



August 23, 2021

City of Pasadena Design Commission
Attn: Michi Takeda
Hale Building
175 N. Garfield Ave., 2nd Floor
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Proposed Pool at the Langham Huntington Hotel

Dear Members of the Design Commission:

Pasadena Heritage pays close scrutiny to the Langham Huntington property and we have therefore reviewed these plans quite closely. We did speak with the Langham staff about this project at a very early stage pre-pandemic, but this was the first time seeing plans. We can only affirm the statements made in the Staff Report.

We have long maintained that the tennis courts are not historic features of the eligible district, but the cottages are. We only ask that as this design progresses, that a reasonable buffer be maintained between the cottages and new construction. In some aspects, the pool is less intrusive than the tennis courts, which have tall fencing around them. Nonetheless, there should be enough of a separation between the cottages and the pool area so that both can be enjoyed by guests.

We thank you for reviewing this project. It may appear minor, but it is an important historic site.

Sincerely,

Susan N. Mossman
Executive Director

Andrew Salimian
Preservation Director