

July 20, 2023

City of San Diego Historical Resources Board  
Chair Hutter and fellow Board Members  
1122 First Avenue  
San Diego, California 92101

RE: City of San Diego Historical Resources Board meeting July 20, 2023, Item #1 - *Helmhurst Cottage*

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Thank you for continuing this item from last month's agenda as both the property owner and I were unavailable.

In addition, thank you for reviewing our Historical Resources Research Report (HRRR), dated February 17, 2023, for *Helmhurst Cottage* located at 1570 Virginia Way in the La Jolla Community Planning Area of San Diego.

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the following, the Property owner, Ms. Sheila Palmer takes no issue with:

1. Staff's Report to the Historical Resources Board (HRB Report Number HRB 23-015, *Helmhurst Cottage*);
2. Staff's recommendation that the San Diego Historic Resources Board limit *Helmhurst Cottage's* historical designation to only HRB Criterion A (for historical, cultural, social and economic development significance); and
3. Staff's evaluation conclusion that *Helmhurst Cottage* is not eligible for designation under Criterion C due to modifications.

As such, we ask the HRB to keep *Helmhurst Cottage* on the consent agenda as Staff and the property owner are aligned on Criterion A.

Lastly, Nexus is in agreement with Staff's approach to a strict interpretation of the City's Historical Resource Guidelines for historical resource evaluations.

Best regards,



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