



June 6, 2022

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

Re: 73. N Catalina Ave. & 1350 La Loma Rd.

Dear Members of the Historic Preservation Commission:

Pasadena Heritage fully supports the nomination of both of these historic properties as local landmarks, and applaud the respective owners for being good stewards of these resources.

Norman Villa at 73 N. Catalina Ave. is an excellent example of Tudor Revival architecture in the city and somewhat rare in that it is a two-story multifamily courtyard building. Pasadena has countless Tudor Revival single-family homes and several Tudor-style Bungalow Courts, but this property is somewhat unique in Pasadena. From an urbanism perspective, it also accomplishes much of the best practices of contemporary planning: street engagement, green space, and minimal parking.

The Langdon House at 1350 La Loma Drive is a good example of a USC architect-designed home and part of the "Pasadena Style" or "USC Style." Though a staunch Modernist, Langdon's best known work is ironically the Getty Villa. Nonetheless, his contributions to the Modern Movement should be preserved, and this simple house is a good example of his early post-war work most characteristic of the Pasadena Style.

We ask the Historic Preservation to approve both of these properties as landmarks.

Sincerely,

Susan N. Mossman
Executive Director

Andrew Salimian
Preservation Director