



University Heights Historical Society

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City of San Diego Historical Resources Board

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RE: Meeting Date 8/26/21, Agenda Item 5, San Diego Bungalow Court and Apartment Court Historic Context Statement

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the University Heights Historical Society, I would like to express our deep appreciation to the Board and staff for developing the San Diego Bungalow Court and Apartment Court Historic Context Statement. This document will provide an excellent foundation for identifying and preserving our finite collection of historic bungalow courts throughout the mid-city area.

We are very supportive of all five of the proposed recommendations listed under “Preservation Goals and Priorities” beginning on page 79. In addition, we would like to suggest addition of a sixth recommendation to implement a *San Diego Bungalow Court and Apartment Court Multiple Property Listing* after the city-wide survey of bungalow courts and apartment courts outlined in Recommendation 1 is completed.

A *San Diego Bungalow Court and Apartment Court Multiple Property Listing* is a recommended policy in both the 2016 Uptown and North Park Historic Preservation Elements; “Prepare Historic Contexts and Multiple Property Listings addressing Bungalow and Apartment Courts, properties associated with Kate Olivia Sessions, and Victorian-Era properties for review and designation by the Historical Resources Board.”

We also support any policy initiatives to incentivize owners of bungalow courts and apartment courts to rehabilitate and maintain their properties. I spoke with a local bungalow court owner who is particularly interested in “resources for helping owners procure period-correct replacement parts such as windows.”

Thank you again for your efforts to preserve these finite resources and for the opportunity to review this outstanding report.

Sincerely,



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