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City of San Diego Historical Resources Board
Chair McCullough and fellow Board Members
1122 First Avenue
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RE: Historical Resources Board Meeting—July 28, 2022; Item #-05; Joseph E. Jessop House

Chair McCullough and Board Members,

As architect for the rehabilitation in 2020 of the Joseph E. Jessop House located at 414 La Crescentia, I take no issue with Staff's recommendation that the house be designated as a historic resource under HRB Criterion B with a period of significance of 1929–1970.

The property was rehabilitated following Staff's input and the Secretary of Interior Standards. While a case could possibly be made to also designate under HRB Criterion C (Tudor Revival), I support Staff's evaluation under the City's Guidelines to limit the designation to HRB Criterion B (Person).

The impact of Joseph E. Jessop to the City of San Diego cannot be overemphasized. It is noteworthy that the San Diego Historical Society, now the San Diego History Center, conducted an interview with Joseph E. Jessop in 1988 as part of its Oral History Program.

As a preservation architect, former President of Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO), and former Trustee of the San Diego History Center, I strongly urge the Board to designate the Joseph E. Jessop House under Criterion B (Person).

Respectfully submitted,

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