

Submitted Time	Name:	Meeting Date:	Comment Type	Agenda Item	Comments:
4/20/2021 10:24	John William Stump	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	100	<p>Item 100:</p> <p>FY 2021 Amendment to the Airports Fund Budget.</p> <p>Please pull for discussion and public comment.</p> <p>I have a continuing concern about the sale of leaded aviation fuel at City Airports. The sale of these fuels deposits lead on to the communities under the approach and departure zones of these airports. Council must adopt a very short phase out of all sales of leaded fuels. The harm to the many outweighs the pleasures of the few</p>
4/16/2021 11:23	Kimia Hadidi	4/20/2021	Closed Session Comment	330	<p>It is disgraceful that in the midst of recovering from a pandemic where racial inequities and police brutality erupted as a topic of national conversation that Mayor Gloria is proposing a defunding libraries by cutting hours 23% to help give police a \$19M increase. I did not vote for a mayor to ignore the real injustices that SDPD also promotes. Libraries are centers of community, and when we are trying to rebuild that, why would you try to limit their accessibility? As a born and raised San Diego native, libraries meant a place to stay after school while I waited for my parents. They meant comfort, safety, and knowledge without barriers. I implore you all to not only keep funding for our libraries, but increase their funding and defund from the police budget. As someone who had called the police hotline in crisis to be met with "we don't deal with this after hours" and poor, unhelpful behavior, what would the police do with this money that would benefit our community more than keeping libraries open to all? Do not allow for this to pass. I know many in our community agree with me. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
4/16/2021 13:31	Alejandra Lucero-Canaán	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>There is no good reason to cut library budgets. We've seen the impact of their closures during COVID-19 and the integral role they play in the wellness of our communities. Libraries are places to meet others, seek knowledge, discover new things and connect with others and with the City, areas of refuge. Without sufficient hours and real-life programming, the library's effectiveness is diminished. Instead of giving the police as much \$, there should be more and more money allocated towards services that actually benefit the community. The City needs to make it clear that it's working for us. What brings us true benefit? Libraries do.</p>
4/16/2021 14:52	Jami Hamilton	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I vehemently oppose defunding the library system or any system for that matter in order to further fund our police department. I oppose the \$19MM budget increase for the police. We need to be defunding them NOT increasing their funding. Stop this nonsense and start investing in communities instead of policing. Todd, I voted for you and this is a major disappointment.</p>
4/16/2021 15:44	Chelsea	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>It is unacceptable that you are cutting library hours to give yet another pay raise to San Diego Police. Libraries are an actually useful resource for members of our community, unlike the overpaid brutes we have been begging you to defund. Invest in the people of our community instead of policing them to death, Todd Gloria!</p>
4/16/2021 17:38	Georgina Colado	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>There is no state funding so why would you further cripple libraries? Libraries offer sanctuary over summer vacations, other school breaks, evenings, weekends, during the heat of summer or cold of winter. The library creates opportunities, let's you experience new ideas, and lasting memories. Libraries are a lifeline to the world and all the information in it. They provide a social safety net for those unable to afford a computer by allowing access to the internet to keep in touch with others, play online, or apply for jobs (which creates future taxpayers for free). Libraries are important cornerstones of healthy communities! They host free activities for families to attend, they provide a place for gathering without purchasing anything, homework help for students, movie nights, reading contests with prizes to engage readers of different levels, and other events that allow community members to interact as a community enriching each other's lives without paying! Libraries struggle to keep up with the many changes in technology, rising cost in books plus other materials, staff shortages, and budget cuts!!! Residents of this beautiful city, tourists, and those just here for a bit meet people they wouldn't connect with otherwise at a library. Please make the well deserved commitment to the library, to the library staff, to the communities, to our library services, and to the people because access to literature is only one of many contributions that a library gracefully extends to all. Weingart Library and their librarians have played an active role in the literacy journey of my younger siblings, my daughter, and friends. It's a learning space, it's a calm space, and it is a wonderful thing when you can read all manner of writing in different languages just a few blocks from the your home. Ensure our libraries are able to stay open providing their free bounty to all because it makes a difference. Every single library. We're it up to me I would build more libraries because they are invaluable. In the same manner I will always prefer a physical book to reading on ANY device, libraries will always be needed. Libraries ask nothing of us but to show up so please help them augment their budgets to evoke. Please show up and defend the budgets or add for all our libraries, all future libraries, and all our communities. San Diego's beauty deserves to be reflected everywhere. From it's beaches, to its people, to It's library shelves. Assist Libraries In Evolving, It Is Time</p>
4/16/2021 17:58	JV	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>As a San Diego resident I am APPALLED that the Mayor would cut library funding to increase the police budget. This is not putting the people first. I strongly urge you to vote against this budget proposal.</p>

4/17/2021 9:03	Laura B.	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>As a library employee for a school district, I cannot properly express my ire at reading the proposed cut to city library hours and the staggering increase in funding to police.</p> <p>The sheer audacity of a public figure - who proposes to be progressive - who would willingly limit the public's access to information and community resources, just to funnel more money into lining the pockets of the police, cannot be overstated.</p> <p>This is a gross proposal and cannot be allowed to move forward. There is patently no good that can come from limiting any library resource. Libraries are beacons of knowledge, community-building, and shared learning. Please protect them so everyone can benefit.</p>
4/17/2021 13:25	Morgan Balentine	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I learned of Mayor Gloria's intentions to cut library hours by 23%, and funnel the money that would be "saved", into the SDPD. This is a ridiculous notion and should not even be considered. The SDPD is already OVERFUNDED, and does little to nothing for the community.</p> <p>The libraries are an important part of our communities, and benefit all citizens. They are an asset to every single resident of San Diego, and should be treated like it. No cuts to the libraries, especially not to be funneled to the SDPD, who already has more money than they need.</p> <p>Mayor Gloria claims to be progressive, but this tactic is one straight out of a staunch conservative playbook. Only a dullard would think it a good idea to cut library hours which will directly effect the community, and their access to information and educational materials, and funnel it into an over-budgeted and under performing sector such as the SDPD.</p> <p>Do not approve this ridiculous plan, and not only do not approve it, speak out against it.</p> <p>Mayor Gloria is, as usual, out of touch with what the citizens of San Diego want and need. We want and need access to our libraries, we do not want any more money allocated to the already bloated SDPD budget.</p>
4/18/2021 9:17	Mary Anne Smart	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>It would be a mistake to slash library funding while yet again increasing the police budget. Public libraries are invaluable resources for students, families, unsheltered people, and many others. Instead of increasing the already massive police budget, we should fight to keep libraries open.</p>
4/18/2021 16:01	Connor Gressitt	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Todd Gloria has proposed to cut our library budgets to help increased the police budget. This is the most egregious denial of the will of the people that I have seen from liberal politicians in San Diego in some time.</p> <p>The people are begging for funds to be put towards education, learning opportunities, and community resources, all of which the library serves. We have been demanding decreases to the police budget. This is the opposite of what we want. It is a sickening proposal that would limit access to genuine resources people need to seek healthcare, employment, state assistance, basic things that we need. Please, for the love of God, consider that the police do not need more of our tax dollars. We do not need more armed agents policing and penalizing people just trying to get by. We need increased access to community resources. And for many of us the library is the only way we can access the internet, literature, music, movies, so many of the things that improve our quality of life. Todd Gloria, I'm sure the police are pressuring you to take money from whatever part of the community you can to fund them, but please do your job, represent the people, your constituents who need help most. The San Diego police department and the sheriffs already have the lions share of our tax dollars. Give someone else a shot.</p>
4/19/2021 10:37	Adriana Mulla-Carrillo	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>I am a resident of District 3 and I am against the budget proposal that increases the San Diego Police budget while cutting the library budget. We need to be funding communities, not policing them. The library provides a community space and access to resources for all community members. This is the San Diego that I want to see.</p>
4/19/2021 19:32	Giselle Ordaz	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>The proposed budget doesn't make sense. If you have made it your mission to help the homeless why would you cut the library's operating hours by 23% and take away 7 million in funding? Libraries are safe places for the homeless and all community members. Libraries are the only place you can go indoors to spend hours at a time and not have to pay for anything. Things are starting to reopen again and taking from their budget as part of a plan to provide online library services instead is harmful. People need to have community space and face to face interaction with physical materials. I work at a city library where we are the highest rated department by the citizens of our city. Taking away wonderful social services that educate and enrich people's lives in order to provide to an overinflated police budget is disgusting. Pouring more money into that corrupt and broken system will not make our lives better, but putting money into social services, healthcare, and infrastructure will. An oversight committee is not going to solve the police problem. You should really be giving the library \$7million and decreasing the police budget entirely. This budget is violent and harmful to the most vulnerable in our community. This budget lacks intelligence and heart.</p>
4/19/2021 20:52	Tony Guntermann	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>As a new homeowner in Kensington I would like to register my disagreement with the Mayor's proposed budget. I do not want the SDPD budget to increase and would like to see it decrease. I also disagree with cutting the library budget. I do not agree that over a third of the cities budget should be spent on the San Diego Police Department.</p>

4/20/2021 10:37	Kris Marvel	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	330	<p>Budgeting shows an organization's priorities. We invest in what we want to grow. For too long, San Diego politicians have favored special interests and their donors over the people of San Diego's needs. The Mayor's proposed budget will negatively impact neighborhoods with lower SES and benefit neighborhoods with higher SES. Most LEO officers do not live in communities they patrol and with their six figure salaries, they live in high SES areas of San Diego. This budget offers to reward high SES communities with even more resources that are being taken from lower SES neighbors I.e. libraries. Given SDPD's poor performance of biased policing and failure to change, prioritizing this failing city department is not justified.</p> <p>I encourage the Council to imagine a community where we invest in the potential of our people and build a budget that supports that vision. Please do not give SDPD more of our money for failing to perform their job at basic levels. Our communities are being terrorized with pretext stops, consent searches, &amp; LEO violence. Copwatchers have documented SDPD's flagrant violations of basic laws such as curbing, no plates on PD vehicles, etc. Council must take these issues seriously and help build our communities that have been overpoliced for far too long.</p> <p>Your budget shows your priorities; please prioritize the people.</p>
4/20/2021 11:24	Morgan	4/20/2021	PFFA Comment	330	<p>Pulling money from Public Libraries and redistributing it to the police is a ludicrous decision. For many people our libraries are the only place that internet and information are freely distributed. Meanwhile our police force is kitted up like they're preparing for war, skulking around the most impoverished communities and ignoring the wealthy communities. In case you have forgotten, we have been screaming for the last year that we want the city to invest in our communities and divest from the police. I call on the City of San Diego to redistribute police funds into our human infrastructure. We need our libraries, schools, health and human services, and community sports and art programs to flourish if we want our city to flourish. Begin defunding the police.</p>
4/15/2021 10:08	Zoraida J Payne	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Residence on 540 Thorn street.</p> <p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>Please, PRESERVE the Character of our city.</p>
4/15/2021 10:15	Eric Bernhard	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>I strongly support the Historic Designation of the special home at 540 Thorn Street. This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This is one of the most special neighborhoods in San Diego and we've already lost too many historic homes that create an irreplaceable historic zone for tourism, home values and make San Diego special. Do not lose this one!</p>
4/15/2021 10:54	Kristin Harms, President, University Heights Historical Society	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Please do the right thing and deny the appeal and uphold the Historical Resources Board's (HRB) September 24, 2020, historical resource designation of the Frederick Thomas House located at 540 Thorn Street. This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style and and a rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p>
4/15/2021 12:08	Maria Romano de Leon	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>It is unconscionable that someone could be allowed to further eradicate the history of a beloved neighborhood in San Diego- Banker's Hill. So much has already been lost that the neighborhood is in great danger of totally losing its identity and becoming "anywhere," which so often happens when no attention is paid to community input and placemaking in our cities. Why do we want to further homogenize the beautiful and unique built environment of San Diego? Aside from that, the building is obviously historically significant; please see past the blatant attempts by a developer, whose main goal is to make money, often at the expense of San Diegans who care about their surroundings. There are plenty of redevelopment opportunities in the area that do not involve the demolition of yet another precious historic resource. One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture.</p>
4/15/2021 12:09	Anthony Romano	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p>

4/15/2021 12:27	Louise Rehling	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	Please allow the iconic building at 540 Thorn to remain designated under Criterion C. There are not grounds for revoking the designation and there are many reasons to retain it. Most importantly, this is an unusual example of a private home successfully designed in a mix of architectural styles used for showpiece homes of the period. It also is one of the few remaining homes near its Bankers Hill/west side of Balboa Park location that exemplifies the scale and stature once typical of homes in this neighborhood. The house at 540 Thorn is unique and significant, so it merits continued preservation. Thank you for considering this urgent request not to allow this irreplaceable example of architectural history to be lost to our community.
4/15/2021 14:25	Margaret B McCann	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture. This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture. This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park. One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture
4/15/2021 14:31	Carol Emerick	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	Please uphold the historic designation granted by city staff and the Historic Resources Board. The issue was studied and debated. The decision was made. "Old places foster community." From WHY OLD PLACES MATTER - How Historic Places Affect Our Identity and Well-Being As Uptown densifies, a sense of community is being ignored by the corporations who swoop in to simply build bigger. A sense of community is being lost to the detriment of the families who continue to live here. Thank you for upholding the decision to designate 540 Thorn Street (HRB #1381) as historic.
4/15/2021 15:46	Ginger Weatherford, MPS, Architectural Historian	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	Please uphold the designation of HRB No. 1381, The Frederick Thomas House, 540 Thorn Street. This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture. This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture. This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park. One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture.
4/15/2021 17:54	Loretta McNeely	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	I am asking you to deny the appeal and to uphold the historical designation of 540 Thorn Street.  So much of our history of this area has already been lost. I regularly walked to work on this street in 1970 and there are serious and heavy losses since that time - it was a stretch of truly amazing example of architecture then. •This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture. •This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture. •This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park. •One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture. Thank you for protecting our heritage.
4/15/2021 20:29	Kathleen Israel	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture
4/15/2021 21:26	Ione Stiegler	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.

4/15/2021 22:18	Christopher Talbott	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Please deny the appeal of 540 thorn sr. This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
4/16/2021 9:31	Laurie Switzer	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Please uphold historic designation for the Thorn St property. It must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture. The historic architecture of San Diego should be PRESERVED. These treasures were built with artistry and integrity and give our community GREAT VALUE and APPEAL. Please fight to keep this HISTORIC LANDMARK.</p> <p>thank you.</p> <p>This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture</p>
4/16/2021 20:06	Janet O'Dea	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Dear Council members, City staff and the Historic Resources Board, qualified in determining the criteria for landmarking, after more than one review and analysis, landmarked the property at 540 Thorn Street.</p> <p>After all, this significant house on Sixth Avenue is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture. Its plan on Sixth Avenue across from Balboa Park reveals the history of our region in a profound way, that is less and less evident as many of the original homes along Sixth Avenue have been destroyed. The appeal must meet a high bar and that bar can't be met because of a general disagreement. Do not overturn designations for reasons that do not consider the rigor applied to the process that was applied during the review by your staff and the HRB. That will continue to bring more frivolous appeals to your doorstep instead of the allowing the rigors applied by the Historic Resources board to make these evaluations as the process is intended.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your care in your deliberations.</p>
4/17/2021 10:58	Krista Ames-Cook	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>This home is one of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. We must preserve these architectural treasures - they are part of our past and should remain here in this finest city for today and the future. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture. Thank you for your consideration.</p>

4/17/2021 12:59	Allen Hazard	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Please deny the appeal and uphold the Historical Resources Board's (HRB) September 24, 2020, historical resource designation of the Frederick Thomas House located at 540 Thorn Street, which will be heard by the City Council on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.</p> <p>The historic report is flawed and incorrect as it states the 1909 Tudor/Richardsonian Romanesque design has changed too much for it to be "historic" - indeed the changes have been mostly cosmetic and can easily be reversed, the house can easily be restored - however if it is demolished, it is gone forever.</p> <p>Nearly 99% of Sixth Avenue homes along Balboa Park have been demolished through the years, including several Irving Gill (San Diego's greatest architect), Louis Gill, the Julia Grant/Presidential Library and even San Diego's ONLY Greene and Greene homes (the Greene brothers are among American's top four architects of all time, Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Sullivan and Henry Hobson Richardson) - this is a rare example Richardsonian Romanesque designs in San Diego. I attended a zoom class lecture on April 17, 2021 on Romanesque architecture, I already knew but it was good to hear how HH Richardson brought the revival of Romanesque architecture back during the late 19th century. His designs, including the world-famous Trinity Church in Boston, the Gleason House in Chicago and others bring architectural fans to those sites. Having a very rare example of Richardsonian Romanesque in San Diego should be something that we treasure, especially along the historic stretch of Balboa Park of Sixth Avenue.</p> <p>Please support your own Historic Resources Board (staff architectural experts) and not the developer's biased historic report writers who only write to support demolition.</p> <p>HRB staff states that the additions and modifications do NOT detract from the original scale, feeling and appearance of the house and is an excellent example of Tudor Revival/Craftsman influenced architecture.</p> <p>Please uphold its designation under Criteria C, architecture. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>The appeal argument does not meet the City's three requirements: factual errors in materials, factual errors in information presented to the board, or new information.</p> <p><u>This home is rare. Its character-defining features remain, including the asymmetrical facade with its rectangular windows, round arches</u></p>
4/18/2021 6:36	Jessica McGee	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>I support the historic designation of 540 Thorn Street.</p>
4/18/2021 8:03	Dan Delgado	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture</p>
4/18/2021 15:17	Helen Rowe Allen	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>540 Thorn Street IN SUPPORT OF HISTORICAL DESIGNATION</p> <p>This unusual, exceptional Tudor Revival with its Arts &amp; Crafts era and Richardson Romanesque flourishes deserves to be seen, enjoyed and protected. Please vote to retain its historical designation.</p>

4/18/2021 15:20	David Swarens	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Hon. members of San Diego City Council.</p> <p>I am writing to encourage you to support the historical designation of 540 Thorn Street. to deny the appeal before you today, and to uphold the historical designation of this site.</p> <p>This designation appropriately recognizes the architectural significance of 540 Thorn, under criteria "C". You will hear specifics during today's meeting, but the principal is that a "super majority" of the Historic Resources Board, the City's designated expert body, found this to be so following an informed and deliberative public process, and acknowledged this significance by granting the status of Historic Designation to this property.</p> <p>The appeal does not appear to be filed legitimately under any of the three grounds for appeal of historic designations contained in the municipal code.</p> <p>And</p> <p>Supporting frivolous appeals, such as this, will only encourage others to file similar frivolous appeals, wasting the valuable docket space and time of the City Council, in an effort to override the intent of the City policies and ordinances.</p> <p>Thank you for accepting and considering my input on this important issue.</p> <p>Yours, David Swarens. South Park/Golden Hill.</p>
4/18/2021 17:34	Nancy Moors	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>On Tuesday, April 20, the San Diego City Council will consider the appeal of the historical designation of 540 Thorn Street (at the corner of Sixth Avenue), an outstanding example of a Tudor Revival style house with both Richardsonian Romanesque and Arts and Crafts era influences.</p> <p>Too many architectural gems have already been lost on Sixth Avenue facing Balboa Park, including Irving Gill's masterpiece, the Melville Klauber House, and the Julia Dent Grant House/US Grant Presidential Library. We can't afford to lose another one!</p> <p>I ask that you deny this appeal.</p> <p>Nancy Moors Bankers Hill Resident and Business Owner 3065 Third Avenue Apt. 3 San Diego, CA 92103</p>
4/18/2021 18:05	Ann Garwood	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>As you consider the appeal of the historical designation of 540 Thorn Street (at the corner of Sixth Avenue), please keep in mind that this is an outstanding example of a Tudor Revival style house with both Richardsonian Romanesque and Arts &amp; Crafts era influences.</p> <p>Too many architectural gems have already been lost along Sixth Avenue facing Balboa Park, including Irving Gill's masterpiece, the Melville Klauber House, and the Julia Dent Grant House/US Grant Presidential Library. We can't afford to lose another one!</p> <p>I ask that you please deny this appeal.</p> <p>Thank you! Ann Garwood</p>
4/18/2021 18:14	Susan Sharin	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>The 540 Thorn building is a San Diego classic that warranted historic preservation, and thankfully received it long ago. The very POINT of historic designation is to KEEP these iconic, meaningful properties for posterity. Now a developer wants to mow this down to make more money? Seems wrong for the City to override the selective, thorough process of the HRB, which bestowed the designation. The public was promised this elegant specimen for all to enjoy. Please don't take it away! Money is temporary, but beauty is worth preserving.</p>
4/18/2021 18:24	LAURENCE CLAUS	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>This beautiful historic building belongs alongside its two historically designated neighbors on sixth avenue. Together they distinctively form a parkside block that connects San Diego citizens and other park users with our city's history. The other two historic buildings in the row will not be able to contribute to the block's aesthetic meaningfully if they are buried between two towering developments. Why would we destroy one of our few remaining Tudor Revival historic houses, when there are numerous other developable lots in the vicinity?</p> <p>Thank you for your leadership and thoughtful consideration,</p> <p>Laurence Claus</p>

4/18/2021 18:54	Bobbie Xuereb	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture</p>
4/18/2021 19:06	John Ellis	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>As you consider the appeal of the historical designation of 540 Thorn Street, please determine and record if there were any significant factual errors in materials, or factual errors in information presented to the board, or new information has been presented to override the historical designation.</p> <p>540 Thorn Street is one of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once faced Balboa Park, which if demolished, will never be replaced. This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. Therefore, I urge you to ensure that 540 Thorn Street remains designated under Criterion C for architecture and deny the appeal of its historical designation.</p>
4/18/2021 19:48	Trudy Brass-Welch	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture</p>
4/18/2021 20:02	Michael Welch	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Please save the historic appearance of our neighborhood. We live close to this house, and have enjoyed its presence for the last 16 years that we have lived nearby. There have been plenty of modern improvements in our area already, and I'm sure more to come, but, we must not get rid of the historic feel surrounding Balboa Park in the process. There needs to be a balance. Removing this house does not accomplish this.</p>
4/18/2021 20:05	Henry J Lynch	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Please do NOT reverse the historical designation of this building</p> <p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C.</p> <p>Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture</p>
4/18/2021 22:16	Daniel Soderberg	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Deny the appeal of the historical designation of 540 Thorn Street. This home was part of my presentation to a Bankers Hill community group a number of years ago discussing the severe losses of historic resources along the Sixth Avenue corridor. We simply must not allow further destruction of the remaining historic resources on Sixth Avenue. It is unconscionable to allow this historic resource to be erased from the registry of historic sites. Developers have ample opportunity to find other lots in San Diego without historic resources on site. Leave this one alone!</p>
4/19/2021 7:52	Rudolph Sada	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>I would like to keep the San Diego city historic character please preserve of Balboa Park 1915 Expo at 540 Thorn Street. This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p>



4/19/2021 9:13	Sandy Zelasko	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture</p>
4/19/2021 9:29	Stephanie Pfaff	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Please maintain the historical designation of 540 Thorn St. This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture. Sixth Avenue has already lost the Irving Gill masterpiece the Melville Klauber House and the Julia Dent Grant House/US Grant Presidential Library to demolition. Please do not allow San Diego to lose another architectural gem.</p>
4/19/2021 9:36	Craig Thrasher	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Re: Request to support the historical designation of 540 Thorn Street - Deny the appeal and uphold the historical designation of this property - Save San Diego's history</p> <p>The structure located at 540 Thorn is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This important and historic structure is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival-style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain the designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
4/19/2021 9:46	George Rivera	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Must save the building - great architectural significance. Create a facade easement and other practices to save the structure. Save the building, keep criteria C as a valid historic building.</p>

4/19/2021 10:03	Bonnie Rush	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C.</p> <p>This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>Helps maintain a residential look of historic value in a significant neighborhood of Bankers Hill which has been overtaken by developers. One of only 2 known buildings in San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture</p>
4/19/2021 11:12	Gregory May	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>It's offensive to have a property that has ALREADY been through the historic process, to be threatened AGAIN! It's been designated for a reason. It qualifies for one or more of the usual criteria! It's on record. NOTHING has changed since it's designation. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING, and don't let us loose yet another awesome house along 6th Ave! We've lost too many already along 6th. This is as important as any buildings in Balboa Park. What's neat is the two houses to the north of this house have been lovingly restored... this is a nice set, a nice block to preserve. I ride by this place every day, and always admire it...</p> <p>This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>It's one of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture</p>
4/19/2021 11:19	Laurina Young	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Keep 540 Thorn Street. Do not permit it to be demolished.</p>
4/19/2021 11:44	Save Our Heritage Organisation	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>SOHO has a presentation to share with the Council and three speakers: Amie Hayes, Susan Brandt-Hawley, and Bruce Coons. A fourth person will cede their time to this presentation, Marlena Krcelich.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

4/19/2021 11:56	Leslie Kuhn	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Dear San Diego City Councilmembers,</p> <p>Please support the historical designation of 540 Thorn Street by denying the appeal and upholding this beautiful building's historical designation. The appeal argument does not meet the City's three requirements: factual errors in materials, factual errors in information presented to the board, or new information. 540 Thorn must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>As one of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration and support of San Diego's architectural splendor!</p> <p>Sincerely, Leslie Kuhn</p>
4/19/2021 11:58	Glenn Kline-Casey	4/20/2021	Closed Session Comment	331	The Historic Tudor Revival designed house at Thorn and Sixth Avenue has graced our neighborhood and needs to remain intact in its present location
4/19/2021 12:01	Tim Rice	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	I WOULD RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO DELAY THE DECISION TO REMOVE THE HISTORICAL DESIGNATION FROM 540 THORN AVENUE. THIS BUILDING IS A JEWEL, AESTHETICALLY AND HISTORICALLY. TAKING THE SHINE OFF THAT JEWELL WOULD BE A BLOW TO THE QUALITY OF THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD. FURTHERMORE, OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS NOW SUFFERING FROM EXTENSIVE BUILDING PROJECTS THAT, IN MY VIEW, HAVE NOT BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ADEQUATE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONVERSATION. RESIDENTS OF HILLCREST AND BANKERS HILL ARE FRUSTRATED AND RESENTFUL. A DELAY ON THE COUNCIL'S PART WOULD ALLOW THE BUILDING OF COMMUNITY TRUST, A VALUABLE POLITICAL COMMODITY, I WOULD THINK. PLEASE VOTE TO DELAY THIS VOTE UNTIL THERE IS TIME FOR MORE THOUGHTFUL COMMUNITY INPUT.
4/19/2021 12:24	Bonnie Rush	4/20/2021	Closed Session Comment	331	This is a beautiful and historic home and there are few left in the neighborhood to remind us of the grandeur of our historic neighborhood. Please keep this building intact. Keep something historic in our area PLEASE!!!
4/19/2021 12:37	Ronald Getchey	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This is an exemplary and rare example of a Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Due to this rare and significant stylistic combination, the high-style execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and prominent corner and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p> <p>One of the last remaining significant architectural residences that once fronted onto Balboa Park, 540 Thorn Street is an iconic anchor to the Sixth and Thorn corner. The combination of these styles during this time period is notable and one of only two within San Diego, which further heightens the level of significance for this resource under Criterion C. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture</p>
4/19/2021 12:47	Barry E. Hager	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Dear Council Members,</p> <p>As a longtime resident of Uptown, I urge you to deny the appeal of the historical designation of the Frederick Thomas House. This rare and wonderful Tudor Revival house is a irreplaceable asset for the Bankers Hill/Parkwest community and should not be lost. It is one of a remaining handful of grand homes that once graced the western edge of Balboa Park. As we redevelop large areas of Uptown, it is important to retain historical resources such as this house in order to convey the rich layers of history of this neighborhood. Please vote to uphold the designation of the Frederick Thomas House.</p> <p>Sincerely, Barry Hager</p>

4/19/2021 13:04	David W. Goldberg	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Dear City of San Diego Councilmembers:</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the preservation of 540 Thorn Street and ask that you deny the appeal and uphold the historical designation.</p> <p>This house is a rare and exemplary example of the Tudor Revival style with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences, and merits designation and protection under Criterion C for architecture. Furthermore, this is one of the last remaining significant architectural residences from the early twentieth century that once fronted onto Balboa Park.</p> <p>I'm also concerned that the appeal does not appear to be filed legitimately under any of the three criteria for appeal of historic designation contained in the municipal code. Overturning the designation -- in an effort to override the intent of the City policies and ordinances -- will only encourage future frivolous appeals which, frankly, are not a good use of the valuable time of the City Council.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p>
4/19/2021 14:22	Steven Boggs	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>This house represents a rare opportunity to preserve the historical connection of the Bankers Hill residential architecture with the role that Balboa Park played in the development of this neighborhood and this city. Please preserve this gem in our neighborhood!</p>
4/19/2021 14:58	David Marshall, AIA	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Dear Council Members:</p> <p>I write this as a San Diego architect who specializes in historic preservation. Please vote NO on overturning the historic designation of 540 Thorn Street. This is an important, beautifully designed house in the rare Tudor Revival style with Richardsonian Romanesque features. It sits at a prominent corner facing Balboa Park and was even featured in a circa 1915 postcard promoting San Diego as an ideal place to live.</p> <p>There is no justification for the Council to overrule the Historical Resources Board who correctly deemed this house a historic landmark. Please maintain the designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture.</p> <p>Thank you. David Marshall, AIA</p>
4/19/2021 15:02	Anthony Toia	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>I oppose removing the historic designation on the residence at 6th and Thorn.</p>
4/19/2021 15:52	Eric Henderson	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>I respectfully request that you to vote against the decision to remove the historical designation from 540 Thorn Avenue.</p> <p>This area is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.</p>
4/19/2021 16:30	Laurel Schwartz	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>I support keeping the historic designation of the Tudor house at 540 Thorn St. This is an important and uncommon Tudor Revival style house with Richardsonian Romanesque, Tudor Revival, and Arts and Crafts era influences. Because of this seldom seen and notable combination of styles, the execution of the Richardsonian Romanesque influence, and its distinguished corner position and anchor location—across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition—I urge you to keep 540 Thorn Street's historic designation under Criterion C for architecture.</p>
4/19/2021 17:58	Sylvia Wister	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Please preserve 540 Thorn Street!!</p>
4/19/2021 18:00	Sylvia Wister	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>Please preserve 540 Thorn Street!!</p>
4/19/2021 18:42	Kimberly Fahlen	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>With respect, I appeal to San Diego City Council. Oh, please, do our city the great favor of saving 540 Thorn Street! I live in Tierrasanta where the houses lack any architectural originality or a form worth giving thought to 100 years from now. So many houses of the era of 540 Thorn Street are gone, it's just criminal to the early beauty and style that helped bring people to San Diego and become the wonderful city it is. 540 Thorn Street MUST BE SAVED! Thank you.</p>
4/19/2021 19:44	Margo Hebald	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	<p>The historically designated house at 540 Thorn and 6th Avenue is a part of a historically important, continuous, three block long street "facade" without a defining line between Park West/aka Banker's Hill, and Hillcrest.</p> <p>These three blocks convey the history, architecture and scale of San Diego, that still dominate the North-West neighborhood of Balboa Park.</p> <p>Please maintain the historic designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture, and the character of our neighborhood.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to comment on this issue. Sincerely, Margo Hebald, AIA</p>

4/19/2021 20:15	Louise Russell	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	I am a District 3 Resident.  This is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture.
4/20/2021 8:14	Brian O'Cooney	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	This rare house represents the history and architecture that lined the western edge of Balboa Park, do not erase this. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park. Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture.
4/20/2021 8:21	Robert Bowen	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	I support the historical designation of 540 Thorn Street. This beautiful home is one of only two known buildings within San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style. Its prominent corner location across from and related to the Balboa Park 1915 Exposition, 540 Thorn Street must remain designated under Criterion C for architecture. This block is one of few to remain in Bankers Hill that still conveys the history and architecture that once dominated the western edge of Balboa Park. The loss of this house would be substantial to San Diego, and to the architectural heritage of Sixth Avenue and the western edge of the park.  Please maintain designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture. Please save San Diego's architectural heritage!  Thank you.
4/20/2021 8:25	Lisa Sinclair	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	Dear Mayor Gloria and San Diego City Council Members,  I'm writing to urge you to leave the historic designation of 540 Thorn Street in place.  This home is an important San Diego landmark, encompassing architectural influences from the Tudor Revival and Arts-and-Crafts movements. The home's history, including its location, is significant to San Diego's history. Prominent local historians, including the well-respected SOHO, have identified numerous, historic contributions of this property and identified it as one of our city's historic resources worth saving.  The appeal argument does not meet the City's requirements for an appeal, therefore, this historic home must retain its designation. The fact that it's one of only two known buildings in San Diego to represent the Richardsonian Romanesque style is significant.  Banker's Hill has already lost too many landmark homes that once enveloped historic Balboa Park. I urge you to protect the designation of this important asset, especially as we continue to lose many of San Diego's significant historic resources to a tsunami of high-density cubes that lack the detail, character, charm, and architectural significance such as that of 540 Thorn Street.  Please maintain historic designation for 540 Thorn Street under Criterion C for architecture.  Sincerely, Lisa Sinclair Kensington
4/20/2021 9:53	Christine B Cunning	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	Please uphold Historic Designation for 540 Thorn Street. San Diego's historic buildings need to be preserved, very important.
4/20/2021 12:38	Alex Sachs	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	Dear Councilmembers:  I'm writing to urge you to uphold the historic designation of 540 Thorn Street (Item 331). This an historic resource, recognized at the time of its construction. It and adjoining properties are an intact original streetscape adjoining Balboa Park! Thanks!  <a href="http://sohosandiego.org/enews/1120romanesque.htm">http://sohosandiego.org/enews/1120romanesque.htm</a>
4/20/2021 15:10	Eric Daly	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	331	I would like to see the historical designation of 540 Thorn Street maintained. It has long been a welcome point of distinction in our neighborhood.
4/20/2021 6:41	Terrie Best	4/20/2021	City Council Comment	502	I live in District 3, shop in district 4. Thank you very much for applying for this grant. I feel very strongly that social equity in cannabis is good policy and I look forward to what the social equity assessment will tell us. Black and brown communities have been over policed and much of it is due to draconian laws around searching, finding cannabis, and putting Black and brown people into the criminal justice system. Let's unwind these harmful policies, take steps to heal and repair the communities most harmed.
4/19/2021 13:51	Jennifer Steffey	4/20/2021	Non-Agenda Comment		Public pools have been my only means of exercise and I have been very frustrated with the lack of availability of pools in my area. Currently there are only 4 pools open out of a possible 13. The online reservation system is beyond flawed and needs to be reworked and replaced. My closest pool is Bud Kearns in Balboa Park. The progress on that pool being reopened is sad. I would hope it would be open for this coming summer season but very little work has been done on it in the past year. I am asking for more public pools be open and an overhaul to the reservation system. Thank you.

4/20/2021 9:54	Bob Kuczewski	4/20/2021	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>Dear Councilmember LaCava,</p> <p>Attached please find a letter from the La Jolla Town Council (LJTC) regarding the Torrey Pines Gliderport (TPG). This issue, which has a long history in La Jolla, appears to be escalating. LJTC heard from residents who feel they are unable to use this park and the TPG. We invited the management of TPG to attend our meeting on several occasions; however, they declined. Upon review, one factor which may help clear up a significant number of issues is the TPG Advisory Board. LJTC voted during its April 2021 meeting that the reconvening of the TPG Advisory Board would provide solutions for the concerns of La Jolla residents. Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p> <p>Respectfully, James P. Rudolph President La Jolla Town Council</p> <p>April 9, 2021</p> <p>Dear Councilmember LaCava,</p> <p>La Jolla Town Council (LJTC) reviewed several issues happening at the Torrey Pines Gliderport that were brought to our attention by residents of La Jolla. During our March 11, 2021, meeting, we reviewed a presentation on the Gliderport, and the issue was sent to committee for further review.</p> <p>On April 8, 2021, the committee reported its findings to LJTC, which unanimously supported that the City of San Diego reconvene the Torrey Pines Advisory Board, as there are multiple issues occurring that are relevant but outside the purview of LJTC. We are requesting a review of issues regarding public safety and the right-of-way of tandem users in the park, as well as training. With respect to training, there are other areas in San Diego which presumably are more appropriate.</p> <p>We also are requesting that the City of San Diego consider whether solo flyer pilots should have to pay annual membership fees or costs of insurance to fly at the Gliderport.</p>
4/20/2021 10:35	Ernie Casco	4/20/2021	Non-Agenda Comment	<p>Hello, my name is Ernie Casco senior pilot at Torrey Pines Gliderport La Jolla resident for decades. I am here again concerning the ongoing problem at the Gliderport, acting as Ernie Casco I would like to congratulate the New City Council Members, I have also won a seat as La Jolla Town Council Trustee.</p> <p>We have a great proposal, It's a compromise to end the Gliderport dispute. LJTC has worked hard together in providing a letter of support and recommendations for City Council to move forward The proposed San Diego Waiver allows all user groups to use our park fairly and freely, yet separates the Tandem/instructor operation from normal recreational flight and park use.</p> <p>The commercialization and privatization of our park, by a Snack Shop Tandem/instruction operation, is unacceptable and illegal.</p> <p>As it's presently Going, Rather than drag the issue through the public eye, making innocent people look bad for not acting. We have plenty of correspondence for the City to make a decision and move forward, I would like to meet Todd Gloria and or Joe LaCava to discuss and implement the solution proposed.</p> <p>This is a Verbal request, I'll be sending you a formal request as well.</p> <p>Once again, a big congratulations to the winners Thank You so Much Ernie Casco(858) 568-1384</p>
*These comments, shaded in yellow, were submitted after the start of the meeting at 9am, and were added online and distributed to the Councilmembers after the conclusion of the meeting.				