

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Ramon Estevez
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 3:26 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: E. Dayton Street name change is a publicity stunt to advertise a music group

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

The name change of *E. Dayton Street* to *Troop Way* is being proposed by a music promoter for a living band, and has the appearance of being a publicity stunt to advertise the band, as Central Park is being pursued by the same promoter as a music venue.

It would be more appropriate to name a performance venue in their honor, than change an historic street into an advertisement for a living music band.

Please vote NO on changing E. Dayton Street to Troop Way.

Sincerely,

Ramon Estevez

Resident of Castle Green on E. Dayton Street

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From: Markarian, Kris
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 9:35 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Monika Armendariz
Cc: Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; ; Olmos, Tony
Subject: FW: Letter of support for R & B Group Troop

Ms. Armendariz,

Thank you for your emailed public comment below pertaining to today's City Council Meeting Item #12. By way of this email, I'm submitting it to the City Clerk's Office for public posting.

Kris Markarian, P.E.
Deputy Director/City Engineer
City of Pasadena - Public Works Department
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From: Monika Armendariz
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Pasadena City Council, Mayor Victor Gordo, Department of Public Works, City Staff, and City Manager's Office
City of Pasadena
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Email: KMarkarian@cityofpasadena.net

PLEASE Cc:

Dear Mayor Gordo, City Council Members, Public Works Department, City Staff, and City Manager,

I'm reaching out to urge your consideration in renaming the Dayton street segment next to Central Park to "Troop Way." As a lifelong fan and supporter of Troop, I believe this gesture would honor not just a music group, but a legacy that has resonated with people worldwide.

Growing up in Pasadena and surrounding areas Troop's music was the soundtrack of my life. Their hits filled the airwaves and brought our community together during tough times. Whether it was cruising down Colorado Boulevard or hanging out at Central Park, Brookside Park, or Jackie Robinson Park, Troop's melodies were always there, providing comfort and joy.

But Troop's influence extends far beyond our city limits. Their music has touched the hearts of fans across the globe, uniting people from different cultures and backgrounds. Renaming a street after Troop would be a global recognition of their impact on music and culture.

Additionally, Troop's presence in Pasadena embodies the spirit and pride of our city. Allen, a member of Troop, coined the acronym "TROOP," which stands for Total Respect of Other People, reflecting their commitment to spreading positivity and unity through their music.

Moreover, Troop members have made significant contributions to the music industry. Steven, for instance, has earned several Grammy awards for his exceptional work as a producer and songwriter. His contributions to hits like "No Air," "Take You Down," "Gots Ta Be," and "Sorry 2004," among others, highlight the talent and versatility within the Troop brotherhood. Each member of Troop is not only a phenomenal performer but also a skilled songwriter and producer, showcasing the depth of talent within the group.

I am a supporter of "Troop Way." Please submit this for public comment. Let's show our appreciation for Troop's contributions and ensure their legacy continues to inspire generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Monika Armendariz - Karkoutli

Please Submit for Public Comment

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From: Adry Hezekiah <
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I am just writing in a comment to add my name to the list of folks who do NOT want to see any portion of Dayton St. renamed.

The very notion of changing a historic street name in honor of an active musical group is very off-putting to me & seems more like a publicity stunt than a sincere desire to inform the community of this groups history.

I'd imagine a plaque or display of some sort about the group would be more informative than a street name sign anyhow but even that seems out of place for an active group.

Perhaps some kind of monument in Central Park mentioning them among other local groups that have played there would be a good compromise if this item is to move forward.

Happy Monday and thank you for your time!

- Adry Hezekiah

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From: Aaron
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 11:04 AM
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Dear Members of the Pasadena City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed street name change of Dayton Street to Troop Way, which would affect the section between Fair Oaks Avenue and Raymond Avenue.

Dayton Street holds historical and cultural significance to our community. Changing its name would erase a part of our neighborhood's heritage that many residents and business owners cherish. The current name, Dayton Street, is not just a label; it represents a piece of Pasadena's history and contributes to the unique character of our city.

Moreover, the proposed street name change could lead to a cascade of practical issues. Address changes would necessitate updates to personal records, business materials, and emergency response databases, potentially causing significant disruptions. This change could not only inconvenience residents and businesses but also pose challenges for visitors unfamiliar with the new name.

Our community has united in a strong voice of opposition to this proposed change. We believe that preserving the name of Dayton Street is not just a matter of sentiment, but a crucial step in maintaining our neighborhood's identity and heritage. We stand together in this, and we hope the City Council will stand with us.

I would like the City Council to consider the sentiments of the residents and business owners directly impacted by this proposal and vote against the street name change. We respectfully request that Dayton Street remain as it is, preserving our community's historical and cultural integrity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Aaron Gallardo

General Manager

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The Honorable Victor Gordo
Members of the Pasadena City Council

Dear Mayor Gordo and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to you concerning the renaming of a street in Pasadena in honor of the legendary R&B group Troop. For over 35 years, Troop has been an ambassador of Pasadena's vibrant culture, sharing their music with millions worldwide.


Both Jon Jon Harreld and Steven Russell Harts joined Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena (Boys Club of Pasadena at that time) at an early age and spent a significant amount of time here. The Club played a crucial role in developing their craft and creativity, which set a strong foundation for their future success. Their involvement with BGCP highlights our "Great Futures Start Here" mantra, and we are proud of their accomplishments.

Troop has proudly represented Pasadena since they began their career and continues to do so today. They have a song called "Pasadena," paying tribute to their hometown. Troop has had a significant impact on the music world with multiple number-one hits, including "Spread My Wings," "All I Do is Think of You," and "Mamacita." Lead singer Steven Russell Harts, a Grammy-winning producer and writer, has created hits like "No Air" (Jordin Sparks) and "Take You Down" (Chris Brown), further underscoring Troop's influence on the global music scene. The group even appeared on Pop-Tarts boxes and had a popular dance named after them in the late '80s and early '90s. Troop frequently performed on "The Arsenio Hall Show," representing Pasadena with pride.

Renaming Dayton Street to Troop Way would honor these R&B legends for their contributions and their roots that run deep in Pasadena. They all grew up here and graduated from PUSD schools. Lead singer Allen McNeil coined Troop's name to mean "Total Respect of Other People," a principle they have lived by for decades.

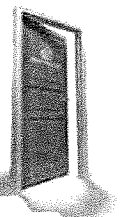
We believe renaming Dayton Street to Troop Way could add to Pasadena's rich tapestry, celebrating its artistic spirit and community values. We respectfully request the City Council's strong consideration of this tribute to Troop and all they have meant to this community.

Warmest regards,


Lisa J. Cavelier
Chief Executive Officer

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From: Heidi Martorano
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 2:00 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Renaming Dayton

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Good day,

I oppose renaming of Dayton Street. It is a ridiculous demand that our Pasadena be changed because someone wants to be remembered. We should preserve the history of Pasadena and its heritage. Dayton Street has many landmarks special to Pasadena. The proposed renaming is completely unacceptable. Imagine if every famous person that ever came out of Pasadena had a street named after them... I have never even heard of of the band Troop and their fifteen minutes of fame is long gone. To commemorate them with some kind of plaque or sign seems more reasonable rather than force a change onto actual Pasadena residents who wish that Dayton Street remains the same. If you look who is pushing for this renaming, they are not even from Pasadena. How can you let non-residents make major decisions for Pasadenans? A partial renaming of the street is ludicrous as this only creates confusion.

Cordially,
Heidi J Martorano

Mike Salazar, for Castle Green

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June 3, 2024

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To: Pasadena Mayor and City Council, City Manager and Public Works

Re: June 3, 2024, Council meeting, Opposition to change the name of Dayton Street Segment

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My apologies for this late submittal, but I will not be able to attend tonight's City Council meeting. But it seems historic preservation once again takes a back seat to a quick and easy "solution" to recognize five Pasadenans and their accomplished musical group Troop in a move to rename a portion of Dayton Street adjacent to the Castle Green/ Hotel Green historic block and Central Park. This entire process seems to be a cart before the horse exercise that staff has now doubled-down on a less-than-satisfactory second-choice solution.

Before you tonight (June 3, 2024) appears to be a staff report/slam-dunk renaming of this most-historic segment of Dayton Street by Staff that glosses over this on-and-off again unclear process of how to recognize Pasadena's residents of achievement (in this case Troop) that lacks real research for appropriate solutions, and opts to change the name of this *east-of-Fair Oaks* roadway segment of Dayton Street (the Segment).

We all know that this Segment carries so much historical significance, and that Troop is worthy of Pasadena's recognition. But what should be taking place is a search for the BEST solution to honor Troop, and not the most expedient solution of renaming a *non-addressee* segment of Dayton Street with 130 years of history, strongly tied to the adjacent National Register-listed Hotel Green/Castle Green block (as its own historic entity), adjacent to National Register-listed Central Park and within the National Register-listed Old Pasadena Historic District. In fact, just this past January city representatives including Mayor Gordo, Los Angeles County Supervisors, and local representatives of the California state Assembly and Senate officeholders all celebrated in-person the 125th anniversary of the opening of the Castle Green and its historical significance, in which this Segment is an integral part of that story. Soon after this celebration this renaming option was disclosed to Castle Green.

We know that the Segment's original name was Vineyard, named after the historically significant Lake Vineyard Land & Water Company, the second Pasadena water entity in a fledgling Pasadena that propelled its early expansion and made official incorporation in 1886 possible. Offset from the two west-of-Fair Oaks blocks of the original Dayton Street, the Vineyard name was retired sometime after 1903 opening of Central Park (also part of the Hotel Green story) and extended the Dayton Street name east-of Fair Oaks.

This Segment was linked to the Hotel Green and is also tied to the pre-Central Park 'park' for Hotel Green. In fact, today's Castle Green retained some level of control over this Segment throughout the 20th Century, confirmed in a 1987 meeting with the City to review expanded Castle Green parking spaces, and again in 2021, resulting in full control by the city as clarified in the City/Castle Green Parking Agreement.

Why hasn't Staff studied more possibilities to honor Pasadena's own Troop? Instead, the City continues a murky process, insisting to rename the historic Dayton Segment for Troop partially because there are "no postal addresses" to mess with and a late disclosure of a tie to Central Park.

Does Staff not understand the significant historic nature of this Dayton Segment that is tied so strongly to the historic block and district? **Better options come to mind that should give pause to the name change before you tonight:**

Mike Salazar, for Castle Green

1. Look into renaming the two west-of-Fair Oaks Dayton as an 'honorary name' to gel and reinforce this unique and unrecognized early historic community to tie together many landmarks and this worthy Pasadena group as a significant sub-district of Old Pasadena.
2. Look into a rename to extend knowledge of the historic Hotel Green/Castle Green, such as for world-renown African American painter Charles White **who had a studio in the historic Bridge at Castle Green**. He is representative of the Hotel Green/Castle Green history as a significant personage directly tied to the artistic and cultural nature of the adjacent block. This would expand the reach and importance of historic preservation.
3. Look into honoring the block's original early 1880s occupant Throop University (now CalTech) as an appropriate rename that reinforces the historic significance of the block and district.
4. Review the Central Park Master Plan for ways to honor Troop as their tie-in suggest.

By the time the City initially approached Castle Green months ago, they had already investigated a *first-choice roadway segment* with strong ties to Troop: a segment of North Catalina Avenue where member(s) had resided. Evidently adjacent residents seemingly 'rejected' this designation. Why wasn't an 'honorary' street name proposed (as many cities opt for) that retains the Catalina name for postal purposes? Soon after, as Castle Green was notified of the Dayton Segment renaming for Troop, and immediately raised the historic preservation reasons for opposition. But instead of taking it off the table (as was the case for Catalina), another roadway segment option was proposed for Council review, the Morton Avenue 'segment' adjacent to Robinson Park Community Center, where the group has a connection *very similar* to that of Central Park. But that hearing for two choices was cancelled. Evidently Morton Avenue residents also 'rejected' this designation. Now staff has doubled down on the Dayton Street segment *as your only possible option* to honor Troop.

Castle Green opposes the Dayton Street Segment name change solely because of the historic significance of this road way segment as the former Vineyard Street and then Dayton Street as a part of the evolution of the historic hotel block and district. **We have no opposition of honoring Troop** but believe this is not the best way to do so, at the expense of 130 years of significance to the Hotel Green/Castle Green. It has been sad to read some social media posts that suggest or imply a sinister or racially inspired opposition to renaming the Segment for Troop. This could not be further from the truth.

Why has this process been initially secretive, at times confusing, unclear and frankly devoid of cultural, historic and/or planning department leadership? Is this honorary investigation just an exercise in renaming a street, or is it to find the BEST way to honor Troop? Why has there been no investigation of designation options, like naming a roadway segment as an "honorary" designation without changing its name? Why wasn't the park's Master Plan reviewed for designation options, such as the naming of the elliptical concert field? Should there be any staff concern for the confusion of an historic original occupant of the block – Throop University, the forerunner to Caltech – with the Troop group's name?

The bottom line is that this process remains flawed, and both Castle Green and Troop deserve better. Please continue this decision to better benefit Troop and to retain the historic Hotel Green/Castle Green block's fabric of history.

Mike Salazar, for the Castle Green Homeowners Association

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Petition to Retain the Historical Name of Dayton Street

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To: Pasadena City Council Members

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We, the undersigned residents and concerned citizens of Pasadena, respectfully petition against the proposed street name change to Troop Way for Dayton Street between Fair Oaks Avenue and Raymond Avenue. We believe that Dayton Street's historical significance should be preserved and that changing its name would diminish our community's cultural heritage.

Dayton Street holds a special place in the history of Old Pasadena, serving as a symbol of our city's rich past. Named after the Dayton family, early settlers who played a significant role in the development of Pasadena, this street embodies the legacy of our founding families and their contributions to our community.

Furthermore, Dayton Street is home to several historic landmarks and architectural treasures that reflect the character and charm of Old Pasadena. Changing its name would not only disregard the street's historical significance but also disrupt the sense of identity and continuity that it provides to residents and visitors alike.

We understand the importance of progress and development, but we believe that it should not come at the expense of erasing our heritage and history. Instead, we encourage the City Council to explore alternative solutions that honor the spirit of innovation and the legacy of our past.

Therefore, we urge the City Council to reject the proposed street name change and preserve Dayton Street's historical integrity for future generations to appreciate and cherish.

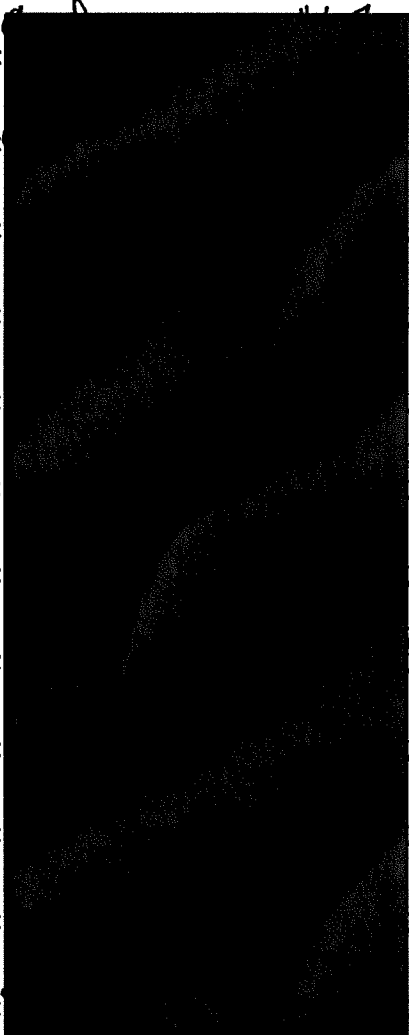
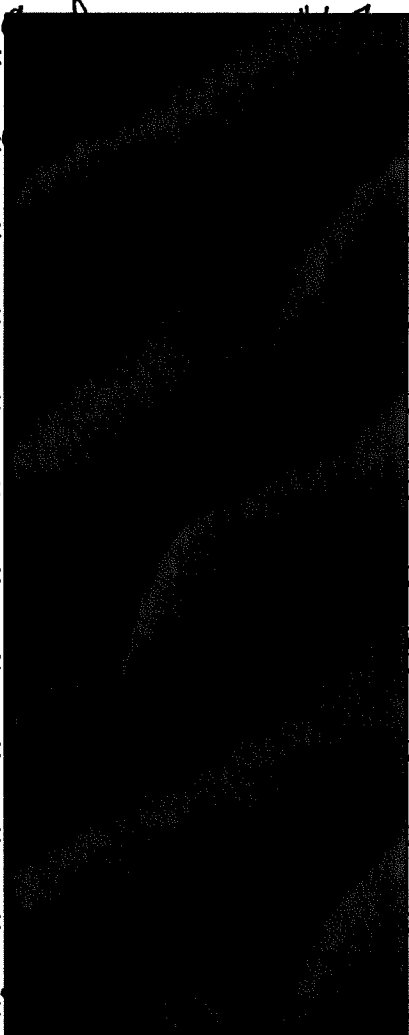
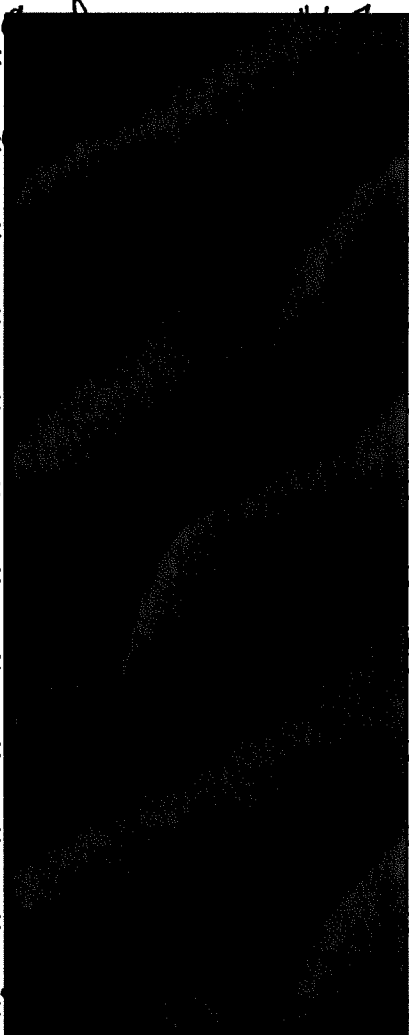
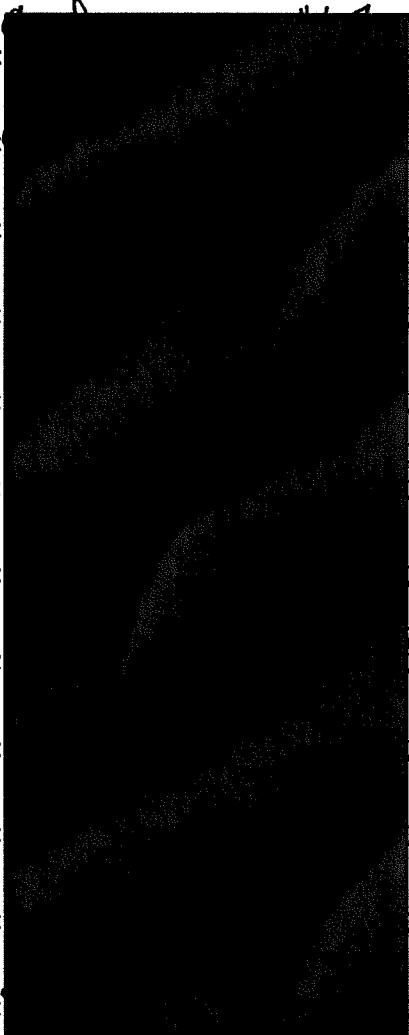
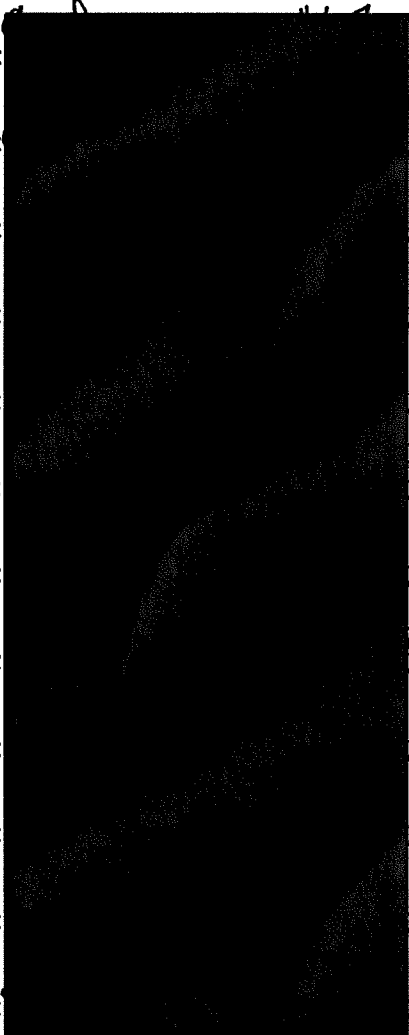
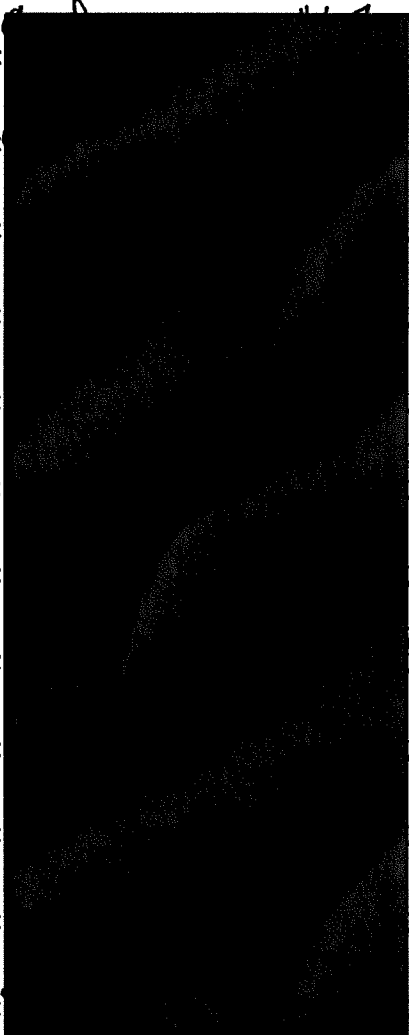
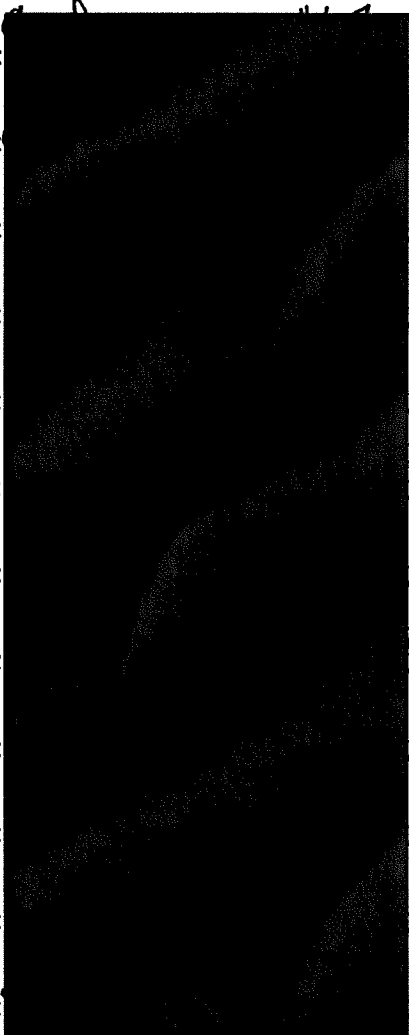
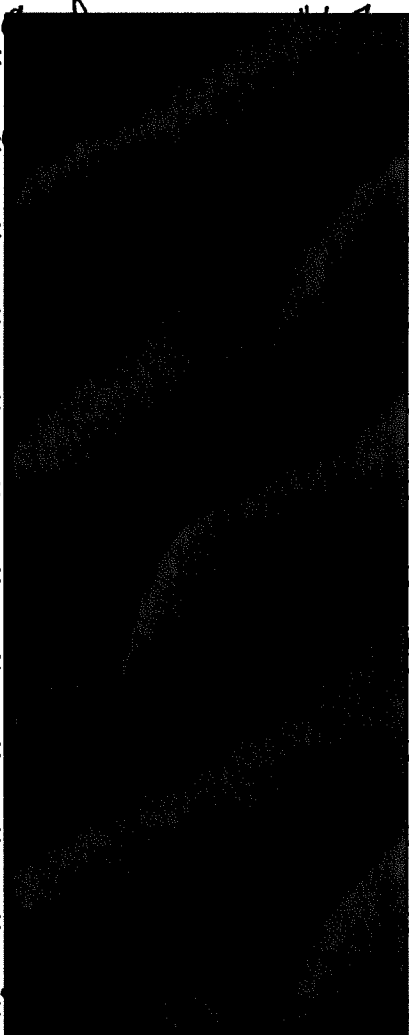
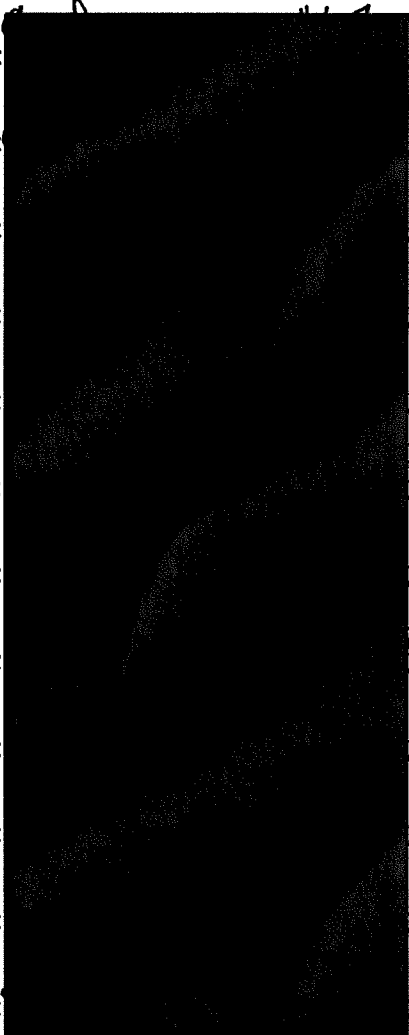
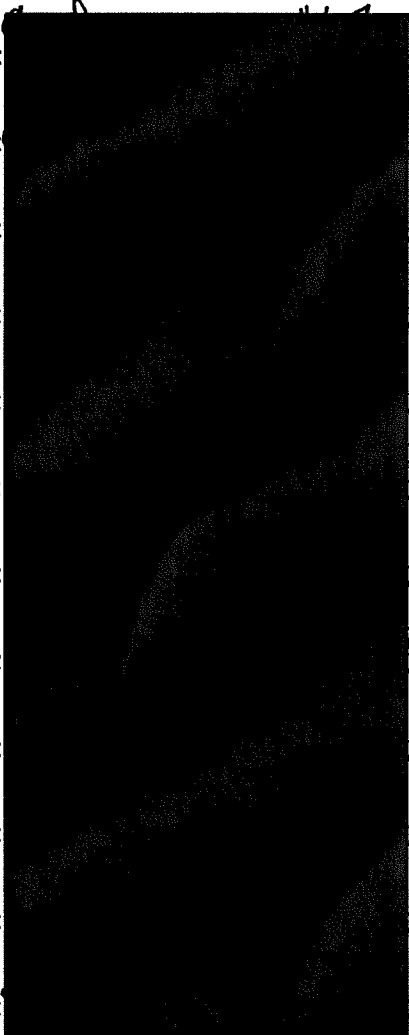
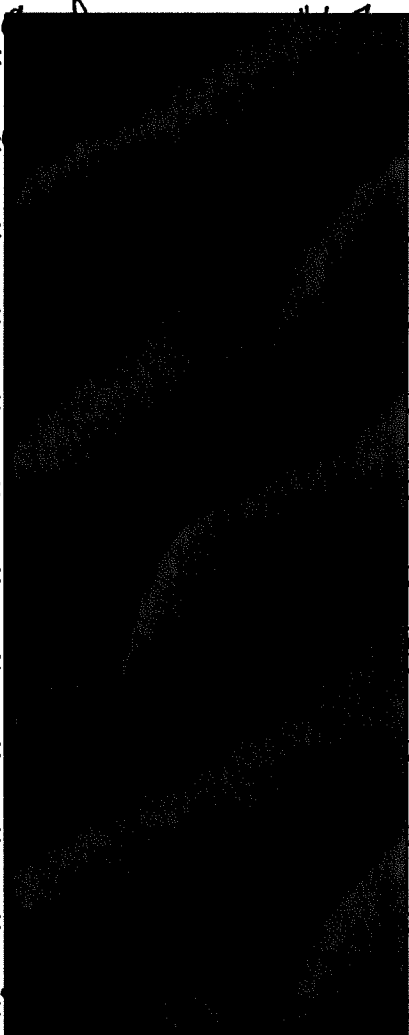
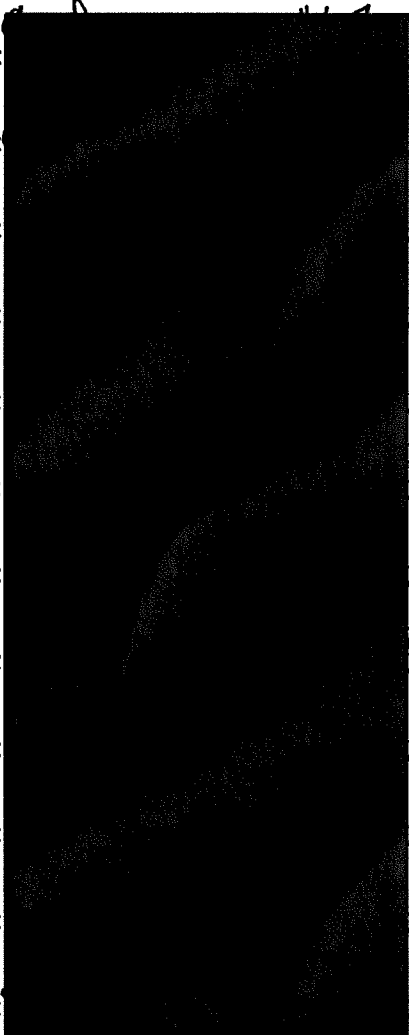
Thank you for considering our petition and for your commitment to preserving the heritage of Pasadena.

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Sincerely,

Aaron Gallardo

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