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Historic Preservation Commission
Hale Building
175 North Garfield Avenue, 2nd floor
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Director's Determination: 249-253 South Catalina Avenue Eligible Landmark District

Chair Mueller and Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the California Institute of Technology ("Caltech") regarding the potential historic district eligibility determination affecting the five properties located at 249-253 South Catalina Avenue in Pasadena, California ("Properties"), three of which are owned by Caltech. On May 24, 2021, the Director determined that, based on a historic resource evaluation, the Properties may be eligible for designation as a landmark district. At this time, Caltech has not had an opportunity to investigate this issue and thus does not support any determination that the Properties may be eligible as a landmark district. We are respectfully requesting that the Commission delay consideration of this matter until October 5, 2021.

Please note that Caltech was only recently made aware of this determination that the Properties may be eligible for designation. Caltech has not had enough time to consider the potential determination or the required historic designation process. Caltech has engaged a historic expert to assist in evaluating the matter and needs the additional time to consider the required technical analyses and our response to any eligibility decision.

We appreciate your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Ken Hargreaves

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