



October 30, 2023

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

Re: 627 S. Euclid Ave., 656 S. Oakland Ave. & 701 W. Holly St.

Dear Mayor Gordo and Members of the City Council,

Pasadena Heritage supports the landmark nomination of these three historic homes in Pasadena. We thank the owners for their commitment to the preservation of these homes.

The Langford Residence at 627 S. Euclid Ave. has long been a part of the Pasadena community. Pasadena Heritage was honored to have included it on two architectural tours in the past as a remarkable example of Victorian-era design that has remained largely intact since it was first built. It has also served as a Showcase house, and it has been a local subject of interest as one of the Julia Child houses in Pasadena, serving as her home for the first two years of her life.

The Jones Residence and its guest house, at 656 S. Oak Knoll Ave., though seemingly modest in comparison to the high-style Langford house, is an excellent example of Pasadena's vernacular architecture. Wood, stone, tile, and brick are used to create a dynamic interplay between residential and garden spaces. These types of houses are perhaps best suited for Pasadena's climate, and it is appropriate they are now being recognized as important pieces of architecture.

The residence at 701 W. Holly St., is both an excellent example of French Norman architecture but also of the work of father-son firm Postle & Postle. The house is also tied to Western "nobility" – Susanna B. Holmes, the "Silver Queen," whose wealth was derived from a silver mine in Utah. Though this house grand in its own right, it was once part of a larger estate, with Holmes living at the main house at 141 N. Grand Ave.

We ask that the Council approve landmarks, which showcase Pasadena's varied architectural styles an excellence in design.

Sincerely,

Susan N. Mossman
Executive Director

Andrew Salimian
Preservation Director

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