

HRB Meeting of October 23, 2025								
First Name	Last Name	Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number	Position	I would like to speak on the item during public testimony.	Comments	Attachments	Attachments (Additional)
HRB Public Comments - Added 10/21/2025								
ITEM 3								
Ronald	May	10/23/2025	3	In Opposition to Item	No	This commercial building directly addresses one of the goals of the Mid-Century Modernism Historic Context Statement by respecting the landform. In fact, this is an excellent example of design to keep the roof low and construct the structure below the First Avenue grade. The ribbons of windows were clearly designed to capture the afternoon breezes and to look out over Maple Canyon. One can easily attain a feeling this structure respects the sloping hillside of Maple Canyon. This Lloyd Ruocco-Homer Delawie-designed 1959 commercial building is a rare example of their early collaborative architecture. Finding such a property in such intact condition is very unusual and should be preserved. This property still retains many of the original architecturally defining features of Mid Century Modern Custom-designed, Organic Geometric style, Post and Beam style commercial building. The building is in the same location as when it was built. The design, setting, materials, feeling, and workmanship are all integrity defining aspects that have been met with this building as it was prior to the illegal demolition.This building should be evaluated in the state it was when it was first brought to the City's attention, as the illegal demolition has changed the building. But those unpermitted changes should not be be considered in a decision to designate this building historic, per the City Attorney's decision letter referenced as "Lark Street Decision."	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/117069/4004_lark_mol-1.pdf?access=455438&id=f6d9cc8d-105f-4224-9e3f-42d03533fc0d	
ITEM 6								
Monica	Villarreal	10/23/2025	6	In Opposition to Item	No	•The “super majority” requirement of San Diego Municipal Code Section 123.0203(e), requiring an affirmative vote of six historic resources board members in order to designate a property historic, should be amended to merely require a majority vote of members present. The “supermajority” voting requirement stacks the deck against designation and other major California cities do not have this requirement.•The right to appeal a non-designation decision should not be limited to only record owners of the property as the proposed amendments provide; rather, that same right should also be extended to interested parties. Limiting the right to appeal a non-designation to record owners is arbitrary and inconsistent with the intent of Land Development Code to ensure fairness and encourage public participation.•Adding a new ground for appeal on the basis that the HRB’s findings to designate are not supported by information provided to the HRB, potentially subjects the designation process to the political whims of City Councilmembers. This proposed amendment should be rejected.•The proposed changes to allow developments to non-contributing resources in the Ocean Beach Cottage Emerging Historical District under Complete Communities should be rejected. Instead, the City should simply process the district so that it is a traditional historic district, which would eliminate the need to amend the municipal code.		
Whitney	Markowitz	10/23/2025	6	In Opposition to Item	No	The right to appeal a non-designation decision should not be limited to only record owners of the property as the proposed amendments provide; rather, that same right should also be extended to interested parties. Limiting the right to appeal a non-designation to record owners is arbitrary and inconsistent with the intent of Land Development Code to ensure fairness and encourage public participation.		
David	Schmerler	10/23/2025	6	In Opposition to Item	No	The “super majority” requirement Rd of San Diego Municipal Code Section 123.0203(e), requiring an affirmative vote of six historic resources board members in order to designate a property historic, should be amended to merely require a majority vote of members present. The “supermajority” voting requirement stacks the deck against designation and other major California cities do not have this requirement.The right to appeal a non-designation decision should not be limited to only record owners of the property as the proposed amendments provide; rather, that same right should also be extended to interested parties. Limiting the right to appeal a non-designation to record owners is arbitrary and inconsistent with the intent of Land Development Code to ensure fairness and encourage public participation.Adding a new ground for appeal on the basis that the HRB’s findings to designate are not supported by information provided to the HRB, potentially subjects the designation process to the political whims of City Councilmembers. This proposed amendment should be rejected.The proposed changes to allow developments to non-contributing resources in the Ocean Beach Cottage Emerging Historical District under Complete Communities should be rejected. Instead, the City should simply process the district so that it is a traditional historic district, which would eliminate the need to amend the municipal code.		
Helen	Hodges	10/23/2025	6	In Opposition to Item	No	Don’t make historical designation more difficult.Allow community input for appeals		

Robin	Greene	10/23/2025	6	In Opposition to Item	No	Dear HRB, As a citizen who values historic resources and historic community features I am saddened that none of our requested amendments were included in the package that has reached your board for a vote today. I urge you all t vote against adoption of package A unless these revisions are adopted and incorporated. 1. The “super majority” requirement of San Diego Municipal Code Section 123.0203(e), requiring an affirmative vote of six historic resources board members in order to designate a property historic, should be amended to merely require a majority vote of members present. The “supermajority” voting requirement stacks the deck against designation and other major California cities do not have this requirement. This is wrong and unfair in many ways. 2. The right to appeal a non-designation decision should not be limited to only record owners of the property as the proposed amendments provide; rather, that same right should also be extended to interested parties. Limiting the right to appeal a non-designation to record owners is arbitrary and inconsistent with the intent of Land Development Code to ensure fairness and encourage public participation.3. Adding a new ground for appeal on the basis that the HRB’s findings to designate are not supported by information provided to the HRB, potentially subjects the designation process to the political whims of City Councilmembers. This proposed amendment should be rejected outright. 4. The proposed changes to allow developments to non-contributing resources in the Ocean Beach Cottage Emerging Historical District under Complete Communities should be rejected. Instead, the City should simply process the district so that it is a traditional historic district, which would eliminate the need to amend the municipal code. Simpler = better in this case. The four simple and fair amendments that are being advocated for by our organized historical associations make sense if you are truly in the business of protecting historical resources. Development should not be placed in competition with preservation. These resources can never be recreated once lost. The loss to our communities is irreversible. It saddens me to feel like the leaders and staff who wrote this plan are against preservation and fairness. Thank you, R. Greene		
Tracy	Billings	10/23/2025	6	In Opposition to Item	No	SUPERMAJORITY REQUIREMENT STACKS THE DECK AGAINST PRESERVATIONThe “super majority” requirement of San Diego Municipal Code Section 123.0203(e), requiring an affirmative vote of six historic resources board members in order to designate a property historic, should be amended to merely require a majority vote of members present. The “supermajority” voting requirement stacks the deck against designation and other major California cities do not have this requirement.INCONSISTENT, UNFAIR APPEAL RULE DOES NOT ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATIONThe right to appeal a non-designation decision should not be limited to only record owners of the property as the proposed amendments provide; rather, that same right should also be extended to interested parties. Limiting the right to appeal a non-designation to record owners is arbitrary and inconsistent with the intent of Land Development Code to ensure fairness and encourage public participation.THESE CHANGES WILL GUT THE HRBAdding a new ground for appeal on the basis that the HRB’s findings to designate are not supported by information provided to the HRB, potentially subjects the designation process to the political whims of City Councilmembers. This proposed amendment should be rejected.OB PROPERTY OWNERS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANT COST AND EFFORT TO GET THEIR HISTORIC DESIGNATION. WHAT ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS?The proposed changes to allow developments to non-contributing resources in the Ocean Beach Cottage Emerging Historical District under Complete Communities should be rejected. Instead, the City should simply process the district so that it is a traditional historic district, which would eliminate the need to amend the municipal code.		