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Phyllis Mueller, Chair
Members of the Historic Preservation Commission
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California 91101

RE: Designation of 801 South San Rafael as a Landmark

Dear Members of the Commission:

I am writing in support of the application of Pasadena Heritage to have the property located at 801 South San Rafael Avenue declared eligible for designation as a landmark under Criterion B based on its association with its former resident, John Van de Kamp.

My husband, Bill, and I knew and worked with John Van de Kamp for more than 50 years. When our family moved to Pasadena in 1970, among the first neighbors we met were Harry and Georgie Van de Kamp and their son, John. We have always remained friends with the family and often we have been in awe of John's many talents and accomplishments. During John's most active years from 1987 to 2017, he and his wife, Andrea, and their daughter, Diana, lived at 801 South San Rafael Avenue.

We believe that this property meets the requirements of Criterion B as being: "associated with the lives of persons who are significant in the history" of Pasadena, Southern California and the State of California.

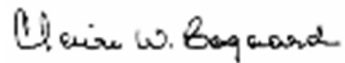
John spent much of his life in the field of public service. He served as Assistant United States Attorney, Federal Public Defender, Los Angeles County District Attorney and the California Attorney General. He also served as a volunteer in numerous ways. For example, John served with the Norton Simon Museum, Skid Row Development Corporation, the California Conservation Corps, the Pasadena Education Foundation, West Pasadena Residents Association, and St. Andrew's Church here in Pasadena.

John and his family often hosted events on their property and frequently their guests included distinguished persons, including Governor Brown, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and Jesse Unruh. When John's funeral was held at St. Andrew's Church here in Pasadena, many local, state, and national governmental leaders were present.

John also assisted with numerous local fund-raising efforts, including the Rose Bowl and the Jackie and Mack Robinson Memorial across from City Hall. It was no surprise in 2017 when the Pasadena City Council renamed the La Loma Bridge in honor of John Van de Kamp.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge the Historic Preservation Commission to recognize 801 South San Rafael Ave as an historic landmark in honor of John Van de Kamp – a truly great leader for our City of Pasadena and the State of California.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claire W. Bogaard". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and legible.

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