

HRB Meeting of January 22, 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 1/22/2026								
Non Agenda								
Michael	Welch	1/22/2026				I'm a resident at the Del Prado, the 18-story condominium at 666 Upas St. Our building is designated historic under the Mills Act, though it was built in the early 1970s. I'm writing because current HRB interpretations effectively prevent any homeowner here from replacing their original single-pane windows, even with replacements that look identical from the outside. These windows are now over 50 years old. Many no longer close properly, and the single-pane glass leads to significant heat loss and high energy usage - counter to the City's climate and building-efficiency goals. Before the historic designation, several units installed modern double-pane windows that are indistinguishable from the original windows from the street level. Our HOA rules already require a specific manufacturer, style, and paint color to ensure that any replacement maintains the exact exterior appearance. Despite this, HRB will not sign the required building permits, and no owner has been able to get approval after years of attempts. Preventing us from upgrading to safe, functional, energy-efficient windows in a 1970s high-rise serves no preservation purpose. I'm asking your office to review whether the City's upcoming updates to historic-building rules can resolve this issue and whether HRB can allow replacements that fully preserve the building's appearance. I'd be happy to show you or your staff the building and the existing double-pane examples that match the originals exactly. Thank you for your time and attention. Sincerely, Michael Welch		
ITEM 3								
Michael	Maher	1/22/2026	ITEM #3 - 7318-7320 FAY AVENUE	In Support of Item	Yes	As the property owner of 7318-7320 Fay Avenue, I respectfully request the opportunity to speak during public testimony on Item #3 and plan to use a PowerPoint presentation. Report No. HRB-26-003, Subject: Item #3 - 7318-7320 Fay Avenue respectfully request that this public comment and its attachments be included in the record and reviewed by the Historical Resources Board Members in advance of the January 22 hearing regarding the property at 7320 Fay Avenue. Attached for your consideration is a recent La Jolla Light / San Diego Union-Tribune news story titled "San Diego board to determine whether 1928 cottage is historic." The attachments include (1) a photograph of the La Jolla Light newspaper cover featuring the story and (2) a PDF of the full article as published on the San Diego Union-Tribune website. The article provides relevant background, public context, and community interest surrounding the Board's upcoming determination. I respectfully ask that Board Members review these materials as part of their evaluation of the property and the broader preservation issues raised. Thank you for your time, consideration, and service. I am planning to make a formal presentation to the board showing visual and contextual evidence of the Colonial Revival Cottage characteristics present at 7320 Fay Avenue. I probably won't have enough time to share with you the following: My wife, Lisa, and I have lived at 7320 Fay Avenue for 36 years. Lisa's parents lived just a few blocks away when she was born, and my own family moved to the neighborhood when I was in elementary school. I graduated from La Jolla High School in 1968, served in the U.S. Army, and later completed college in Colorado, where I earned a master's degree in teaching. Lisa and I were married in La Jolla. Shortly thereafter, we met Eleanor Hart, the owner of 7320 Fay Avenue, when we inquired about renting the rear apartment. Unfortunately, the rent was unaffordable for us at the time. Ten years later, I knocked on Mrs. Hart's front door and asked whether she might consider selling the property. To our great good fortune, she said yes. Since that time, the property has been home to five generations of our family, all living together. For many years, Lisa and I did not think about the long-term preservation of our 1928 cottage. That changed when the 1915 house next door was purchased and demolished by a development company. Witnessing the loss of that historic home brought into sharp focus how quickly the character of this neighborhood can be erased. Over the course of more than seventy years combined in this community, Lisa and I have witnessed significant transformation. While change is inevitable, we believe it is our shared responsibility to safeguard the few remaining examples of a bygone era. These homes represent the scale, craftsmanship, and architectural traditions that helped define La Jolla's early residential character. We respectfully ask the Board to vote "yes" for historic designation under Criterion C. The designation is warranted because the house embodies the defining characteristics of a Colonial Revival Cottage. Preserving this home will help ensure that an important piece of La Jolla's architectural history remains intact for future generations.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/128666/la-jolla-light.JPG?access=460347&id=0d1882ec-1f68-4409-8d45-02f8caa0332d	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/128690/item-3-7318-7320-fay-hrb-c-justification.pdf?access=460368&id=32ae9b71-8d4a-4c9b-821f-bc5d9b0c32b4
Lisa	Maher	1/22/2026	ITEM #3 - 7318-7320 FAY AVENUE	In Support of Item	No	As the property owner of 7318-7320 Fay Avenue, I respectfully request the opportunity to speak during public testimony on Item #3. We, the undersigned residents, community members, and preservation advocates, respectfully urge the HRB to review the attached petition signed by more than 100 supporters of the historical designation of 7320 Fay Avenue. The petition reflects broad community support and affirms that this 1928 Colonial Revival Cottage qualifies under HRB Criterion C as a significant and well-preserved example of its architectural style. Please include this petition in the official record. Members of the Historical Resources Board, thank you for your time and service. I respectfully ask that you review the attached PDF, which provides additional historical context and documentation relevant to the evaluation of this property. The material is submitted to ensure the record fully reflects the property's architectural classification and historical significance prior to your consideration.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/128833/7320-fay-house-petition.pdf?access=460378&id=8b45ab35-f09d-498b-bea1-cff6255f8b92	
Laura DuCharm	Conboy	1/22/2026	ITEM-3 7318-7320 FAY AVENUE	In Support of Item	No	Please accept this letter from the La Jolla Historical Society in support of Designation of the property at 7318-7320 Fay Avenue.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/129307/letter-to-hrb-board-re-7320-fay-ave-agenda-item-3.pdf?access=460529&id=22bd6d07-1080-4aa1-a29e-09436f87cad0	