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Mayor Victor Gorda and Members of the Pasadena City Council
Pasadena City Hall
175 N. Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers,

On behalf of Pasadena Heritage, I am writing to express our strong and continued support for the proposed amendments to the Bungalow Heaven Conservation Plan.

Designated in 1989 as Pasadena's first Landmark District, Bungalow Heaven boasts a rich and diverse architectural history, including Craftsman, Spanish Colonial Revival, and Tudor Revival styles. The Conservation Plan has played a crucial role in preserving the District's unique character by guiding thoughtful modifications to both contributing and non-contributing properties.

Pasadena Heritage has been deeply engaged with Bungalow Heaven from the beginning. We assisted with the original survey of the District, collaborated with City Planning staff to help draft the Landmark District ordinance, and conducted the first tours of the neighborhood. These early efforts helped inspire a strong tradition of neighborhood empowerment. Today, the Bungalow Heaven Neighborhood Association (BHNA) proudly carries that tradition forward by organizing its own tours and community events—efforts we wholeheartedly support.

The proposed amendments are timely and essential. Extending the period of significance to 1956 appropriately recognizes the Minimal Traditional and Ranch-style homes that mark the final chapter of Bungalow Heaven's historical development. Including these homes in the Conservation Plan ensures the District's full architectural story is acknowledged and protected. The amendments also incorporate the 2004 expansion area and bring the Plan into alignment with the 2021 revisions to Pasadena's Historic Preservation Ordinance, ensuring it reflects current best practices.

The urgency of recognizing and preserving postwar architectural resources has only grown in light of recent events, including the loss of more than 80 homes in Upper Hastings Ranch during the Eaton Canyon Fires. Like Hastings Ranch, Bungalow Heaven contains architectural layers that tell a more complete story of Pasadena's development. Even before that tragedy, Pasadena Heritage had begun exploring the potential for historic designation in Hastings Ranch, drawn to its distinctive mid-century architecture and cohesive neighborhood planning. In spring 2024, we hosted a well-attended architectural tour to highlight the area's significance. These recent losses underscore why it is so important to act proactively—something the proposed amendments to the Bungalow Heaven Conservation Plan achieve by extending the period of significance to include Minimal Traditional and Ranch-style homes. Ensuring that later contributions are acknowledged and protected affirms the City's commitment to comprehensive preservation and safeguards the full breadth of our architectural legacy.

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Pasadena Heritage remains steadfast in our support for Bungalow Heaven, the BHNA, and all residents committed to honoring and preserving this historic community. The proposed updates are a thoughtful step forward in safeguarding the neighborhood's character and ensuring it remains an enduring part of Pasadena's heritage.

We urge you to adopt the proposed amendments to the Bungalow Heaven Conservation Plan and applaud the City's continued dedication to preserving Pasadena's historic neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bridget Lawlor

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Preservation Director

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Dear City Council:

I am writing to offer my support for ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BUNGALOW HEAVEN LANDMARK DISTRICT CONSERVATION PLAN (LD-1).

My wife and I have lived in our home on N Holliston since 2003. So we arrived shortly before the 2004 expansion of the Bungalow Heaven Landmark District to include Holliston. We welcomed the inclusion of our street at that time, but were always puzzled by the exclusion of the post-war homes from the covered period.

Our Minimal Traditional home dates to 1946 and would be covered by proposed amendments to the Bungalow Heaven Landmark District Conservation Plan. We strongly support the proposed action.
Best regards,

Michael Scott & Stacy Weaver
Pasadena CA 91104

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