

Historic Resources Board, City Staff
1222 First Avenue
MS 501
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Item #1 Donald and Gladys Clitsome/Lloyd Ruocco House

City Staff and Historic Resources Board,

I am writing today to encourage the HRB to designate the Donald and Gladys Clitsome/Lloyd Ruocco House at 2228 33rd Street under criteria C and D. This is an incredible, early, extant example of the work of master architect, Lloyd Ruocco in the International Style. The home represents an important transition in San Diego's modernist architectural history. Ruocco worked for some of the most notable architects of the early part of the twentieth century. Spending the early part of his career with recognized master architects including Richard Requa, Lillian Rice and William Templeton Johnson, Ruocco would later go on to influence a generation of San Diego modernist designers including, Homer Delawie, Frederick Leichardt, Bob Mosher, Russell Forester and many others.

The home exhibits many aspects of Ruocco's early architectural vernacular in a holistic composition. Extensive use of plywood as an interior finish, rock and brick along with cantilevered sections and ribbon windows begin to articulate his future aesthetic. An efficient approach to space planning and use of a sloped site allow for a home that is architecturally pleasing and modest at the same time.

This home is a rare and tangible link to the transition from the revivalist styles of the early part of the century to the modernist designs associated with Ruocco's career and of the work of other notable designers who he directly influenced. It's part of the modern history of San Diego and is deserving of this designation.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Pitman", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

Todd Pitman ASLA

Landscape Architect & Planner
Lloyd Ruocco Archive