



July 18, 2022

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

Re: 1507 Oakdale St.

Dear Members of the Historic Preservation Commission:

Pasadena Heritage was able to review these plans several months ago, and we did not object to the idea of a second story addition which can be an acceptable alteration under historic preservation practices, standards and guidelines. The architect responded to our feedback and has refined the design positively since its first iteration.

We understand that buildings should be able to be changed and adapted in a preservation-appropriate way, and we feel that a second story addition would be acceptable for this house as long as it is clearly subordinate to the original house and compatibly designed. We feel the addition is tucked back enough and is designed at an appropriate scale with compatible materials and details so as not overwhelm the original structure.

We understand there is some disagreement on the conditions between the architects and planners. We hope that the Historic Preservation Commission can evaluate these conditions and find the right solution that honors the existing house while allowing for a suitable addition. We thank you for your oversight of these important historic resources and your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan N. Mossman
Executive Director

Andrew Salimian
Preservation Director