

February 12, 2015

Mr. John Lemmo, Chair &
City of San Diego Historical Resources Board Members
202 C Street, 4th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: 7007 Country Club Drive, La Jolla

Dear Chair Lemmo & Board Members:

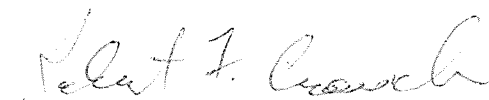
My name is Robert F. Crouch. I am the retired Senior Vice-President of The Copley Press, Inc. I worked for the company for over 40 years. I knew Jim, Jean, and Helen Copley personally and visited their home, located at 7007 Country Club Drive in La Jolla, many, many times.

I am writing this letter to inform you that I do not believe that the Copley property is, in any way, historically or architecturally significant.

Helen Copley conducted all of her newspaper and publishing activities at The Copley Press, Inc. corporate offices, located at 7776 Ivanhoe Avenue, La Jolla or the *San Diego Union-Tribune's* offices in Mission Valley, from the time she became Chief Executive Officer in 1973, until her retirement in 2001. This is also the case for Jim Copley prior to his death in 1973. It is these buildings that best illustrates and commemorates their achievements in the newspaper and publishing industry.

None of the Copley business conducted by Jim or Helen occurred at their residence. The residence was their home away from work, where they socialized with friends and family over the years.

Further, I do not believe that the Copley property can be considered architecturally important as a good example of "French Eclectic" architecture. The architecture of the home was inspired by many trips to France, and, while certainly pleasing, the home has been modified and changed over the years in keeping with their personal taste and those of David C. Copley, their son. I am sure that the Copley's, were they alive today, would agree that the home is not architecturally significant to warrant historic designation.



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Historical Resources Board (HRB) Members
202 C Street, 4th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: 7007 Country Club Drive, La Jolla

Dear Chairman Lemmo & HRB Members:

By way of introduction, my name is Shari Griffin. I had the pleasure to serve as Mrs. Helen Copley's secretary for many years. In this capacity, I handled her business affairs.

I can tell you that Mrs. Copley conducted business for the Copley Press, Inc. at the Press corporate office on Ivanhoe Avenue in La Jolla or at the *San Diego Union-Tribune's* offices in Mission Valley, and not at the family residence. Moreover, the residence was used by the Copleys and their friends as the location for private family functions, including dinners and birthday parties. From time to time, the Board of Directors or the Senior Management Board Members (comprised primarily of its newspaper publishers and corporate officers) of The Copley Press, Inc. would be hosted for dinner when they were in town, following board meetings held at the company's offices or other offsite locations.

Sincerely,

