

HRB Meeting of January 25, 2024							
First Name	Last Name	Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number	Position	I would like to speak on the item during public testimony.	Comments	Attachments
Non-Agenda Comment							
Charles	Kaminski	1/25/2024	Non-Agenda Comment			How does Development Services/City Planning and the HRB track and monitor the required mitigation measures due to the demolition or other significant modifications of the City's designated historic resources ? is there a master list available for the public that indicates the resource and the mitigation measures required and if implemented? is there follow up to verify that the measures are still viable, in place and accessible if required?	
Charles	Kaminski	1/25/2024	<p>The staff to the HRB should schedule a working session for the HRB and public to inform them about the City Initiative "Preservation and Progress" . The web site certainly must have been in the development quite a lengthy time and the HRB and public should have been kept informed. I am concerned about some of the statements on the web site and in the January 18 2024 news release by the Mayor on the initiative that lack detailed back up and facts. Comments such as: "Our current regulations and processes therefore result in significant time and money invested in identifying what is not important rather than what is important and worthy of protection. It focuses on looking at things that may be old but that, in most instances, are not historically significant. This results in uncertainty and inefficiency for property owners and the public." and "The reactive nature of the Heritage Preservation Program also unnecessarily burdens projects on properties that do not have historical importance or value through added review requirements, processing times and uncertainties. Additionally, adaptive reuse and expansion of historic properties can be hindered by requirements that lack clarity for developers. The City continues to suffer from a lack of supply of homes affordable to people of all incomes, and more certainty is needed to allow for the building of more homes to combat this crisis. The Mayor’s Middle-Income Housing Working Group also identified these issues as a challenge for the development of new middle-income housing in San Diego." and "Evaluate the Mills Act program to ensure the program is equitable and incentivizes the protection and restoration of important places in a fiscally responsible manner." and "Adopt design standards for historical properties and districts to provide clear, objective requirements and by-right approval for additions and new development." The primary driver for this initiative appears to be "housing" and yet our City's focus on "climate change" appears nowhere. If one is to consider historic preservation, adaptive reuse, housing and equity, one must take into account the impact of climate change and the benefits of historic preservation. During a workshop to the HRB and public, staff should provide the facts demonstrating validity to these comments.</p>				https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/12976/2024-1-18%20Preservation%20and%20Progress%20Launch.pdf https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/historic-preservation-planning/preservation-and-progress

James	Walters	1/25/2024				I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staffs recommended amendments be left off the nomination.	
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ITEM 1

Clint	Daniels	1/18/2024	1	In Opposition to Item	No	This property should not be designated historic. The historic designation process is broken, and this property is one of many that continues to be designated and accrue the benefits of designation (e.g., Mills Act) in the wealthiest San Diego neighborhoods.	
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ITEM 2

Clint	Daniels	1/18/2024	2	In Opposition to Item	No	This property should not be designated historic without consideration of other city priorities and needs. This property is within one block of an elementary school, along a major bike facility, and within three blocks of a high priority transit stop. Any consideration of historic designation of a single-family home in this type of educational-rich and transportation-rich environment should be considered in the context of the city's housing, transportation, and climate goals.	
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ITEM 3

Clint	Daniels	1/18/2024	3	In Opposition to Item	No	This property highlights the arbitrary nature by which modifications are considered as in-kind or detracting. Last fall, a change to the materials on a front porch in Bankers Hill was considered too egregious to warrant designation by staff, but today’s item includes a similar porch change that does not detract from the property according to staff. The demolition was not even done to Interior standards. The report states, “The demolition of the original concrete stairs leading to the porch and the construction of new concrete stairs with an enlarged landing is not consistent with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior’s Standards.” If standards don’t matter, then there are no standards.	
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ITEM 4							
Diana	Meier	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item		<p>I urge the Historical Resources Board to recommend Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to be nominated for the National Register. Talmadge Park Estates Historic District is a unique and special place in San Diego that embodies the era in which the housing was built. The majority of homes have not changed their exterior appearance and are maintained in a way that honors the history of the time when San Diego and Talmadge Park Estates in particular was on the forefront of the pre World War II economic era. Many of the houses were constructed near the end of the depression when the FHA was instrumental in encouraging the construction of single family homes of moderate size and affordability to working class families. Many of those same houses were financed through the efforts of the Federal Housing Authority which made a huge difference in the building of homes in the United States. It is important to preserve the neighborhoods that encompass the Talmadge Park Estates for posterity and history. The neighborhoods and families that reside here are diverse and are passionate about keeping the area historical in order to preserve a time in San Diego and in our country that valued the working person, dedication to the values upheld by being an American, and to the safety and security of a neighborhood that was and continues to be welcoming to all.</p>	
Jaclyn	Hermann	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>Please support the below: Recommend to the California State Office of Historic Preservation the listing of the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District with a period of significance of 1926-1951 at a local level of significance under National Register Criteria A and C, with proposed amendments to the discussion of the district boundary as specified in the Analysis section of the staff report, and a caveat that the proposed classifications of contributing and non- contributing resources has not been confirmed due to the limited time allotted for City review and the limited property-specific information and documentation required for National Register nominations.</p>	

Charles	Kaminski	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	Yes	As a resident of the proposed historic district with a contributing resource and as the co-author of the report for the designation in 2000 of the Talmadge Gates Historic District #422, I support the staff recommendation to the Historic Resources Board (HRB) that the HRB recommend to the California State Office of Historic Preservation the listing of the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District with a period of significance of 1926-1951 at a local level of significance under National Register Criteria A and C.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/12962/%20Talmadge%20Park%20District%20HRB%20January%2025%202024.pdf
David	Wagner	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff's recommended amendments be left off the nomination.	
Jeffrey	Oliver	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff's recommended amendments be left off the nomination. Please see my attached letter of support that was recently sent to the State Historic Resource Commissioners.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13264/RE_%20National%20Register%20of%20Historic%20Places%20Nomination%20for%20Talmadge%20Park%20Estates%20Historic%20District.pdf
Mark	Gusmann	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff's recommended amendments be left off the nomination. Please see my attached letter of support that was recently sent to the State Historic Resource Commissioners.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13273/Gusmann%20Support%20Letter.pdf

Jan	Taylor	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>Re: National Register of Historic Places Nomination for Talmadge Park Estates Historic District I oppose the amendments requested at this time as they can be changed if needed at a later time. I support the nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. There are numerous reasons for wanting this prestigious designation. The following are most important to me: Dating back to the 1920s, silent screen actresses, Natalie, Norma and Constance Talmadge inspired our neighborhood. Over 70% of existing homes maintain their original character and charm. Many of the homes were designed by Master Architects and built by Master Builders. Every home is unique, unlike many of San Diego's "cookie cutter" tract homes. It's important to preserve and protect historic communities so future generations may have an understanding of how their pre-WWII ancestors lived. It's also important to preserve Talmadge's unique Great Depression era architecture. Talmadge is a walkable neighborhood that truly embodies the vibe of slower paced, simpler time. I think we not only owe the architects, builders and craftsmen the recognition and respect for our well built, well designed, homes and neighborhood; we also owe future generations the opportunity to live in a neighborhood from a bygone time. Thankfully, this commission exists to protect our historic communities. Please vote "yes" on this pending nomination. Best regards, Jan Taylor ~ Talmadge Resident</p>	
Jan	Taylor	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff's recommended amendments be left off the nomination.</p>	
Ashley	Herrin	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff's recommended amendments be left off the nomination. Please see my attached letter of support that was recently sent to the State Historic Resource Commissioners.</p>	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13327/Talmdge%20neighbors.pdf

Ramona	Najimy	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff's recommended amendments be left off the nomination.	
David	Roth	1/25/2024	Item #4 - Talmadge Park Estates Historic District National Register Nomination	In Support of Item	No	Historic Kensington San Diego, a community organization dedicated to the preservation of San Diego's historic resources, restates its support of the nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to be listed on the National Register as submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), without City of San Diego staff amendments. Although future research could lead to amendments to any Nationally listed Historic District, the nomination itself is not the format to call for future research. See the attached Historic Kensington letter to the California Historic Preservation Office.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13396/Talmadge%20NHD%20Support%20Letter.pdf
Cameron	Lindsay-Hewett	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff's recommended amendments be left off the nomination. <input type="checkbox"/> Please see my attached letter of support that was recently sent to the State Historic Resource Commissioners.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13469/January%2010.pdf
Richard	Burritt	1/24/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	Talmadge Estates is a unique neighborhood that defines the character and charm of San Diego. A historic neighborhood designation would allow for its preservation and an opportunity for more thoughtful approaches to future development. I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff's recommended amendments be left off the nomination.	

David	Swarens	1/25/2024	4 Talmadge	In Support of Item	No	<p>I am writing to support the nomination of the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.</p> <p>The district is made up of a distinctive collection of architecture characteristic of this period of San Diego's development, including traditional and revival styles, as well as moderne and other progressive designs.</p> <p>And the distinctive infrastructure is widely recognized, especially the landmark ornamental gates, as well as original streetlights and hardscape features. The lighting and gates are not only intact, but they have been professionally restored in recent years to top notch condition.</p> <p>As the owner (and resident) of residential properties in two other local historic districts, I know first hand the benefits of historic designation in community revitalization and in attracting reinvestment, and most importantly its importance in acknowledging the significance of the historic and cultural resource.</p> <p>The Talmadge Park Estates district meets multiple criteria, and is clearly deserving of recognition by being listed on the National Register.</p> <p>Thanks for accepting my input on this important consideration. Yours, David Swarens. South Park Historic District (resident and property owner), Sherman Heights Historic District (property owner)</p>	
Allen	Hazard	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I enthusiastically support the nomination of Talmadge Parks Estate National Historic District to the California State Office of Historic Preservation. Having researched and submitted the Mission Hills Historic District with others 10 years ago, I recognize the dedication and hard work it takes. Having lived near Talmadge during my college years in the early 1980s, I have long admired the importance of the area's historic homes and unique identity to San Diego early to mid century architecture. This is an important neighborhood that deserves National Register status. Please support staff recommendation today</p>	

Annalisa	Berta	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff’s recommended amendments be left off the nomination.</p> <p>Please see my attached letter of support that was recently sent to the State Historic Resource Commissioners.</p>	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13533/Letter%20Historical%20Preservation.pdf
Katy	Rose	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff’s recommended amendments be left off the nomination.□</p>	
Zoraida	McLeod	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff’s recommended amendments be left off the nomination.</p>	
Dean	Glass	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I wholeheartedly support the nomination for inclusion of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>Talmadge Park Estates, featuring pre-WWII single-family homes, is a testament to master builders' craftsmanship from a bygone era, exhibiting a high level of professionalism. As one of the last intact neighborhoods from this period in San Diego, preserving Talmadge Park Estates is crucial for future generations to enjoy its timeless charm, complemented by a historical connection to Hollywood and the Talmadge sisters' legacy. Securing Talmadge Park Estates on the National Register goes beyond preserving buildings; it safeguards a cultural legacy, allowing residents and visitors to appreciate the unique blend of history, architecture, and cultural significance.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>I urge your support for Talmadge Park Estates' nomination, contributing to the continued enrichment of our community.</p>	
Michael	Tristani	2/2/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I am fully in support of the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District National Register Nomination.</p>	

Sylvia	Wister	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I am in support of the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District National Register Nomination.	
Ronald	Telkes	1/25/2925	4	In Support of Item	No	I am in favor of the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District receiving the National Register designation from the State Historic Resouces Commission. The beautiful historic homes and sites in this area make it well deserving of the designation. Too many historic homes and buildings in San Diego have been destroyed in the name of progress. Historic neighborhoods and homes should be preserved for the next generation. Studies have shown not only their aesthetic value but also the economic value to San Diego. Please take this preservation opportunity to go forward with this designation.	
Ronald	Anderson	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff’s recommended amendments be left off the nomination.☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>Please see my attached letter of support that was recently sent to the State Historic Resource Commissioners.☐</p>	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13631/Letter%20of%20Support%20for%20Talmadge%20Park%20Estates%20Historic%20District%20in%20San%20Diego%2C%20CA.pdf
Lisa	Stone	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I'm in support of the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District National Register Nomination. It's an amazing neighborhood and should be recognized for it's incredible historic significance.	

Robert	Gehrke		#4	In Support of Item	No	<p>Agenda item #4 Supporting keeping our Talmadge Historic Neighborhood with Pride.</p> <p>I have lived in Talmadge Park since 1989. Talmadge Park is a neighborhood where I specifically chose to purchase my single family home. Talmadge is a neighbor that is relatively intact as it was built originally before WW2. Almost 100% of the homes in my neighborhood were built during the late 1930's or early 1940's. My home in particular was built in 1937. I have spent a considerable amount to keep my home in as much of the period style since 1989 when I purchased it. The historic value of Talmadge Park Estates is priceless because of its unique styles. Each home was individually designed & built by prominent people living there prior to WW2. Almost no two homes are identical and most homes are intact as they were when originally built. There are very few complete neighborhoods remaining in this part of San Diego. I began daily walks during the Covid shut down crisis. I've noticed more & more owners taking pride in their homes. There is a TRUE sense of community pride in Talmadge Park. If the neighborhood is not designated as a HISTORIC DISTRICT it would not be protected from OVERBUILDING and a SEVERE LACK OF PARKING. Since most homes in Talmadge have single car garages, there are an abundance of cars parked on the streets. In most cases, owners have 2 or more cars! Parking is at a premium already. It is essential to keeping our community intact to preserve our UNIQUE NEIGHBORHOOD from over building & crowded streets. There are children & elderly walking every day. If the movement to continue multi-use permits this will destroy Talmadge as it exists today. A much better alternative would be to build multi-units on El Cajon Blvd where there is easy access to MTS public bus transit connecting easily with the expanding San Diego "Pronto" Trolley System. Thank you in advance for designating Talmadge Park Estates as a Historic District.</p> <p>Sincerely, Rob Gehrke 4647 Norma Drive San Diego, CA. 92115-3135</p> <p>Note my mailing address: POBox 16706 San Diego, CA 92176-6706</p>	
Kurt	Stolle	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff's recommended amendments be left off the nomination. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please see my attached letter of support that was recently sent to the State Historic Resource Commissioners.</p>	<p>https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13858/231227_Historic%20Preservation%20Letter_Signed.pdf</p>

Kurt	Stolle	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff's recommended amendments be left off the nomination.</p> <p>Please see my attached letter of support that was recently sent to the State Historic Resource Commissioners.</p>	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13859/231227_Historic%20Preservation%20Letter_Signed.pdf
Katy	Rose	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff's recommended amendments be left off the nomination.</p>	
Bjorn	Palenius	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>Talmadge Park Estates Historic District National Register Nomination is a GREAT idea! The way San Diego is changing too fast, right before our very eyes is not good! Too much of our city will be lost FOREVER, if not thoughtful planning (unlike too rushed building up!) takes greater precedent than today's planning and creation of San Diego! Sincerely, Bjorn Palenius University Heights</p>	
Alina	Talbott	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I support the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.</p>	
Amie	Hayes	1/25/2024	Item 4 - Talmadge Estates Historic District	In Support of Item	No	<p>Please see attached support letter, thank you.</p>	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13871/HRB%20Talmadge%20Park%20Estates%20-%20support%20letter%20A.Hayes_.pdf

Terrence	Hancock	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I wholeheartedly support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Therefore, I was delighted to learn that the City staff charged with reviewing the issue also supports the nomination. My only concern is that the staff is recommending some amendments on page 4 which are described as follows: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>"Staff would therefore recommend changing the following text (additions underlined) in the <input type="checkbox"/> nomination to acknowledge a need for future study and a possible corresponding amendment to <input type="checkbox"/> expand the district boundary in the future:..." <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I am concerned that amending the text might cause needless delays and uncertainty at this juncture in the process. Moreover, my understanding is that the amendments are unnecessary because the National Registration nomination can be amended after it is approved if the facts require any such revisions. Therefore, I request that the proposed amendments be left out of the nomination. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Finally, please see my attached letter of support that I submitted to the State Historic Resource Commissioners.</p>	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13873/Terry%20Hancock%20Support%20Letter%20for%20Historical%20District01.%20Signed%20%26%20Scanned.pdf
Michael	Talbott	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Thomas	Adam	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register	
William	Adair	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	Yes	I support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	

Deborah	Quillin	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I am in support of HRB approval for the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District National Register Nomination to be voted on Thursday the 25th of January. Any neighborhood should have the right to apply for this designation, and IF approved by that board, should be automatically approved locally. The state should have higher authority than local mayor-appointed boards to evaluate the work submitted, and approve or disapprove each building in the document. Their word should prevail. As should also be the case with the 2 districts in Mission Hills approved by the state board which the HRB has been refusing to process for approval. That is dereliction of your duty to the citizenry of San Diego.☐ ☐	
Adriana	Sanchez-Aldan	1/25/2024	Item #4	In Support of Item	No	I wholeheartedly support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Debbie	Sanders	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register, I ask that the city staff’s recommended amendments be left off the nomination.☐ ☐ Please see my attached letter of support that was recently sent to the State Historic Resource Commissioners.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13919/TPEHD%20support%20letter%20pdf%2012.18.23_0.pdf
ESTHER	LEEFLANG	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estates Historic District as written by state historic preservation staff. Because National Registration nominations can always be amended once listed on the National Register I ask that the City staff's recommended amendments be left off the nomination. ☐ Please see my attached letter of support that was recently sent to the State Historic Resource Commissioners.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13923/Historic%20District%20PDF.pdf

Kristin	Harms	1/25/2024	104	In Support of Item	No	On behalf of the University Heights Historical Society, we enthusiastically support nomination of the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. As described in the attached letter, Talmadge Park Estates is significant for several reasons. Thank you for your support.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13954/Letter%20to%20HRB-TPEHD%20Support%20Ltr._1-25-24.pdf
Priscilla Ann	Berge	1/25/2024	ITEM #4 "Talmadge Park Estates Historic District National Register Nomination"	In Support of Item	Yes	<p>Mr. Chair and Members of the Historical Resources Board: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I am Priscilla Ann Berge, a resident of San Diego. I support the nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to be listed on the National Register as submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office; but, without the City of San Diego staff amendments. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>It is a given that future research can lead to amendments to any Nationally listed Historic District. However, the nomination form itself is not the format to outline future research. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>In fact, "the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to "expand and maintain" a National Register of Historic Places. "Expanding" is accomplished through new nominations; "maintaining" is done through amending existing listings." (National Register of Historic Places, Best Practices Review, April 2023.) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Thank you. I am available for questions. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
Steve	Gilmore					Blanket historical dedication of the Talmadge area is abusing the historical designation to preempt necessary development. The fact this is being used in a redline neighborhood is beyond appalling. Some of these structures might be historical and can go about attaining that status on their own, but to blanket an entire neighborhood together is obviously abusing the idea of this tool/designation.	

David	Goldberg	1/25/2024	Agenda item #4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I am writing to express my strong support for the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District National Register Nomination.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>Talmadge Park Estates is one of the most historic and intact neighborhoods in San Diego. With a period significance from 1926 to 1951, it includes architectural styles from the economic boom years of the late 1920s, the Great Depression of the 1930s, and the early post World War II period of renewed hope and optimism.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>The most prevalent styles are Spanish Colonial Revival, popular in the 1920s, and Minimal Traditional, a design trend heavily influenced by New Deal Federal Housing Administration (FHA) guidelines of the 1930s. Other housing styles are found within the district that not only fit in well but are appropriate to the period of significance. Importantly, over 70% of the existing homes maintain their original character, integrity, and charm.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>Further enhancing architectural harmony and a sense of cohesion are recently restored original streetlights and wrought iron entry gates, scored concrete sidewalks, modest front setbacks, grass lawns, and mature vegetation. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>The district is also one of the few remaining “builder” subdivisions in San Diego. Over 80 independent builders constructed homes within the district which created a unique blend of architectural design and individuality. This is in stark contrast to the homogeneity and conformity of subsequent tract housing developments.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>An interesting and significant aspect of the history of Talmadge Park Estates is the connection to 1920s Hollywood and movie making. Joseph M. Schenck, president of United Artists Corporation, provided substantial funding for its development with the district being named after his wife, Norma Talmadge, and her sisters Natalie and Constance. The three Talmadge sisters were famous silent movie stars. Natalie’s then husband was Buster Keaton, one of the greatest film comedians of the silent era. To the best of my knowledge, Talmadge Park Estates is the only historic neighborhood in San Diego with a strong link to early Hollywood.□</p> <p>□</p>	
Erin	Bauer	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register	

Bruce	Coons	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I am writing to you on behalf of Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) to express our enthusiastic support for the nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.</p> <p>We would like to see its unique Great Depression era architecture preserved for this generation and the next. We commend the effort to recognize and preserve the rich history and architectural significance embodied by this unique district.</p> <p>Talmadge Park Estates, with its architectural gems dating back to the 1920s-1940s is testament to a specific era in San Diego’s history. The architectural diversity, encompassing Spanish Colonial Revival, Hacienda, and Minimal Traditional styles, reflects the craftsmanship and dedication of the original homebuilders. Their commitment to quality is evident in the enduring beauty of the homes, which continue to captivate residents and visitors alike. Maintaining over 70% of its houses in their original character, Talmadge Park Estates presents a rare opportunity to experience the authentic ambiance of a 1920s-1940s neighborhood. The district’s significance extends beyond its architectural importance; it symbolizes key historical periods in San Diego’s development—the post-Great Depression economic rebirth and the pre-World War II growth of aeronautics. Notably, Talmadge holds the record for San Diego’s first approved financing loan following the establishment of the 1934 Federal Housing Administration, marking a pivotal moment in the district’s history. The building boom from 1935-1942, guided by FHA principles, resulted in the construction of homes that epitomize the Minimal Traditional style, with influences ranging from Streamline Moderne to Colonial Revival and Cape Cod. This district is a rare surviving example of a builder’s subdivision in San Diego, featuring contributions from over 80 independent builders. The result is a captivating blend of architectural designs and individuality, a departure from the homogeneity often associated with later tract housing developments. SOHO strongly advocates for the inclusion of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. Doing so will not only acknowledge the architectural and historical significance of this neighborhood but also contribute to the broader preservation efforts of San Diego’s unique cultural heritage. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we trust that you will consider Talmadge Park Estates as a deserving addition to the National Register of Historic Places. Thank you, Bruce Coons Executive Director Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO)</p>	
Rebecca	Grossenbacher	1/25/2024				I'm writing to encourage you to support the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District for National Register designation. We don't appreciate or preserve so much of our history in San Diego. This would be a great historic addition for our city.	
Joanne	Loehr	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Eileen	Magno	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	Yes	Agenda Item #4: Talmadge Park Estates Historic District National Register Nomination	

Joan	Telkes	1/25/2024	# 4	In Support of Item	No	I request that the Historic Resources Board support the nomination of the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District for National Register designation that goes before the state Historic Resources Commission on February 2, 2024. San Diego needs more designated historic neighborhoods.	
Allen	Troub	1/25/2024	#4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Zoraida	Payne	1/25/2024	#4	In Support of Item	No	below: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> "I support the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register."	
Gary	Payne	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
John	Hileman	1/25/2024	Item #4	In Support of Item	No	"I support the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Cecelia	Conover	1/25/2024	#4	In Support of Item	No	Thank you for your consideration of designating the Talmadge Park Estates as a Historic District. I'm strongly in favor of this designation because of Talmadge's unique history, mostly intact architecture and the rare opportunity to protect it for future generations. It's neighborhoods like Talmadge that give San Diego its true character and unique identity.	
Susan	Dean	1/25/2024	#4 - Talmadge Park Estates Historic District	In Support of Item	No	This is a well researched and documented nomination. Please support. Thank you.	

Louise	Rehling	1/24/2023	4	In Support of Item	No	Hello, HRB Board Members. I urge you to support the nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Although I do not live in this neighborhood, I and other residents of San Diego would benefit from having this distinctive Depression-era district benefit from the designation. It is a wonderful community to visit and walk in, with its defining gates, preserved historic street lamps, and builder subdivision homes that showcase architectural styles of the era in which the district was developed. The creativity and craftsmanship of Master Architects and Master Builders enhance the character of Talmadge. The neighborhood is a significant element in the living, thriving record of our city. Such a district merits your support. Thank you.	
LOIS	DRAPER	1/25/2024	#4, National Register Designation for Talmadge Park Estates	In Support of Item	No	Having lived in San Diego for 83 years, I am very familiar with the Talmadge Park Estate area as some of my Hoover school classmates lived in the beautiful area. Today, I live in the Historical Dist. of Burlingame. I appreciate the community spirit that comes within a community and the fact that we need to preserve and protect our "heritage" with Historical Recognition for our homes. Developers want to tear down these older homes and build mega units, which destroys a neighborhood. Being designated as a Historical District on the National Register does help preserve this beautiful older area of San Diego. I encourage putting this area on the Historic District National Register in order to protect it from being "shredded" to pieces.	
Sandi	McInnes	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the States Historic Presevation Office staff's approved nomination of TALMADGE PARK ESTATES HISTORIC DISTRICT to the National Register.	
James	McInnes	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the States Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Dixie	Blake	1/25/2024	AGENDA ITEM #4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	

Betsy	Burkey	1/25/2024	#4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Lynn	Bloom	1/25/2024	#4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates historic District to the National Register.	
JAMES	BLOOM	1/25/2024	#4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
John	Blake	1/25/2014	#4	In Support of Item	No	I am in support of the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Susan	Hector	1/25/2024	#4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State Office of Historic Preservation staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Our family has lived in Kensington since 1986 and we support preservation of both the Talmadge and Kensington communities as San Diego's historic treasures. Thank you for your support.	
Megan	Kalmoe	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Michael	Lubin		Item #4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register	

Michael	Sampson	1/25/2024	#4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State Office of Historic Preservation staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.	
Geoffrey	Hueter	1/25/2024	4 - TPEHD Nomination	In Support of Item	No	<p>I strongly support the nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District (TPEHD) to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.</p> <p>Because it has not experienced significant redevelopment, the district provides an excellent example of residential planning and architecture during the period from its beginning in 1926 through 1951, when the district was effectively built out. I have attached my letter of support to the State Historical Resources Commission.</p> <p>The Staff Report attached to the HRB agenda does an excellent job of summarizing the district and confirms the methodology that was used to assess the contributing and non-contributing resources of the district.</p> <p>I would urge that the HRB not recommend amending the Nomination Report to explicitly consider future inclusion of subdivisions on the Kensington Mesa, which are separated by Fairmount Canyon. This recommendation is problematic because the proposed inclusion of the Kensington subdivisions would create a discontinuous district, which is discouraged by National Register guidelines. The Staff Report argues that Aldine Drive provides overcomes this discontinuity; however, Aldine wasn't paved and named as a roadway until long after the development of the subdivisions was underway, and to this day does not provide safe connecting pedestrian access between the Talmadge and Kensington mesas. Further, only one of the Kensington subdivisions " Talmadge Park Unit 1 " has direct access to Aldine Drive. The other subdivision " Talmadge Park Unit 2 " can only access the other subdivisions by traveling through the main area of Kensington. (See the attached map for details.)</p> <p>Therefore, I recommend that the HRB support the Nomination Report as currently presented to the State Historical Resources Commission, without amendments.</p>	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/14072/TPEHD%20Support%20Letter%20%20G%20Hueter.pdf ; https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/14072/HRB%201-25-24%20Discontinuity.pdf
Christina	Lim	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Henry	Wong	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State's Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	

Annina	Lukiini-Johnson	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the States Historic Preservation Office staff's approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Ellen	Pirie	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	<p>I wholeheartedly support the National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District as written by State Historic Preservation staff. Therefore, I was delighted to learn that the City staff charged with reviewing the issue also supports the nomination. My only concern is that the staff is recommending some amendments on page 4 which are described as follows: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>"Staff would therefore recommend changing the following text (additions underlined) in the <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>nomination to acknowledge a need for future study and a possible corresponding amendment to <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>expand the district boundary in the future:..." <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I am concerned that amending the text might cause needless delays and uncertainty at this juncture in the process. Moreover, my understanding is that the amendments are unnecessary because the National Registration nomination can be amended after it is approved if the facts require any such revisions. Therefore, I request that the proposed amendments be left out of the nomination. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
David	Bell	1/25/2024	#4	In Support of Item	No	I support the Stateâ€™s Historic Preservation Office staffâ€™s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Binda	Patel-Bell	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the Stateâ€™s Historic Preservation Office staffâ€™s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Andrea	Lynn	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the Stateâ€™s Historic Preservation Office staffâ€™s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	

William	Johnson	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Patricia	Johnson	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Lisa	Torres	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.☐	
Ken	Gammon		#4 “Talmadge Park Estates Historic District National Register Nomination	In Support of Item	No	“I support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.”☐	
Michelle	Desjardins	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estate’s Historic District to the National Register.	
Bonnie	New	1/25/2024	#4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.☐	
Kristie	Gipe	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	

Dirk	Sutro	1/25/2024	4	In Support of Item	No	HRB MUST support nomination of Talmadge Historic District. This is essential to preserving this beautiful and essential historical neighborhood full of important buildings, design elements, and stories.	
Darryl	White	1/25/2024	#4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State’s Historic Preservation Office staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Doris	Corrado	1/25/2024	#4	In Support of Item	No	I support the State’s Historic Preservation’s Office Staff’s approved nomination of Talmadge Park Estates Historic District to the National Register.	
Clint	Daniels	1/18/2024	4	In Opposition to Item	No	If staff cannot do the homework to confirm the adequacy of the applicants report, this item should not be before you today. The staff report says city staff has not done its homework to figure out which properties in Talmadge even warrant inclusion in the district, stating, “a caveat that the proposed classifications of contributing and non-contributing resources has not been confirmed due to the limited time allotted for City review and the limited property-specific information and documentation required for National Register nominations.”	

Wesley	Morgan	1/25/2024	4	In Opposition to Item	Yes	<p>Please see attached letter. I am asking the Historic Resource Board (HRB) to respectfully deny the staff motion to recommend to the California State Office of Historic Preservation the listing of the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District. I am also asking the HRB to consider a countermotion stating that the board neither condones nor supports designation or further recognition of a Talmadge Park Estates Historic District for two primary reasons: 1) Talmadge Park Estates was founded on a basis of deliberately marketed racism and their submission does not adequately reflect a complete historical perspective of the inequities and segregation that have persisted in the area for the last 100 years. Not only will historical designation condone the racial undertones woven into the community, but it will stifle any further attempt to affirmatively further fair housing in this area. Racial covenants are widely recognized as discriminatory and unjust practices that perpetuated racial segregation and inequality, contributing to the systemic disparities and long-lasting negative effects on minority communities that persist in Talmadge Park Estates today. Talmadge Park Estates was named, financed, and marketed by those with a racist past to white homebuyers whose fear of minorities was reinforced by how Schneck (financer) and the Talmadge sisters portrayed them on screen. he developers successfully attracted those seeking spatial separation in a racially homogeneous neighborhood with restrictions that would protect property value and avoid what they perceived as undesirable demographic changes. The Talmadge Park Estates historical report makes no mention of redlining or unfair lending practices while the 1936 Home Owner's Loan Corporation described Talmadge as "No ratio of concentration; no threat of infiltration, restricted to the Caucasian race" while redlining persisted just outside the Talmadge gates. The City of San Diego's Assessment of Fair Housing in its 2021-2029 Housing Element notes Talmadge as one only of three "Racially Concentrated Areas of Affluence" while "Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty" persist nearby just south of Monroe. The assessment conclusively draws connection from the redlining and covenants of the past to the inequities that have carried through to today including wealth disparities, property values, access to credit, educational disparities, health disparities, and community fragmentation. Today, The Talmadge Gates provide not just a physical boundary, but a socioeconomic divide where Talmadge Park Estates separates a 60% concentration of Caucasian population vs. neighboring Census Tracts with as little as 6%. The Talmadge census tract also boasts 4X Per Capita Income, 5X Median Household Income, and 1/4th of persons below the Poverty Line as those neighboring communities. 2024 California CTCAC / HCD maps identify "High-Poverty & Segregated" areas just a block away. Historic designation will only perpetuate the impact of past discriminatory policies. We should stop celebrating, designating, and protecting our scarred history, and make every effort to be more inclusive with our historical reports, acting to no longer condone the mistakes of our past. 2) The information regarding contributing resources is incomplete, unconfirmed, and inconsistent with the level of due diligence required by this board.</p>	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13391/Talmadge%20Park%20Estates%20-%20Wesley%20Morgan%20Letter.pdf
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Gail	Friedt	1/25/2024	#4	In Opposition to Item	No	<p>Deny designation. We need more homes in San Diego, not a way to block density and more housing.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>The Talmadge Park Estates Historical Report neglects its complete history, □ focusing on only certain historical narratives while excluding others. It paints a □ skewed representation of the past that reinforces existing racial biases, □ stereotypes, and existing inequalities in the City of San Diego. By supporting □ designation, the HRB will create a perception that the district is meant to □ preserve the history of a specific demographic while ignoring or marginalizing □ others. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>There is no civil rights event or victory to historically honor. For residents living in □ its proximity, the designation of Talmadge Park Estates would serve as a □ constant reminder of historical injustices, contributing to a continuing sense of □ inequality and marginalization.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>Historic designation imposes regulations on property use and modifications, □ limiting economic opportunities for property owners. This disproportionately □ affects individuals from marginalized backgrounds who may face barriers to □ participating in the preservation process.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>□</p>	
Ian	Crano	1/25/2024	4	In Opposition to Item	No	<p>I appreciate historic preservation however the quantity of homes seems like it will have long term impacts on the ability to build and create much needed housing in a desirable area, blocking out potential future residents.</p>	

Paul	Jamason	1/25/2024	4	In Opposition to Item	No	<p>I oppose the nomination of National Register Nomination for Talmadge Park Estate Historic District. There are multiple problems: Given the magnitude of our city’s housing crisis, we should not be exempting entire neighborhoods from additional housing. Yet a historic district designation would do exactly that, by prohibiting lot splitting normally allowed under CA Senate Bill 9. Talmadge is served by a rapid bus route connecting to major employment centers and is an ideal location for new multi-family housing. However, construction of such housing would also likely be impossible given the historic district consistency requirements (see Mission Hills HD Guidelines attachment). The designation would worsen the staggering inequities between this neighborhood and nearby City Heights, which are arguably the worst in San Diego. If we truly owe future generations the opportunity to live in a neighborhood from a bygone time as one commenter stated, why re-apply the highly exclusionary single family zoning that duplicates racist redlining maps warning of racial infiltration (see attachments)? This is the real modern-day redlining (see attached), as opposed to the City’s Housing Action Plan 2.0 proposal. And the argument that this would allow more people to purchase starter homes via Mills Act tax benefits is simply untrue - this designation would increase area property values well beyond their current \$1-3 million dollar range. Approving this nomination would open the floodgates to additional dubious district designations. I live in nearby Kensington, where residents are attempting the same end-around of city policy to prevent implementation of SB9 and Complete Communities housing opportunities. There are many middle and lower-income jobs on Adams Ave in Kensington, but a historic designation would make it even more difficult for middle and lower-income residents to live here. And they can’t just take a bus from City Heights as my neighbor suggested, because that bus line doesn’t exist. This nomination bypasses the necessary public process and outreach that proponents decry whenever the City proposes any type of change. Please delay any decision until the City’s Update to Heritage Preservation Program process is complete, in addition to the upcoming Mid City Community Plan Update. It is remarkable that this nomination is even being considered by the HRB given that it would worsen the incredible racial and economic inequity in this area. How is a city board and staff able to bypass all of the city council’s equity-minded planning directives (and its declaration that Housing is a Human Right) with this endorsement of greater segregation? Finally, why does the HRB largely ignore that the founders of Talmadge went beyond any other San Diego community in their explicitly racist covenant: “That neither said premises nor any portion thereof shall at any time nor shall the interest therein ever be leased, sole, devised, conveyed to or inherited or be otherwise acquired by or become the property of any person other than of the Caucasian race.” The HRB’s view that politics is separate from history and therefore the racism above should be dismissed, is very troubling.</p>	<p>https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13595/%E2%80%98Community%20Character%E2%80%99%20Concerns%20Are%20a%20Veil%20%E2%80%93%20a%20Thin%20One.pdf; https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13595/Talmadge%20Racist%20redlining%20map.png; https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13595/Exclusionary%20Zoning_%20Its%20Effect%20on%20Racial%20Discrimination%20in%20the%20Housing%20Market%20_%20CEA%20_%20The%20White%20House.pdf; https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13595/mhguidelines.pdf</p>
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YIMBY Democrats of San Diego County		1/25/2024	4	In Opposition to Item	No	<p>On behalf of the YIMBY Democrats of San Diego County, please accept this letter regarding our concerns over Item #4: Talmadge Park Estates Historic District National Register Nomination. While we support preserving historically significant areas, we must also acknowledge the unintended consequences such designations can have on housing affordability and accessibility.☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>Item #4 proposes the bulk designation of 411 homes in Talmadge Park Estates. While we acknowledge the desire to preserve the district's history, we are concerned that blanket restrictions on new development within the district could create unintended barriers to future generations, particularly young families, first-time buyers, and low-income residents who already struggle to find affordable housing options. Bulk designation of 411 homes has the potential to Exacerbate the Existing Housing Shortage and Raise Concerns for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>We urge you to reconsider the bulk designation approach and explore alternative preservation strategies that do not inadvertently exacerbate the housing crisis.☐</p> <p>☐</p>	<p>https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13881/YIMBY%20Dems%20Talmadge%20Park%20Estates.docx .pdf</p>
Dylan	Wilson	1/25/2024	4	In Opposition to Item	No	<p>I do not believe that Talmadge park estates is worthy of historic designation, and I think the history of the neighborhood is something SD should seek to learn from, not preserve. The Talmadge Park estates was a neighborhood founded in an effort to segregate San Diego (see attached). How is that a history we want to preserve☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>There is absolutely nothing about a single home in the Talmadge park estates that is more worthy of historic designation than any other house in the area. The only difference is the history of segregation ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>Learn from history, don't preserve its mistakes.</p>	<p>https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13927/54F22F60-8C0E-4B83-B911-AC71D5DED64D.png</p>
Jay	Robinson-Duff	1/25/2024	4	In Opposition to Item	No	<p>San Diego should reject this request as it does not reflect a complete historical perspective of the inequities and segregation that have persisted in the area for the last 100 years. We should be actively working to change this neighborhood to reflect San Diego's population and right the previous wrongs. Allowing this neighborhood to get a historic designation will limit this. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>The historic designation should not be put in place as it helps maintain the previous inequities and inequalities created through the previous segregation, by benefiting the current homeowners, which includes the family of those that lived and enforced the segregation policies.</p>	

Ricardo	Antonio Flores	1/25/2024	Item 4	In Opposition to Item	No	I am asking the Historic Resource Board (HRB) to respectfully deny the staff motion to recommend to the California State Office of Historic Preservation the listing of the Talmadge Park Estates Historic District - Item 4.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/13960/DENY%20Letter_%20Talmadge%20Estates_LISCSanDiego.pdf
Saad	Asad	1/25/2024	4	In Opposition to Item	No	I am deeply concerned that San Diego would bulk consider hundreds of home as historic. Buildings should be evaluated on an individual basis. I strongly oppose this designation.	

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Paul	Jamason	1/25/2024	5	In Opposition to Item	No	<p>I oppose the factually incorrect information provided by the HRB board (member) in Section 7, “CONCERNS OR SUGGESTIONS TO BRING TO THE COUNCIL” in these two statements: "In San Diego developers and their lobbyists are attempting to blame historic preservation programs for the housing shortage and high housing costs. In the last reported year, 2021-22, the HRB designated 35 properties. Have an average of 35 historic designations per year caused the housing crisis?" "Please resist efforts to curtail the functioning of this board, and the misleading arguments of developers and their agents, motivated by self-interest and greed, rather than the common good." No one is blaming historic preservation programs for single-handedly causing our housing crisis. In fact, I support designating many individual properties as historic, given the previous loss of many important buildings in San Diego. I’m also a huge fan of historic architecture in all cities, and have mapped every Irving Gill project in San Diego County: https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1ZrVGF4514RDyVv8OlfiLGJXe_FQ&usp=sharing. And I was a member of SOHO until I witnessed how harmful their anti-housing actions, like the Uptown Interim Height Ordinance, were for housing affordability.</p> <p>However, designating entire neighborhoods into dubious historic districts is a well-documented NIMBY tactic to prevent new housing, as we are now seeing in Talmadge (and soon in Kensington where I live). By significantly reducing the total number of properties available for upzoning and/or new multi-family housing, this contributes to San Diego’s housing crisis. HRB’s action to prevent transitional housing at Mission Hills Library by designating it historic is also relevant here. These actions should, and are, being addressed by San Diego leadership that represents all San Diegans - not just wealthy single family homeowners.</p> <p>Im not a developer, a developer lobbyist, or a developer agent, nor am I “greedy” or “motivated by self interest” Yet I strongly support curtailing the functions of the HRB, given their ability to completely bypass the City’s planning process. And while I support more subsidized housing, the current reality is that the majority of new housing in our capitalist country will be built by developers (are non-profit developers “greedy” or “bo?”). Regarding self-interest, where is HRB’s concern over the self interest of preservationist NIMBYs prioritizing abundant street parking (and in Talmadge, space for garbage bins!) over new housing? San Diego has underbuilt housing for decades based on our population and job growth, and has a state requirement to build 108,000 housing units by 2029. Therefore we should address every root cause of this problem, including unaccountable historical boards like HRB, and the questionable large-scale historic districts their staff are endorsing (without even reviewing contributing properties). I strongly encourage the Mayor and City Council to remember the problematic HRB statements above while performing the Comprehensive Update to Heritage Preservation Program. As we saw with our City’s highly unrepresentative community planning groups, reform is badly needed to address HRB board members who appear unable to balance their (preservation) self-interest versus our housing crisis.</p>	
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