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

Re: November 21, 2019 agenda - Items 6 and 11

Chair McCullough, Board members & staff,

Item 6: 3853 Eighth Avenue – Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) concurs with the staff recommendation to designate this Queen Anne style cottage under Criterion C, for exemplary architecture with a 1908 period of significance. This bungalow retains original historic fabric with a high level of integrity, which is illustrated by the bay windows with leaded glass transoms, wood sash windows, fully enclosed pediment (illustrating the Colonial Revival influence), partial width front porch with circular columns, clapboard balustrade, pyramidal roof, wood shiplap siding, attic venting and much more. Further, it is immediately adjacent to a designated historical resource (the Better Buzz coffee house) and is located within a very intact streetscape.

SOHO asserts the bungalow at 3853 Eighth Avenue is materially intact, retains a high level of historical integrity, located within a very intact Eight Avenue streetscape, and is significant under Criterion C as an excellent example of the style.

Item 11: 660 Tenth Avenue –SOHO concurs with the staff recommendation to designate the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company Building under Criteria A and C, including the 1946 addition constructed at 659 Ninth Avenue, with a 1932-1984 period of significance. Significant under Criterion A, as a special element of the downtown neighborhood, this resource is also significant under C, representative of the Art Deco style in the form of a commercial garage.

Identified in both the 2003 and 2005 historic surveys as significant, SOHO supports historical designation of this highly intact resource.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Bruce Coons
Executive Director
Save Our Heritage Organisation