

Suzanne Segur, Senior Planner
City of San Diego, Development Services Department

Re: October 23, 2025 HRB Agenda Item #3 2660-2666 First Avenue

Dear Ms. Segur and Members of the Historic Resources Board,

I am writing to voice my disagreement that the Milton Millman & Brent Campbell/Lloyd Ruocco and Homer Delawie Medical Building is not historic under any criteria. This building clearly meets the threshold for designation under both Criteria C and D. This building is a very rare commercial example of the work of two Master Architects who were in a very brief partnership. This resource can be directly associated with both men owing to the presence of both architect's license numbers on the original permits. As it is standard to only include one licensed professional on such documentation, it is a clear indication of association with both. Beyond that, it has remained highly intact in its decades of life and retains its unique expression of Mid-Century Modernist International Style with Post and Beam influences. Minor alterations that have been required over the years to continue the building's usefulness do not rise to the level of destroying its original design or character. As is typical of so much work of this era, it doesn't nicely fit into a single definable category and is representative of master designers working through their craft. I am troubled significantly by the fact that surreptitious demolition of intact character defining features was undertaken and can now be used to further argue it's not historic because of its current condition and integrity loss. It sets a terrible precedent for future undermining of historic character on other resources that we cannot allow to go contested.

Jennifer Macdonald, Architect