and nursing home abuse, the unique needs of crime victims, and the "Roll-out Unit" which dispatched a specially trained team of prosecutors and investigators to the scene of police shootings to independently investigate them.<sup>2</sup>

"Most lawyers are short on understanding people, and that set John apart," said Trott. "John started as a public defender, but he ended as a defender of the public."



John Van de Kamp

Upon election as state attorney general in 1983, Van de Kamp again introduced visionary changes including, California's first computerized fingerprint system, greatly enhancing law enforcement's effectiveness in crime-solving. He also created the Public Rights Division, which gave new emphasis to cases in specialized fields like antitrust, environmental law, consumer protection and civil rights. Such accomplishments helped Van de Kamp win re-election in 1986.

Los Angeles attorney Kevin O'Connell also shared memories of John. Their friendship dated back to 1963 when they were both young lawyers in the U.S. Attor-

ney's Office. They shared a love of the law, theater, music, and especially boxing fights at the Olympic Auditorium where a small group of lawyers would go after work every Thursday night. One of their favorite boxers was the famous Armando ("Mando") Ramos, whom they rooted for over drinks and cigars. O'Connell also recalled a memorable conversation he had with Warren Christopher, then in the Carter administration and charged with vetting candidates for FBI director. Van de Kamp was on a short list for the post and, while he didn't get the job, Christopher told O'Connell that John was "the most honorable person that ever lived."

Mickey Kantor, former U.S. trade representative and Department of Commerce secretary under President Bill Clinton, and John's longtime friend, political ally, and law partner, considered Van de Kamp "the perfect public servant," devoted to the public good to an unusual degree. Moreover, despite the demands of law practice, John "never missed a chance to counsel a younger person," or to share L.A.'s history. Much of Van de Kamp's career had been spent in the city's civic center. The Van de Kamp family, founders of the venerable Van de Kamp Bakeries and Lawry's Restaurants, was part of that early history, opening its very first retail venture — a potato chip stand — on South Spring Street in 1915. Kantor said John enjoyed taking law clerks on a four-hour walking tour of his favorite L.A. landmarks.

"Van de Kamp might have been governor if his principles hadn't gotten in the way," Kantor said, alluding to John's loss to then former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein in the hotly contested 1990 Democratic gubernatorial primary election. Feinstein ran blistering TV commercials attacking Van de Kamp as "trying to let

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loose a killer.”<sup>3</sup> The ads referred to the prosecution of Angelo Buono (called the “Hillside Strangler”), who was charged with the strangulation murders of ten women. As district attorney, Van de Kamp had agreed to drop murder charges against Buono.

Naturally there is more to that story, left unsaid at the service, but its telling fully illuminates Van de Kamp’s character. Kenneth Bianchi and his cousin Angelo Buono, Jr. committed rape and other crimes against ten women before killing them during October 1977 and February 1978. The men were called the “Hillside Strangers” because many of the victims’ strangled, nude bodies were found — one at a time, every several days — along the hillsides in the Hollywood-Glendale area. Bianchi was apprehended first, and immediately reached a plea agreement, conditioned on being the prosecution’s star witness against Angelo Buono. Because little physical evidence linked Buono to the murders, Bianchi’s testimony was essential.

Bianchi repeatedly flip-flopped concerning his original confession and statements to the police, and even claimed to have multiple personalities. He wrote an “open letter to the world,” reported in the *Los Angeles Times*,<sup>4</sup> repudiating his initial confession, available for all to see.

Deputies called for a meeting with Van de Kamp. They presented a lengthy summary of Bianchi’s inconsistencies, describing it as “self-immolation of his own credibility.”<sup>5</sup> For them, this posed “an ethical problem . . . ethical concerns . . . in using a witness they themselves regarded as totally unreliable.”<sup>6</sup> Van de Kamp evaluated, then ultimately concurred in their appraisal, deeming it “our best judgment considering the ethical principles that govern prosecutors.”<sup>7</sup>

In court, the deputies moved to dismiss the murder charges. Instead, they would prosecute Buono for the remaining non-murder charges as the quickest way to keep him off the streets and to protect the public. Despite Feinstein’s accusation to the contrary in the gubernatorial primary a few years later, prosecutors never contemplated “letting [Buono] loose.”

Judge Ronald M. George, then on the Los Angeles Superior Court and presiding over the trial, denied the People’s motion, declared that in the furtherance of justice the murder charges should be decided by a jury, and ordered the District Attorney’s Office to resume its prosecution.<sup>8</sup> After further deliberation, Van de Kamp then succeeded in getting the state attorney general to take over the case, whereupon its deputies proceeded to trial, then the longest in U.S. history, and secured convictions in 9 of the 10 counts of first-degree murder.

Van de Kamp’s ethical concerns, his principles, drove his approach to the Hillside Strangers. Regardless of what others thought then (or now), *he* took the expressed reservations of his top lawyers to mean that they did not believe in their case. It is problematic for a prosecutor to harbor reasonable doubt when asking a jury to return murder convictions.<sup>9</sup>

It was Van de Kamp’s strong conscience that placed him in a class by himself. That is why so many people and organizations throughout the years sought his advice and counsel and why, during his nearly three decades in private law practice, he was often asked to represent the public interest in complex legal matters. In 2006, the California attorney general appointed Van de Kamp as the independent monitor of the J. Paul Getty Trust, charged with investigating misuse of the Trust’s funds. In 2011, the City of Vernon retained Van de Kamp as an independent reform monitor to oversee the clean-up of its scandal-tainted city government. John also served a term as president of the State Bar of California.

John’s daughter Diana, the final speaker at the memorial, spoke movingly of her father, and she too stressed his dedication to principle. She urged the assembled to “carry on my dad’s torch in your own lives. Celebrate him by pushing for what’s right, not popular.”

Van de Kamp will be remembered most as a towering figure in California law and politics, but he was also a devoted family man. He and his wife Andrea were married for 39 years. Andrea’s well-recognized accomplishments in the arts and philanthropy, and John’s focus on law and public service, led them to interests and friendships that spanned the cultural and civic life of Pasadena and greater Los Angeles.

When the afternoon service concluded, the large crowd spilled out onto a sunny plaza for food and drink, including huge bowls of potato chips made from the famous original Lawry’s recipe. The air was thick with rich conversation of bygone campaigns, ballot proposition fights, legal cases and causes, and decades-old friendships. Guests — many now in their eighth and ninth decades — seemed reluctant to depart; so many dear friends had reconnected.

As I headed to the parking lot it struck me that, while we are a region often criticized for lacking social cohesion, depth, and regard for the past, celebrating John, the learned, Ivy-League educated scion of a revered century-old L.A. family, brought out a proud sense of community.

The testimonials to John’s integrity and commitment to public service undoubtedly made many feel inspired, yet wistful, for we may not see his like again. ★

#### ENDNOTES

1. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appointed Van de Kamp to complete the unfinished term of L.A. County District Attorney Joseph P. Busch, who had died in office. Van de Kamp then won election to a four-year term in 1976.
2. The Roll-Out Unit was triggered in part by a shooting in early 1979. Eula Love was an African-American woman who lived in South Central Los Angeles and failed to pay her gas bill. When gas company employees came out to terminate service, allegedly there was an altercation that only escalated once police were called to the scene. Love threw a kitchen knife toward officers, and police shot and killed her. Community outrage and

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## JOHN VAN DE KAMP MAN OF PRINCIPLE

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questions about what actually occurred ensued. No officer was prosecuted. Henceforth, the designated team was to respond to the scene immediately, interview witnesses, and objectively assess whether any officers present should be prosecuted.

3. “Feinstein Goes for TV Jugular with Hillside Strangler Ad,” *L.A. Times*, June 1, 1990, OCA3.

4. “Bianchi Now Denies Role in Murders,” *L.A. Times*, October 22, 1980.

5. “Dismissal of Buono Murder Counts Asked,” *L.A. Times*, July 14, 1981, 1.

6. “Memos Cite Holes in Strangler Case,” *L.A. Times*, July 26, 1981, 1; “D.A. Asks State to Study Taking on Buono Case,” *L.A. Times*, July 27, 1981, 1.

7. *L.A. Times*, July 28, 1981, A1.

8. “Judge Refuses to Drop Buono Murder Charges,” *L.A. Times*, July 21, 1981, A1.

9. The Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office *Legal Policy Manual* (2017, 24) provides, *inter alia*, “A deputy may file criminal charges only if various requirements are satisfied.” Among the conditions: “The deputy, based on a complete investigation and a thorough consideration of all pertinent facts readily available, *is satisfied the evidence proves the accused is guilty of the crime(s) to be charged*; and, [t]he deputy has determined that the *admissible evidence is of such convincing force* that it would warrant conviction of the crime(s) charged by a reasonable and objective fact finder after hearing all the evidence available to the deputy at the time of charging and after considering the most plausible, reasonably foreseeable defense(s) inherent in the prosecution’s evidence.” (Emphasis added.)

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10. *Ibid.* at 545, 550.

11. See *ibid.* at 547–48, 551. The District Court dealt with the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896) 163 U.S. 536, 551–52 — which had (a) held “social equality” to be unprotected by the Fourteenth Amendment and (b) countenanced separate but equal—by boldly proclaiming, “A paramount requisite in the American system of public education is social equality. It must be open to all children by unified school association regardless of lineage.” 64 F.Supp at 549; see also *ibid.* at 550 & n.7.

12. *Westminster School Dist. of Orange County v. Mendez* (1947) 161 F.2d 774 (9th Cir.).

13. *Ibid.* at 781. The Ninth Circuit distinguished *Plessy*, but on narrower grounds than the District Court. See *supra*, note 11. The Ninth Circuit acknowledged that amicus parties had urged it to “strike out independently on the whole question of segregation,” but, instead, the Court held only that (a) lawful segregation could not be established by the defendant school districts’ “administrative or executive decree” (as opposed to legislation), and (b) the districts’ practices were “entirely without authority of California law” and therefore deprived the Mexican-American schoolchildren of due process and equal protection. See 161 F.2d at 780–81.

14. “San Bernardino” refers to *Lopez v. Secombe* (1944) 71 F.Supp. 769, 771–72 (C.D.Cal.), in which the City of San Bernardino had been enjoined from barring Mexican Americans from a public pool.

15. *Ibid.* at 783 (Denman, J., concurring).

16. *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) 347 U.S. 483, 486, 495.

17. *Perez v. Sharp* (1948) 32 Cal. 2d 711, 712.

18. *Ibid.* at 747 (Shenk, J., dissenting).

19. *Ibid.* at 721 (citations omitted).

20. *Ibid.* at 731.

21. *Ibid.* at 729 (citation omitted). The uncertainty of Section 60’s racial classifications was previously illustrated in *Roldan v. Los Angeles County* (1933) 129 Cal.App. 267. A Filipino man applied for a license to marry a Caucasian woman; the Los Angeles County Clerk refused to issue the license but the Superior Court ordered issuance because — at the time — Section 60 barred a white from marrying, *inter alia*, “a Mongolian” and made no mention of Filipinos (also termed Malays). See *ibid.* at 268. The Court of Appeal of California affirmed, finding that Malays were not within the definition of Mongolian. *Ibid.* at 272–73. “Without delay,” the Legislature amended Section 60 to additionally bar a white person from marrying a “member of the Malay race.” *Perez v. Sharp*, 32 Cal.2d at 747 (Shenk, J. dissenting). The California Supreme Court subsequently viewed the term “member of the Malay race” with substantial “uncertainty.” See *ibid.* at 730.

22. 32 Cal.2d at 730.

23. *Ibid.*

24. *Ibid.* at 731–32.

25. *Loving v. Virginia* (1967) 388 U.S. 1, 2, 11–12.



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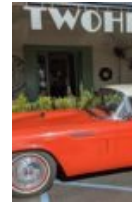
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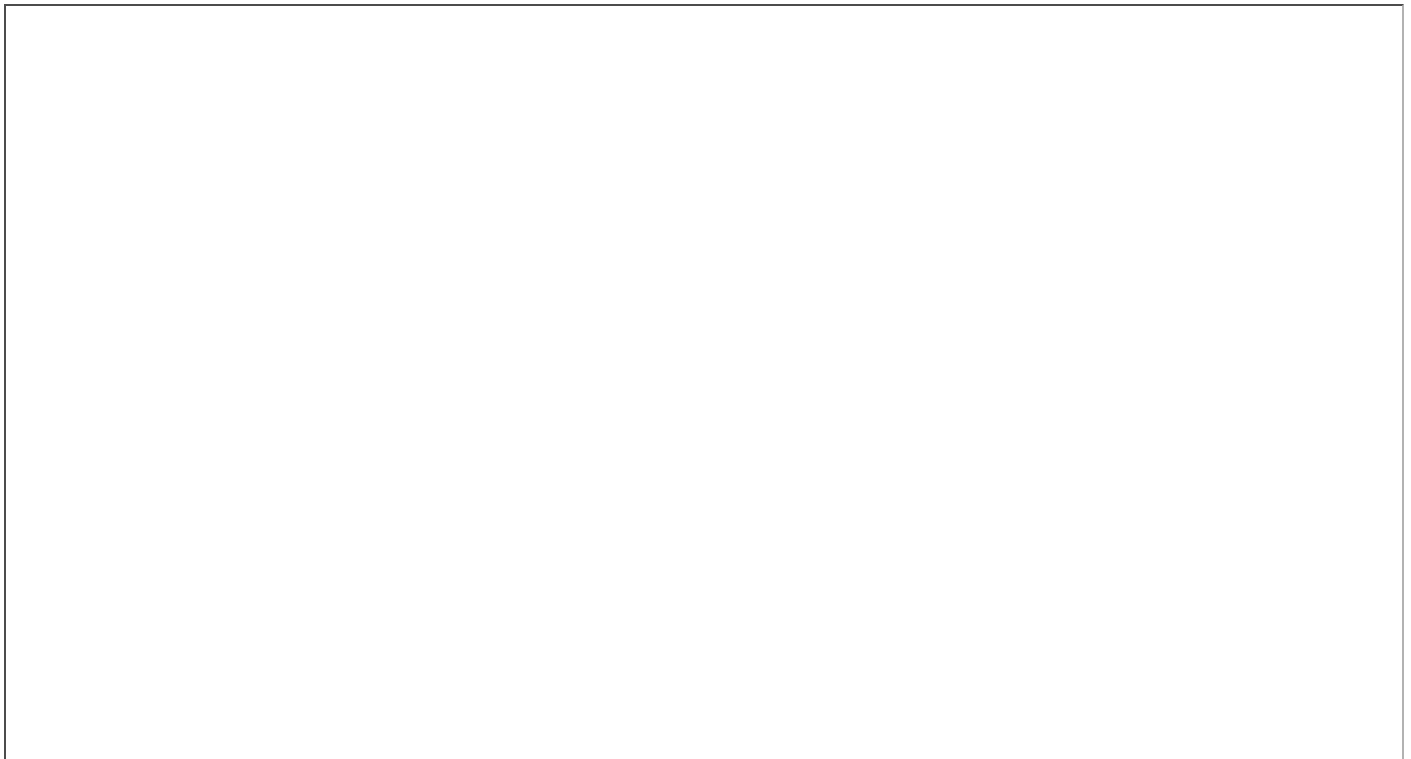
## COMMUNITY NEWS

# John Van de Kamp, One of Pasadena's Most Prominent Citizens, On How the City Has Changed

BY JOHN VAN DE KAMP

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John Van de Kamp as he addressed the West Pasadena Residents' Association on May 6, 2015 at Sequoyah School.

*John Van de Kamp addressed the West Pasadena Residents' Association annual meeting last week — he sits on their Board — and delivered a brief verbal memoir of his almost-seven-decades-long residence in West Pasadena.*

*Van de Kamp was born in 1936 and grew up here. He attended John Muir High School. He served as Los Angeles County District Attorney from 1975 until 1981, and then as 28th Attorney General of California from 1983 until 1991*

*Van de Kamp's remarks were built around then-and-now comparisons which few people can make with authority. That is because there are, in fact, few people who have personally witnessed the city's evolution as he has.*

*His remembrances, comparisons and conclusions all were fascinating to hear. We've published his speech below. — The Editors*

*"I'm 79. My first 12 years I lived in Altadena — most of the last 67 I've lived in West Pasadena.*

In my ramblings this evening I want to touch on the past and the present – not a history of Pasadena but some observations from my life here. You are not going to hear of Don Benito Wilson or the Indiana Colony. I'm not that old.

The question raised: Have things gone to hell? Was the past an idyllic past we should aspire to – and if so, what made it so and what should we concentrate on?

Very simply Pasadena has changed over these years – mostly – but not always for the better. Public Transportation: Back in the '40s we had the Pacific Electric Redcars that would take us downtown on Saturday morning to hear L.A. Philharmonic, and good bus service as well.

Today, the Gold Line – but [it's affected by] traffic congestion because failure to go below grade at major intersections.

Schools: Then and now strong private schools – then a strong public school system – by most accounts. I was a beneficiary – graduating from John Muir High School when it was a high school – junior college in 1952.

Today: with a more diverse and larger minority population and budget cuts in our public schools a struggle to achieve excellence – with the Pasadena Education Foundation providing outside support among other things to adding computers to our classrooms and making sure that summer school is available to as many as we can (which otherwise would be unavailable).

Then: San Rafael, Arroyo, and Linda Vista Elementary Schools. By 2017, no public schools [will be located] west of Orange Grove.

Culturally: Then Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra at the Civic – with the San Francisco Opera coming every year. The Shakespeare Festival at the Playhouse, under the direction of Gilmore Brown. Richard Lert ran and conducted the Pasadena Symphony.

Today: A reconstituted Pasadena Symphony at the Ambassador College. A revitalized and out-of-debt Playhouse under Sheldon Epps. The Noise Within—Rachel Worby's Muse-ique.

Great artists like my high school classmate, Helen Pashgian who has worked all her life here in Pasadena.

Then: A number of large movie theatres, the Academy was first run, the Crown (formerly The Raymond Opera House), and many more. Today, fewer movie houses, but multiplexes showing more movies than ever before.

Then: The Carmelita 3 par golf course, now – the Norton Simon Museum. And of course we have the Huntington Library, the Armory for the arts (where I used to serve National Guard duty) and good number of other local museums.

Homes: Then: mansions on Orange Grove – today condos and multi-unit developments, not only on Orange Grove but all over the City.

Downtown Pasadena. It once was the bustling center of Pasadena. By 1950 Fair Oaks and Colorado was Skid Row. Taking my bus transfer to get to John Muir High School was very exciting. As I waited on the Northwest corner of Fair Oaks and Colorado at age 14 – on consecutive days I'd be saved by an itinerant preacher on day 1 and on day 2 by an itinerant prostitute. It was pretty exciting. On the way home I escaped into Bill's Liquor Store on the southwest corner for a Pepsi.

Then – you had the Broadway Department Store at Colorado and Los Robles, Nash's, Welton Beckett's Bullocks, and Hertels. All gone except for Bullocks, which is now Macys.

Today after the intrepid leadership of the developers, Douglas Stizel and John Wilson we have Old Town Pasadena, and later in mid city, El Paseo, and another major retail center on South Lake.

Then: a great Pasadena Library where I could spend hours in the stacks, and where in the '80s I was honored to lead the dedication of its new auditorium in honor of my mentor and friend, Pasadena's own Chief Justice, Donald Wright.

Today Myron Hunts 1925 Library is going strong, having adapted to the computer and digital

revolution. And 10 branches, including our San Rafael Library.

The Arroyo: Then in the '40s and early '50s we picnicked on the edge of the natural stream near the La Loma Bridge.

Today: The concrete storm drain from the edge of Devil's Gate Dam all the way to downtown Los Angeles with a small diversion near the Colorado Bridge.

Tomorrow: Just maybe – an end to the storm drain and a return to a natural streambed.

Markets: Then: The Model Grocery (where my father worked as a young man) and later Prebles, on Green. They used to be the gold standard of Pasadena's Grocery stores. Today they are gone – and we now have major supermarkets like Vons and Ralphs and Whole Foods.

Restaurants: Despite the fact that we had a Van de Kamp's coffee shop near Pasadena City College (now gone) my Uncle Lawrence Frank (our family has always been in the restaurant business) once said we should never open a restaurant in Pasadena—it was too tough. In the '50s and '60s we had the Stuft Shirt – some said it lived up to its name – but restaurants in general had tough going, particularly in the summer. Today: restaurants galore – and good ones. It's still tough but we have new ones opening all the time. Some in unusual places – like Lincoln across from John Muir High School and on Lincoln.

Athletic Venues: Then: The Rose Bowl and 2 good golf courses at Brookside; Today: a rebuilt Rose Bowl, those 2 good golf courses, with upwards to 3,000 people using the bike and walking paths around them.

Then: When I grew up African Americans were permitted to swim in the pool at Brookside but once a week. The next day it was drained and cleaned. Jackie Robinson never wanted to return to Pasadena.

Today: The Aquatic Center where future Olympians train. Today: most Private Clubs can no longer discriminate against minorities. And two statues, honoring Mack and Jackie

Robinson, in front of City Hall. And Rachel Robinson came to be the Honorary Grand Marshal of the Rose Parade.

Politics: Then Pasadena was a Republican stronghold. Names like Edgar Hiestand, H. Allen Smith and Carlos Moorhead were our Congressmen. Today: It's a Democratic stronghold. Names like Adam Schiff, Judy Chu and Chris Holden holding State and National offices.

Then: In the early 40's Santa Anita was a concentration camp where we interned the Japanese in the stables.

Today: Richard Reeves new book "Infamy" about that dark stain on American life. And the stables, which haven't changed much, are housing thoroughbreds.

The air: In the '40s it was sulfurous yellow smog. In my high school tennis matches I'd get smog cough if I happened to get in to the 3rd set of a match. Today: So much better, you can nearly always see the mountains.

Our highways. In the '40s and '50s Pasadena was a unified community. Then came the 210 which in many ways divided our City.

Today: We face another divider. The threatened 710 tunnel which WPRA is working hard to stop.

What does one make of all of this?

Pasadena is no longer a sleepy city, a place where Easterners used to spend their winters, the subject of Hollywood jokes. It has diversity, vitality – still some great neighborhoods. A lot of engaged and sometimes enraged citizens. Overall, it's a good place to live but with issues confronting us, dealing with size, growth, public services and the needs of a quite different population.

Going forward I would personally put emphasis on preserving our historic neighborhoods, protecting against mansionization, and improving our housing stock for middle and lower income earning families.

I'd like to see preservation and revitalization of our cultural institutions and our parks and recreation facilities, maintenance of which is always a problem.

We need to meet the drought with intelligent responses.

We need to address our crime issues using best practices including the type of community policing where residents, particularly in minority areas look to the police as their friends rather than their enemies.

And perhaps most important of all we must make our public education system so good that it draws families from all walks of Pasadena's life.

Pasadena has changed – mostly for the better. With diversity has come minority representation in our government, and a better sense of integration – and our lives have been enriched by it.

But Pasadena will inevitably continue to change – and as citizens we should fight to make the most of it.”



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