



July 20, 2020

City of Pasadena Historic Preservation Commission  
Hale Building  
175 N. Garfield Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91101

**Re: July 21, 2020 Landmark Nominations**

Dear Members of the Historic Preservation Commission:

Pasadena Heritage supports the designation of both properties on the agenda: the E.W. Woodruff House at 1500 North Los Robles Avenue and Wilson Court at 1031 San Pasqual Street. These properties are excellent examples of two building styles and types that contribute profoundly to Pasadena's architectural heritage. We applaud the owners for their continued dedication to their properties and for choosing to nominate them as landmarks. We commend staff for the thorough and informative staff reports.

The E.W. Woodruff House is a wonderful example of a Craftsman home, and part of a larger movement in arts and architecture in which Pasadena played an important role. We are glad to see recognition of a resource so far north in Pasadena and to learn about the eligible Howard Street Landmark District. Pasadena Heritage hopes this nomination and the identified district inspire nearby homeowners to nominate their homes as well.

Wilson Court is a fine example of a Bungalow Court, a housing typology that was allegedly invented in Pasadena. These courts have received renewed interest in recent times, as architects, urban planners, and housing activists all praise their ability to make the most of their small footprints to add more dense, but attractive housing. Pasadena Heritage urged Caltech to save and move this court, and worked in an advisory role with Caltech and architect Kelly Sutherlin McLeod and her team on the move and rehabilitation. We are pleased that after many years of work, it will be formally landmarked. Although the site has changed from its original, its configuration is the same and, in many ways, it is better protected from future encroachment of development in its new location. With the exception of the Caltech parking structure to the rear of the property, the court is surrounded by multi-family residential.

Pasadena Heritage thanks the Historic Preservation Commission for their consideration of these two new landmarks, and hope you find both resources meet Criterion C for designation.

Sincerely,

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