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Subject: Application for Landmark Designation at 781 S. Grand Avenue, Pasadena, CA

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To the Members of the City of Pasadena Historic Preservation Commission,

I live on a cross-street to the property in question, and pass by the relocated building often.

I object to the proposed Landmark Designation of 781 S. Grand Avenue. Such a designation will allow the owner/developer to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. Additionally, Applicant Brian Zamudio's application for Landmark Designation is no doubt an effort to receive "flexibility in complying with portions of the building code"--the wording is taken straight from your "FAQs About Landmark Designation." Building codes exist to protect the safety of not only occupants and neighbors, but also future occupants and neighbors, of properties.

The City of Pasadena's website also notes that in some cases, a landmark property may have some nonconforming uses, such as small offices, within certain residential areas. Any nonconforming use would NOT be an enhancement and would likely bring down nearby property values.

Your contact person, Rathar Duong, stated in correspondence with my husband that the home "is worthy of landmark designation, because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a locally significant property type, architectural style and period." However, the house does not blend in with the other homes on the street or in the neighborhood, sticks out like a sore thumb, and overshadows the lot.

For the above reasons, I respectfully oppose the applicant's request for Landmark Designation.

Thank you for your time,

Ann Huntsman