

eting of August 27, 2026							
First Name	Last Name	Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number	Position	I would like to speak on the item during public testimony.	Comments	Attachments
HRB Public Comments - Updated 8/26 and 8/27							
ITEM 2							

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Bruce	Coons	8/27/2026	1	In Support of Item	No	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/169664/5126canterbury_letterfrommikebaldwin.pdf?access=561851&id=8860f4e6-e845-46e8-8922-3a183bda5ad3
Letters of support for 5126 Canterbury Drive as a historical resource under adopted designation criteria.						
Jennifer	Bourquin	8/27/2026	1	In Support of Item	No	I support designation of this home because it is a well-preserved example of the architectural diversity that makes this neighborhood historically significant. Its distinctive early residential character, including its gabled form, brick chimney, divided-light windows, and restrained detailing, adds an important architectural type to a neighborhood already distinguished by its varied collection of historic homes. As the owner of a historically designated (HRB#1397) Spanish Colonial Revival home in the neighborhood, I value the preservation of our community's diverse architectural heritage. I believe it is important that we recognize and protect the many different architectural styles that contribute to the character and history of our neighborhood, and I support the designation of this home as an important example of that diversity.
Alina	Talbott	8/27/2026	1	In Support of Item	No	I am writing in strong support of the historic designation of 5126 Canterbury Drive. I live directly across the street from the property and am very familiar with the home and its contribution to our street and the surrounding Kensington neighborhood. One of the qualities that makes Kensington so special is its distinctive historic architecture and the character created by homes that have been thoughtfully preserved over generations. As an immediate neighbor, I see firsthand how 5126 Canterbury contributes to the historic character and visual continuity of our street. I strongly support the owners' efforts to preserve the property and obtain historic designation. Preserving homes like this is important to maintaining the architectural character, history, and sense of place that make Kensington such a unique San Diego neighborhood and one of the main reasons why we choose to live here. Stephanie & George Bonebright
Stephanie	Bonebright	8/27/2026	1	In Support of Item	No	I am writing to express my strong support for the historic designation of the property located at 5126 Canterbury Drive. As the immediate next-door neighbor and someone who also works right here in the neighborhood, I have a deep appreciation for the unique character of our community. Every day, I walk my dogs through Kensington and get to enjoy the incredible variety of architectural styles that define our streets. Each home contributes something special to the historic charm and distinct identity of this area. The property at 5126 Canterbury Drive is an integral part of that visual fabric. Preserving it ensures that the historic integrity and beautiful craftsmanship of our neighborhood remain intact for years to come. Thank you for your time, your dedication to preserving our local history, and your consideration of this designation.
Kristyna	Lukacova	8/27/2026	ITEM-1	In Support of Item	No	My husband and I have own the 1935 Historical Landmark No. 1006 DeLong home in Kensington and are in full support of designation for Jennifer & Emile Bourquin's home at 5126 Cantebury. It's so important for the City of San Diego to protect our wonderful historic properties as Jennifer & Emile are with their home. Thank you, Cecelia Conover
Cecelia	Conover	8/27/2026	One	In Support of Item	No	I am writing in strong opposition to the recommendation that 4735 Vista not be approved for historical designation. The staff's objection that the home "minimally embodies" Tudor Revival relies on an overly rigid requirement for "high-style" elements. History isn't solely represented by grand, ornate estates, but also by more modest, everyday homes. Even in a modest representation, our home authentically embodies the Tudor Revival style and represents the real, lived history of the neighborhood. If designated historic homes are restricted only to grand scale examples, we risk erasing the modest architectural history that defines so much of our community.
Rachel	Gersten	8/27/2026	Item 3	In Opposition to Item	No	

						[Edited from attached Support letter] I am writing in support of the nomination of the George and Caladonia Parks Spec House #2 located at 4735 Vista Street, Kensington-Talmadge community of San Diego. Upon review of the nomination report, along with my knowledge of the history of both this community and the building's builder, I respectfully request that the Board list the property for designation under HRB Criterion C. Historical Resources Consultant Ginger Weatherford's report provides substantive evidence and analysis to conclude that the subject property is eligible as a clearly representative example of Tudor Revival style that fits within the context of its period of construction in that community. I am familiar with the work of this contractor George M. Parks during his period of residence and building activity in San Diego during the 1920s. He is typical of many of the smaller contractors of the time working in the subject neighborhoods. Staff's comments that Mr. Park's design does not fully encompass the stylistic elements of the Tudor Revival style is not consistent with application of professional standards for identification of this property's inclusion as an example of this style. Ms. Weatherford's description of this as an example of Tudor Revival/English Cottage is a term often used to describe those Tudor Revival style properties that don't have all the possible elements that can sometimes be included in this style. Tudor Revival has a large range of potential stylistic elements that can be considered. Often those properties that do not include all typical elements such as faux-half timbering for example in this case, will be described as Ms. Weatherford proposes as "Tudor/English Cottage." In addition, Staff concurs that this property retains its historic integrity for HRB Criterion C, and documentation shows that previous restoration work ensured implementation of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties to protect this property's integrity, and thus eligibility. Also notable, this property has been identified as a contributor in the pending National Register of Historic Places Kensington-Talmadge District nomination report that is expected to be heard soon by the State Historical Resources Commission. My own professional analysis of this property in response to the RFP for that nomination effort also concluded it as a contributor to the pending National Register District. Recognizing these points, and the previous efforts of the current owners of this property to properly ensure protection of its historical integrity, I respectfully request that the HRB approve designation of 4735 Vista Street under HRB Criterion C.
James	Newland		Item 3	In Support of Item	No	Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. See attached PDF.
Deny	Ehrlich		Item #3	In Opposition to Item	No	We would like to submit the attached written comment in opposition to the denial.
Gary and Carolyn	Crooks	8/27/2026	3	In Opposition to Item	No	I strongly support the historic designation of 4735 Vista Street under HRB Criterion C.Preserving homes like this helps protect the unique historic character of Kensington. Thank you for your consideration. I am writing as a resident to urge your approval of historic designation for 4735 Vista Street. Preserving the authentic, 1920s architectural fabric of Kensington is essential to our community's identity. Research consistently shows that living among preserved historic streetscapes fosters a sense of place, community continuity, and psychological well-being. Built by 1920s contractor George M. Parks, 4735 Vista Street retains remarkable historic integrity. Independent expert analysis confirms that the home perfectly reflects the authentic Tudor Revival/English Cottage character of Inter-War Kensington. In fact, it was independently evaluated as a contributing property for the pending National Register Kensington-Talmadge Historic District. Staff's recommendation sets an unfairly restrictive standard for non-high-style homes. Please support historic preservation in our neighborhood and vote to designate 4735 Vista Street. I am writing as a resident to urge your approval of historic designation for 4735 Vista Street. Preserving the authentic, 1920s architectural fabric of Kensington is essential to our community's identity. Research consistently shows that living among preserved historic streetscapes fosters a sense of place, community continuity, and psychological well-being. Built by 1920s contractor George M. Parks, 4735 Vista Street retains remarkable historic integrity. Independent expert analysis confirms that the home perfectly reflects the authentic Tudor Revival/English Cottage character of Inter-War Kensington. In fact, it was independently evaluated as a contributing property for the pending National Register Kensington-Talmadge Historic District. Staff's recommendation sets an unfairly restrictive standard for non-high-style homes. Please support historic preservation in our neighborhood and vote to designate 4735 Vista Street.
Paola	Martinez	8/27/2026	3	In Opposition to Item	No	
Chloe	C	8/27/2026	3	In Support of Item	No	I am writing as a resident to urge your approval of historic designation for 4735 Vista Street. Preserving the authentic, 1920s architectural fabric of Kensington is essential to our community's identity. Research consistently shows that living among preserved historic streetscapes fosters a sense of place, community continuity, and psychological well-being. Built by 1920s contractor George M. Parks, 4735 Vista Street retains remarkable historic integrity. Independent expert analysis confirms that the home perfectly reflects the authentic Tudor Revival/English Cottage character of Inter-War Kensington. In fact, it was independently evaluated as a contributing property for the pending National Register Kensington-Talmadge Historic District. Staff's recommendation sets an unfairly restrictive standard for non-high-style homes. Please support historic preservation in our neighborhood and vote to designate 4735 Vista Street.
Jonathan	C	8/27/2026	3	In Opposition to Item	No	Hello! I am writing as a resident to urge your approval of historic designation for 4735 Vista Street. Preserving the authentic, 1920s architectural fabric of Kensington is essential to our community's identity. Research consistently shows that living among preserved historic streetscapes fosters a sense of place, community continuity, and psychological well-being. Built by 1920s contractor George M. Parks, 4735 Vista Street retains remarkable historic integrity. Independent expert analysis confirms that the home perfectly reflects the authentic Tudor Revival/English Cottage character of Inter-War Kensington. In fact, it was independently evaluated as a contributing property for the pending National Register Kensington-Talmadge Historic District. Staff's recommendation sets an unfairly restrictive standard for non-high-style homes. Please support historic preservation in our neighborhood and vote to designate 4735 Vista Street.
Joelle	Denstad	8/27/2026	3	In Opposition to Item	No	I write in strong support of designating 4735 Vista Street under HRB Criterion C. As noted in public history expert James D. Newland's letter, city staff's objection that the home "minimally embodies" Tudor Revival relies on an overly rigid requirement for "high-style" elements. Neither the City Register nor National Register criteria require a threshold number of stylistic elements for eligibility. Consultant Ginger Weatherford's report accurately classifies this home as a Tudor Revival/English Cottage--a standard identification for 1920s Inter-War Revival homes by builder George M. Parks. Staff concurs that the property retains full historic integrity and meets Secretary of the Interior Standards. Furthermore, the property is already listed as a contributing resource in the pending National Register Historic District for Kensington-Talmadge. I urge the Board to follow professional standards, reject the staff's narrow interpretation, and approve designation under Criterion C.
Edith	Benkov	8/27/2026	#3	In Opposition to Item	No	I am writing to encourage your approval of historic designation for 4735 Vista Street. Preserving the authentic, 1920s architectural fabric of Kensington is essential to our community's identity. Research consistently shows that living among preserved historic streetscapes fosters a sense of place, community continuity, and psychological well-being.
Jordan	Clonts		3	In Opposition to Item	No	

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Nick	Farrahi	3	In Opposition to Item	No	I am writing as a resident and neighbor to express my strong support for the historic designation of 4735 Vista Street.One of the things I value most about living in Kensington is the character and history of our neighborhood. The beautiful older homes, unique architecture, and tree-lined streets give Kensington a special sense of identity that makes it different from so many other neighborhoods in San Diego. I believe preserving that character is important for both current residents and future generations.4735 Vista Street is a wonderful example of the architectural character that makes our neighborhood special. The home has retained its original charm and reflects the Tudor Revival/English Cottage style that was part of Kensington's development in the 1920s. Knowing that it was built by contractor George M. Parks and that it has been independently recognized as a contributing property to the proposed National Register Kensington-Talmadge Historic District makes its preservation even more meaningful.As a neighbor, I appreciate having homes like 4735 Vista Street as part of our community. I believe historic preservation should recognize not only the most elaborate or high-style homes, but also the everyday houses that collectively tell the story of how our neighborhood developed and what makes it unique today.For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you support the historic designation of 4735 Vista Street. Preserving this home would help protect the character and history that make Kensington such a wonderful place to live.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/170237/letter-to-hrb-4735-vista-st-8-27-26.pdf?access=561887&id=0e85447c-a8f0-4a2c-8a36-0e10fa056a38
					Please see the attached letter from the University Heights Historical Society in support of designation of 4375 Vista Street.	
Kristin	Harms	8/27/2026	3	In Opposition to Item	No	
Camila	Martinez Ceren	8/27/2026	Item 3	In Opposition to Item	No	I respectfully urge the Historic Resources Board to recognize and approve historic designation for 4735 Vista Street. Rejection is an unnecessarily narrow interpretation of Tudor Revival. Preservation should not require a house to be an exceptional or high end ornate example of its style before its history is considered worthy of protection. The character of Kensington comes from the collection of homes that together tell the story of the neighborhood. Historic neighborhoods are not defined solely by their grandest homes. Modest houses that reflect the architectural styles, builders, and everyday lives of the people who shaped a community are equally important to preserving its history. As a third-generation San Diegian, I believe there is something especially valuable about preserving the architectural styles that give our neighborhoods their unique identity. These homes connect us to the generations who came before us and allow future generations to experience the character and history that make San Diego special.Once historic homes and architectural styles are replaced with modern, interchangeable designs, that connection can be lost forever. Development and progress are important, but they should not come at the expense of the distinctive character that makes neighborhoods like Kensington feel like home. I hope we choose to preserve these pieces of San Diego's history so that generations to come can appreciate and experience them, rather than looking back at a neighborhood of copy-and-paste modern construction.I strongly support the historic designation of 4735 Vista Street under HRB Criterion C. This home is a meaningful example of the architectural character that developed in Kensington during the 1920s and retains a high degree of historic integrity. Let's preserve the architectural heritage of Kensington for future generations
						Members of the Historical Resources Board: My name is David Roth. I am a Kensington resident and president of Historic Kensington San Diego, a non-profit community group dedicated to the preservation of our community's historical resources. We are in opposition to the Staff's recommendation to not designate the property under any criteria. There is no question the property at 4735 Vista Street has historic integrity. Staff and the consultant agree; there is no question about historic integrity. The question is 'Does the property have historic significance?' We believe it most definitely does. Staff stated the "property minimally embodies the Tudor Revival style through its roof form, cladding, and vergeboard elaboration, and does not rise to the level of significance to be individually eligible for designation as an example of the Tudor Revival style" But Staff did not address the fact that HRB Guidelines for establishing significance under Criterion C state that the "essential physical features of a recognized architectural style" include "its adaptation for various social and economic market segments (upper, middle or working class)". The George and Caladonia Parks Spec House No. 2 clearly does just that - exhibits the adaptation of the Tudor Revival style for the social and economic market for affordable housing for renters and/or buyers in the mid-1920s. We urge designation of the George and Caladonia Parks Spec House No. 2 under HRB Criterion C as an excellent example of the adaptation of the Tudor Revival style by minimally embodying the Tudor Revival style through its roof form, cladding, and vergeboard elaboration for affordable housing for renters and or buyers in 1927.
Jordan	Warfield	8/27/2026	Item 3	In Opposition to Item	No	Respectfully submitted, August 25, 2026
David	Roth	8/27/2026	3	In Opposition to Item	No	
Bruce	Coons	8/27/2026	3	In Support of Item	No	Please see uploaded letter of support.
						I'm writing in support of designating 4735 Vista Street as a historical home in our San Diego community. The city staff's determination that the home "minimally embodies" Tudor Revival is a close-minded perspective on "high-style" elements. History is just as much represented by modest homes owned by middle-class Americans as the more opulent homes of the upper class. Even in it's modest representation, this unique home authentically represents the Tudor Revival style. When designated historic homes are restricted only to large scale, ornately designed homes, we ignore the diverse architectural history of our Kensington community.
Gregory	Sarkis-Kelly	8/27/2026	Item 3	In Opposition to Item	No	I'm in support of homes in our community achieving Mills Act status. It is clear that our neighborhood is poised to change dramatically, just based on the new construction around our corner on Adams Ave and Vista St, with tall buildings going up and completely filling the lot space. Mills Act is a win-win for our community, with homeowners getting a break from crushing taxes and our community being preserved for the treasure that it is. Thank you for considering my comment supporting 4735 Vista St being listed as a Mills Act home.
Molly	Gee	8/27/2026	3	In Opposition to Item	No	I am writing as a resident to urge your approval of historic designation for 4735 Vista Street. Preserving the authentic, 1920s architectural fabric of Kensington is essential to our community's identity. Research consistently shows that living among preserved historic streetscapes fosters a sense of place, community continuity, and psychological well-being. Built by 1920s contractor George M. Parks, 4735 Vista Street retains remarkable historic integrity. Independent expert analysis confirms that the home perfectly reflects the authentic Tudor Revival/English Cottage character of Inter-War Kensington. In fact, it was independently evaluated as a contributing property for the pending National Register Kensington-Talmadge Historic District. Staff's recommendation sets an unfairly restrictive standard for non-high-style homes. Please support historic preservation in our neighborhood and vote to designate 4735 Vista Street.
Julie	Kangas	8/27/2026	3	In Support of Item	No	

Stephen Ginger	Blea Weatherford	8/27/2026	3	In Support of Item	No	I write in strong support of designating 4735 Vista Street under HRB Criterion C. As noted in public history expert James D. Newland's letter, city staff's objection that the home "minimally embodies" Tudor Revival relies on an overly rigid requirement for "high-style" elements. Neither the City Register nor National Register criteria require a threshold number of stylistic elements for eligibility. Consultant Ginger Weatherford's report accurately classifies this home as a Tudor Revival/English Cottage--a standard identification for 1920s Inter-War Revival homes by builder George M. Parks. Staff concurs that the property retains full historic integrity and meets Secretary of the Interior Standards. Furthermore, the property is already listed as a contributing resource in the pending National Register Historic District for Kensington-Talmadge. I urge the Board to follow professional standards, reject the staff's narrow interpretation, and approve designation under Criterion C.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform_m/webform_994112/171056/medel-ssuporting-blaire-phil-ehret.pdf?access=562231&id=c9528776-c138-4e8c-9db1-2a701b1e6a7f , https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/171056/medel-s-suporting-blaire-phil-ehret.pdf?access=562232&id=c9528776-c138-4e8c-9db1-2a701b1e6a7f
		8/27/2026	3	In Opposition to Item	Yes		
						I have a prepared presentation	
						We are neighbors of the Ehrets who own the Kensington Tudor Style home in consideration for historic designation. We write in support of their effort to secure the designation. Please see attached letter.	
Kenneth J. & Debra M.	Medel	8/27/2026	3	In Opposition to Item	No	I am writing as a resident to urge your approval of historic designation for 4735 Vista Street under HRB Criterion C. The home was built by builder George M. Parks and has been accurately classified by consultant Ginger Weatherford as a "Tudor Revival/English Cottage--a standard identification for 1920s Inter-War Revival homes". I understand one objection has been the home's lack of ornamentation. That is too narrow an interpretation by the City given that history isn't solely represented by grand, ornate estates, but also by more modest, everyday homes. I urge you to honor the full architectural history of San Diego and approve historic designation.	
Elise	Caster	8/27/2026	3	In Opposition to Item	No	I write in strong of designating 4735 Vista Street under HRB Criterion C. This beautiful Tudor Revival has maintained its historical integrity and is deserving of this designation.	
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Lauren	Castro	8/27/2026	3	In Opposition to Item	No		