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Preserving Our Historic Neighborhood

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(Via email to calshpo.shrc@parks.ca.gov)

Subject: *Arnold and Choate's Addition-North Florence Heights Historic District - Meeting Date May 3, 2024*

Dear Ms. Polanco:

On behalf of Historic Kensington San Diego, a community organization dedicated to the preservation of San Diego's historic resources, we are writing to formally express our support for the nomination of Arnold and Choate's Addition/North Florence Heights Historic District to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Arnold and Choate's Addition/North Florence Heights Historic District is associated with the links between transportation and streetcar suburbs. Located in Mission Hills in San Diego, the terrain interrupted the rectangular grid pattern of these two related adjacent subdivisions. With ties to railway companies in the late 19th century, in the early 20th century Kate Session, a noted horticulturalist, purchased land and spurred development with the extension of the San Diego Electric Railway into the area.

Predominately single-family residential buildings, some multi-family residential and a few neighborhood oriented commercial and religious buildings developed along the former streetcar route. The district is significant as a cohesive and intact concentration of early twentieth century residential architectural styles. Prairie School, Craftsman, Period Revival and Minimal Traditional styles continue to convey their architectural significance.

Respectfully submitted,

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