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City of San Diego
Chair McCullough, Historical Resources Board & staff
202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: April 25, 2019 agenda – Item 11

Chair McCullough, Historical Resources Board (HRB) members, & staff,

Item 11: Mission Valley Community Plan Update – The HRB is being asked to recommend adoption of the Mission Valley Historic Context Statement and Cultural Resources Constraints Analysis to the City Council. However, using historical maps and images as documentary evidence, the sensitivity map within the Constraints Analysis should be expanded to “high sensitivity” around the San Diego Mission de Alcalá to include the areas that were once the gardens and agricultural fields for the Mission. Although the archaeological record and Kumeyaay tribe consultation are stated not support this change, clearly there is other documentary evidence that does support this modification, and all resources should be used in order to make the most informed decision.

The map at the link below illustrates the various tracts of land belonging to the Mission San Diego in 1860, which includes an olive orchard and garden area. The attached image (from the Tom Isom collection) further supports why the “high sensitivity” area should be expanded, by illustrating the Mission Gardens and adobe walls. http://www.fortwiki.com/File:Mission_San_Diego_Return_Docs_-_1.jpg

SOHO continues to recommend the sensitivity map within the Constraints Analysis should be expanded to “high sensitivity” around the San Diego Mission de Alcalá, to include the areas that were once the gardens and agricultural fields for the Mission, which is supported by the supplemental documentary evidence.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Bruce Coons
Executive Director
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San Diego County Indian Schools in Old Mission
Valley.