

# Marie Burke Lia

San Diego Attorney, Historical Resources Consultant  
1982-2019

In Memoriam, 1944-2025

# Marie Burke Lia

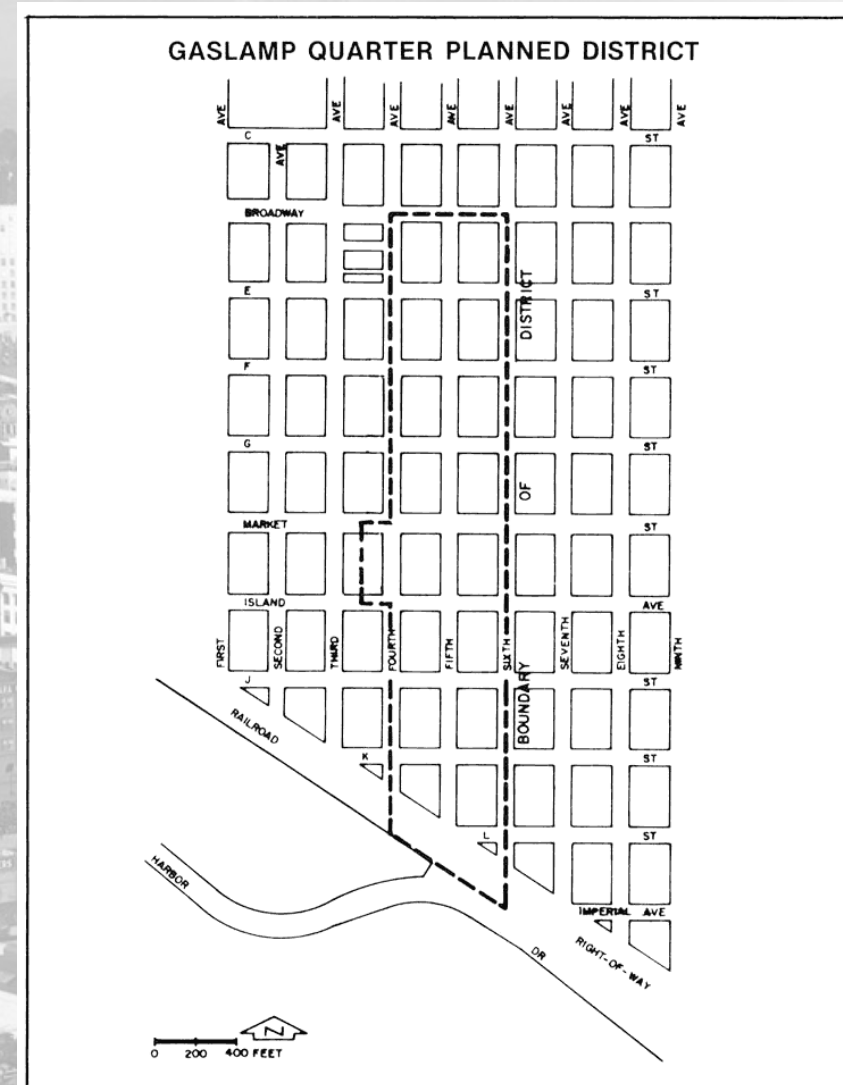
- 37 year career in historical resources
- 1982 - 2019
- Bachelors, University of Arizona
- JD, University of San Francisco  
Attorney, consultant, mentor
- Deputy City of Attorney, San Francisco 9 years 1972-1981
- Moved to San Diego 1982
- Master Degree in Historic Preservation, University of San Diego under Dr. Ray Brandes
- Opened first office in Carriage Works building
- Over 1,000 properties studied, evaluated, rehabilitated, and/or listed





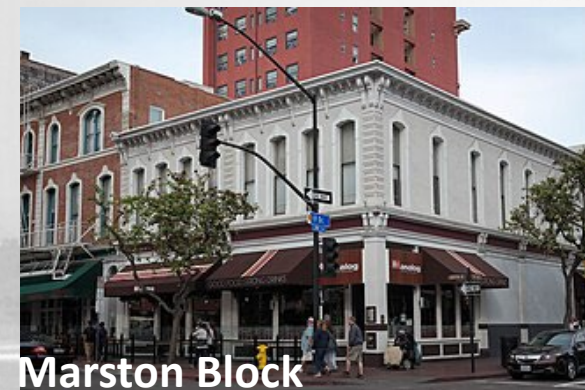
# Gaslamp Quarter National Register District

- Assisted 30 owners with Federal Tax Credits
- Tax incentives critical for financing because banks wouldn't lend south of Broadway
- Helped create Architectural Façade Easement program so that owners could receive Charitable Contribution Deductions
- These programs and efforts were instrumental in the Gaslamp Quarters revitalization
- Success spurred Horton plaza, Convention Center, and East Village redevelopment





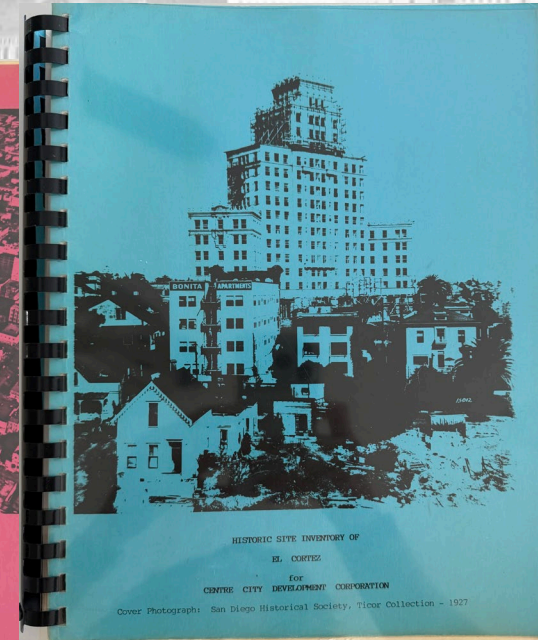
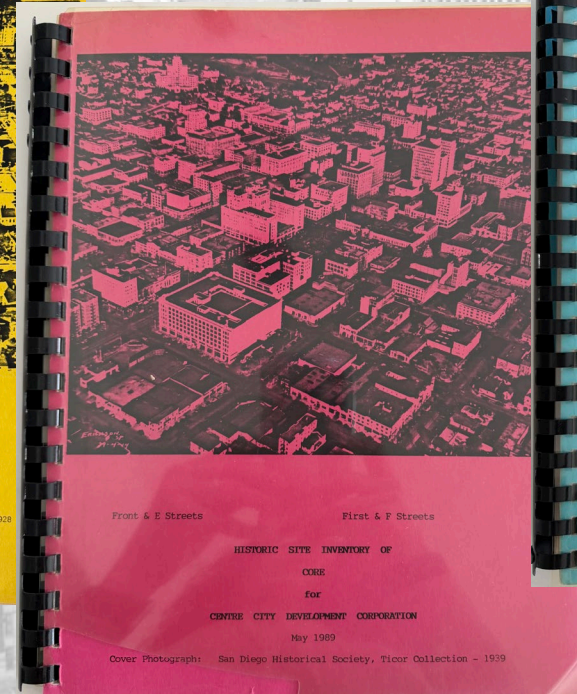
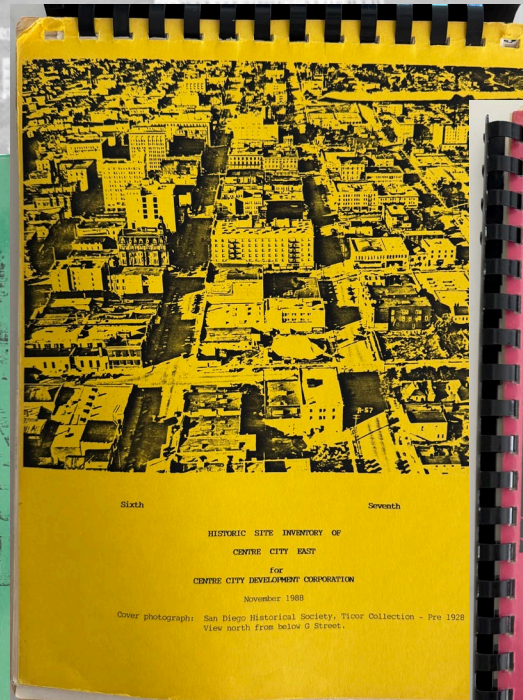
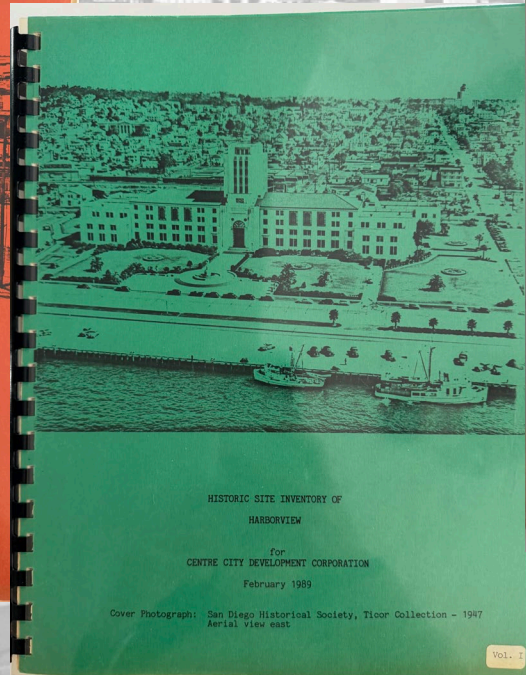
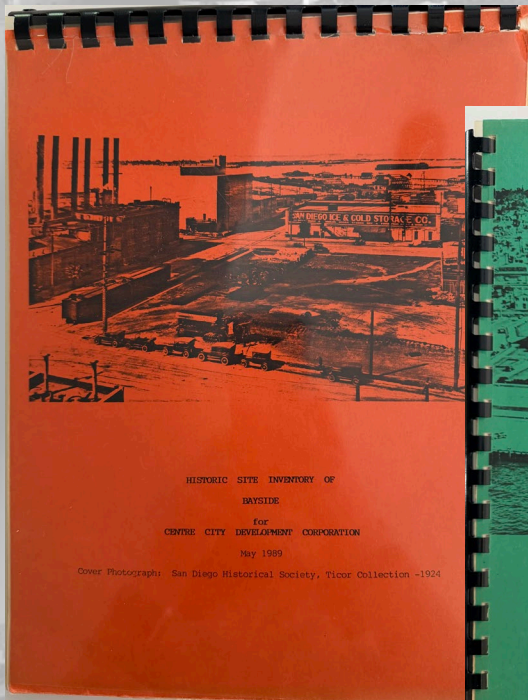
# Gaslamp Federal Tax Credit Projects





# Centre City Development Corporation

- 1<sup>st</sup> Historical Property Constant, 1985-2010
- Surveyed over 413 properties throughout Downtown San Diego with Dr. Ray Brandes, 1988-2005





# San Diego Trust and Savings Bank to Courtyard Marriott

- Converted to a hotel
- William Templeton Johnston top floor office is a suite
- Bank teller spaces
- \$5 million in tax credits



© 2021 Jan Wagner, AutoMatters & More (AutoMatters.net)



© 2021 Jan Wagner, AutoMatters & More (AutoMatters.net)



# San Diego Athletic Club to Affirmed PATH Housing





# Walker Scott & Owl Drug to Housing + Parking





# Mission Brewery to Mixed Use Office/Retail



SoCal Landmarks  
Copyright © 2022 by John Bare, John Bare Photography



# Panama/Senator Hotel to Athens Market & Offices





# Armed Services YMCA to Affordable Housing (Before conversion to hotel)





# Eagles Hall National Register Listing



SoCal Landmarks  
Copyright © 2022 by John Bare, John Bare Photography



# El Cortez Hotel National Register Listing





# John Ginty House National Register Listing



SoCal Landmarks

Copyright © 2023 by John Bare, John Bare Photography



# Long Waterman House National Register Listing





# The Livingston House / Baby Del House Relocation





# Marie Burke Lia Day, February 24, 2020

*The proclamation recognizes Marie Burke Lia for her public service and civic contributions, references her longstanding involvement with the City of San Diego, including service on boards or commissions, acknowledges her commitment to public service, leadership, and community engagement, and formally declares that the City Council proclaims February 24, 2020, as “Marie Burke Lia Day” in the City of San Diego.*







Marie's Retirement Party, November 2019