

CITY COUNCIL REFERRAL ROUTE SLIP

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

DATE ROUTED

November 22, 1960 - (Item 28)

TO

Council Conference

SUBJECT

Six communications protesting any architectural changes of buildings in Balboa Park.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Refer to Council Conference

ADDRESSEE'S ACTION

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This is a note of protest against
tearing out the park buildings on Laurel St.

The lower end of the park has
already been torn out.

Like many other people I came to
San Diego as a visitor - found it so beautiful
and the people so friendly I came back to
make this my home.

Tearing out the lower end of the
park was a shock and a disgrace to
the City. Speed isn't worth that much,
and where are they going to?

Now they wish to tear down the
attractive buildings on Laurel St.

If they keep this up there wont be
anything worth while to even drive
thru on their way to Tia Juana.

Please consider San Diego and
the people of San Diego.

Sincerely

Kathleen C. Richards

November 18, 1960

Mayor Charles C. Dail
Members of the San Diego City Council

We the following implore you to keep the present
style of architect and retain all present land in
our world famous Balboa Park:

LES CARTLEDGE
ELEANOR CARTLEDGE
ALMENA CARTLEDGE
GEORGE CARTLEDGE
MINNIE L. DAVISON

912 Wallace Court
San Diego 13, California.

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City Council
Civic Center

Hon. Gentlemen:

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Tau Mu Adelprians at their meeting in House of Hospitality today voted to plead with you to retain the Spanish type architecture in all new structures and remodeled ones in Balboa Park.

We hope you may see your way clear to maintain the beauty which has given our Park world-wide admiration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Clinton Crawford,
President, A. McL, Sec.

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City Council
Civic Center
San Diego, California

Gentlemen:

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I am joining in with the many people, I am sure, who are writing in to you at this time in the interest in saving our buildings on the Balboa Park Mall.

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I cannot understand how one with love for their own city, or for their adopted city, could wish to destroy these buildings with their beautiful Spanish architecture, which I should judge would be difficult to duplicate today.

Please, Gentlemen, do not destroy them.

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Let us all, who enjoy our beautiful Park, have the continued pleasure of seeing what has helped to make our Park so beautiful.

Respectfully,

MRS. LILLIAN M. THOMPSON
1665 NINTH AVENUE
SAN DIEGO 1, CALIFORNIA

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4130 Hamilton Street
San Diego 4, California
November 16, 1960

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the San Diego City Council
Civic Center
San Diego, California

Gentlemen:

I would consider myself very remiss as a citizen of this beautiful city of San Diego if I did not join with the thousands of other fellow citizens who have the interest of San Diego in our hearts and enter my protest against the terrific devastation of our valuable asset --- Our Balboa Park and its outstanding buildings and planting.

Even our neighbors of San Francisco and Los Angeles realize that you are ruthlessly destroying the thing that has brought so many people to San Diego and has been a source of enjoyment all these years to residents and tourists alike.

Our park building are the most photographed building in the state of California and why you people have never done one thing to keep them in good repair and preserve them for posterity is more than many of us can understand. I am sure in your own homes you have to paint, repair plaster, reset windows, replace flooring and various other things to keep them in condition. You have never done one thing to keep and preserve these beautiful building but allowed them to fall into bad condition year by year while you keep howling that they were temporary building in the first place and should come down.

May I ask you JUST HOW MANY YEARS HAVE THEY STOOD THERE IN THEIR BEAUTY AND ARTISTIC DESIGN WITHOUT ONE CENT BEING SPENT TO RE-CONDITION THEM? Since 1915-1916. Is that TEMPORARY?

Since it has been my privilege to be a citizen of and work with and for all Civic projects for the betterment of San Diego I have had to join with my fellow citizens and fight to retain Balboa Park as is and the beautiful arcades and architectural construction in repair several times. I hope we have the opportunity of doing so again and not have the work of tearing down those assets to San Diego like we have had ~~had~~ be witness for the construction of the freeway. Those scars will remain in our memories many long years. KEEP THE BEST OF THE PARK AND BUILDINGS. REPAIR THEM AND MAKE USABLE. IT CAN BE DONE.

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Ms Bessie H. Cooper
Bessie H. Cooper
4130 Hamilton Street
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City Council,
Civic Center,
San Diego, Calif.

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Respectfully.

Mrs. Lillian M. Thompson,
1665 - 9th Ave.,
San Diego 1, Calif.

CITY COUNCIL REFERRAL ROUTE SLIP

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CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

DATE ROUTED (Item No. 1)
November 29, 1960 (11/25/60 Docket.
(Held 11/29/60.)

TO

City Council.

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SUBJECT Communication - Five communications protesting any architectural changes of building in Balboa Park.

COUNCIL COMMENT

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3768 El Cajon Blvd., (AT 1-1994)
San Diego 5, California
December 5, 1960

Attention: Mr. Harry Haelsig, Director
City Planning Department
Civic Center
San Diego, California

As a citizen who is interested in the work of the Planning Department, I am interested in the discussion scheduled for an open hearing Tuesday, December 13.

May I ask your kind permission to be on your agenda in order to ask some pertinent questions which may occur to me when I hear the expert testimony given by people who are well-qualified to speak on such matters?

If I were to ask permission to present testimony, I am afraid I might imply that I am well-informed enough to make some positive statements.

Therefore, since I am planning to attend this meeting in order to seek information, I hope that I will be given an opportunity to ask one or two questions which may throw some light on the subject.

It is rather distressing to hear all the criticisms in regard to the work going on in Balboa Park. Apparently people in general do not understand that this proposition was submitted to the voters, and that the voters had a chance to vote for what they wished to have done in this regard.

At least, this is my understanding of the matter.

May I say, in closing, that when inquiries are made of the City Planning Department about your work, that your personnel seems to be well-informed, and most gracious about answering questions.

People like myself who are working for a better and more beautiful San Diego try to work with those officials who are also working toward that same end.

Best wishes,

Edna Chavannes
(Mrs.) Edna Chavannes

P.S. Please, place this copy of my letter on file as a matter of record.
E.C.

5062 Mt. Casas Drive
San Diego 17, California
17 November 1960

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the San Diego City Council
Civic Center
San Diego, California

Gentlemen:

We are entering our two protests against the terrific and ruthless devastation of San Diego's most valuable asset, OUR BALBOA PARK, with its beautiful arcades, outstanding lovely landscaping and plantings, and its traditional architectural construction of its buildings. PRESERVE BALBOA PARK.

No where else in these United States can the thousands of tourists, along with every resident of the City of San Diego and southern California, spend so many enjoyable hours, photographing, and appreciating the unique atmosphere found within OUR BALBOA PARK. But---in any city throughout the country they can find parks cluttered with an uncoordinated conglomeration of individual modernistic buildings.

As newcomers to the City of San Diego (we moved here two years ago from the East coast) Balboa Park IS California. We spend every free afternoon we can spare, walking through various sections of the park. Discovering a new beauty, another rare and interesting spot, every time we visit the park; and it is the first place we take our out of town visitors.

The buildings in Balboa Park are referred to as temporary. However, we understand that they were erected during 1915 and 1916. Is that TEMPORARY? We purchased our home in San Diego only last year, and are constantly making repairs, painting, and restoring. We consider normal maintenance a necessity.

Restore, maintain, and preserve Balboa Park as an architectural tribute for posterity, as a primary tourist attraction, and foremost, for the enjoyment and pleasure of every San Diego resident.

Mr. & Mrs. Floyd L. Riddle

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Honorable Mayor and
Members of the San Diego City Council,
Civic Center,
San Diego, California.

Gentlemen:

I came to San Diego in Jan. 1901. I have seen this city grow, and I am proud of it. I have watched the building of our Park Buildings. I know that artisans from afar were brought here to make them a thing of beauty. We were proud of them then and would be so now had they been maintained as you and I maintain our own homes.

Thirty five thousand dollars have been wasted on outside expert advice from those having ^{no} personal interest in our home city then that of picking up their check.

Improvements can be made by expanding. As the city grows the present area is getting too congested. Landscape and build in the unimproved areas. See if you Johnny Come Lately's can Match that which was built by citizens of civic pride.

Yours sincerely,

Earl H. Spainhower
Earl H. Spainhower,
3974 Kansas St.,
San Diego 4,
Calif.

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Members of the San Diego City Council:

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Ives Cartledge
Eleanor Cartledge
Alma Cartledge
George Cartledge
Minnie T. Davison

1809, Sheridan Ave

San Diego 3 Calif

Nov. 17th .

City Council of San Diego

Gentlemen; May I express, our combined families of eight, wish that Balboa Park may be preserved for future generations with no more ground being taken for any use what-so-ever. It is distressing to see our one big asset in the city limits going by 'bits'.... people just do not realize what they do.... the state surely has taken much too much for its free way.... We hope the Spanish theme may be kept also in all future remodeling that may be done to the existing buildings. Thank ou for the hours You give to the running of the cities affairs.

With st wishes

Most sincerely yours

Mrs. Alice N. Bush -

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November 16th

Dear City Council:

We like Balboa Park
as it is. Please keep the
present style of architecture.

Marguerite J. Joyner
Lida A. Joyner

~~Theodore Joyner~~

4953 Hypatia Way
La Jolla, Calif.

Nov 16, 1960

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San Diego City Council

San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Just heard the reporter Regis
on Channel 10 about buildings in
our beautiful Balboa Park.

Don't think of changing the
architect of the buildings, as the
name Balboa is Spanish and we
should retain the Spanish influence.
If we ever have another Exposition,
it will be nice to have the same
buildings (only renovated) as they were
in 1915 Exposition. In ~~five~~ more
years San Diego should plan to
have another Exposition to celebrate
50 years ^{since} we had the 1915 Exposition.

2 ideas

Also ~~may~~ the Fiesta, ^{at night} could be
carried on once a year the
Park and buildings could be opened
with interesting exhibits in them
and sell Spanish food etc. Have
Spanish dances and everyone dress
in Spanish clothes that go. Close
to all traffic and let people
walk across bridge and only cars
can park at zoo parking lot. Buses
could bring people and let them
off at Park entrance on Park
Blvd. Maybe have it for a week
in August ^{only} at night or for 3 days & in day
time as well as at night. People could
walk in the streets like they did
during Exposition 1915. Have dancing
an orchestra in front of Fine Arts Gallery
Have colored fountain in Plaza and
beautiful music playing with colored
lights playing on buildings. In the

Ford Bowl there could be
a Fiesta show every night. The
money taken in could be used to
help put on the 1965 Exposition to
celebrate 50 years since 1915
Expo.

To sum up my letter —
Don't change architect of Balboa
Park buildings is what I am
trying to say.

Sincerely
Mrs. R. S. Jackson.
4854 Sussex Dr.
San Diego 16, Calif.

San Diego, Calif.,
December 7, 1960.

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To Mayor Dail, City Manager Bean and Members of the Council:

DEC 8 11 18 AM 1960
We, the undersigned, are protesting any changes in Balboa Park buildings in the area of the main Plaza and along El Prado. We prefer to have all the present buildings repaired, and if that is not possible, we want every one of the new ones to be rebuilt in exact duplicate, and that includes the arcades.

We also protest against any more freeways or highways going through our Park and any out of town committees being hired to plan what some of our local people could do better. Also we DO NOT want Park Blvd. changed. Any big projects should be put to the vote of the people.

Please have published the article we are said to have voted on in 1930, relating to roads through the Park.

Yours in strong protest to changing our Park.

Name	Address	Resident Since	Property Owner
Chester D. Mills	4368 Georgia St.	1915	yes.
Mrs. Chester D. Mills	4368 Georgia St.	1909	yes
Miss Bettie Frank	4370 Georgia St.	1909	yes
Frank J. De Temple	4361 Georgia St.	1935	yes
Mrs. F. J. De Temple	4361 Georgia St.	1935	yes
Charles H. Adams	4385 Georgia St.	1920	yes
Leah S. Adler	4385 Georgia St.	1920	yes.
Alhelha	4375 Georgia	1953	No
Mrs. J. J. Helber	4375 Georgia	1953	No
Aileen V. Wadleigh	4371 Georgia	1919	yes
Irene Robertson	4371 Georgia	1937	no
Verna Barbeau	1632 Union	1942	no
Flourie Smith	4351 Georgia	1951	yes
Fred H. Kinney	4343 Georgia	1942	yes
Elmer P. Kinney	4343 Georgia	1942	yes
J. M. Smith	4374 Georgia	1929	yes
J. E. Smith	4374 Georgia	1929	yes
Virgil Smith	4376 Georgia	1950	no.
Mrs. Virgil Smith	4376 Georgia	1950	no
Harold Smith	4378 Georgia	1937	no

Jeanne de B. Wenzel 4360 Georgia St 1936. no
 Mrs. H. L. Brankham 4354 Georgia 1956 no
 Harry L. Brankham 4354 Georgia 1956 no.
 Miss Helen Leibey 1902 El Ceyon Blvd 1900 yes

Mrs. Lillian M. Pherson 4335 Georgia St
 Mrs. Lawrence, G. Renois 3615 Park Blvd - 1932 - no!
 Anna L Longshore 4344 Georgia St 1955 no
 Effie M. Daigal 2816 Lincoln Ave 1940 yes

December 9 1960

To the Members of the City Council
San Diego,

Civic Center,

San Diego, California.

Gentlemen :-

I wish to add my protest, ~~to those~~ already voiced, and filed with you, in regard to the proposed change of the architectural design in the planning for new buildings in Balboa Park. The specific buildings which I protest against are those planned for the area on the Prado between the California Building and the existing Fine Arts Gallery. It is quite incomprehensible to me why any change in exterior design should even have been considered.

The present buildings in Balboa Park have won national and international recognition for their architectural beauty. As almost a life long resident of San Diego, I am afraid that I have taken it for granted that the protection of the present buildings, or at least their design, was assured. Now, I have experienced a rude awakening, in the realization that such an act of vandalism is about to be perpetrated. I feel that this should be stopped at all costs.

It is my fervent hope that some means maybe found to preserve, and to more

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firmly establish, the continued use of the present, and original architectural design, in any future buildings erected in Balboa Park.

Balboa Park belongs to all of the people of San Diego, and the validity of their wishes, as to the preservation and development of this park, should merit your most thoughtful and serious consideration as you are their elected representatives.

I am sending a letter in this same general vein to the City Planning Commission.

Thanking you for your consideration of this very important matter—

I remain, sincerely yours—

Ruth Ingersoll Bailey

4435 - Ampudia Street

(Mrs. Joshua L. Bailey Jr.) San Diego - 3 -