



# Save Our Heritage Organisation

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October 24, 2022

Historical Resources Board  
City of San Diego  
1222 First Avenue, MS 501  
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: October 27, 2022 HRB Agenda

Chairman Hutter, board members, and staff,

**Item #01 - 4865 Canterbury Drive, 92116**

Save Our Heritage Organisation, (SOHO) disagrees with the staff report and supports the designation of 4865 Canterbury Drive as a historic resource under criterion C.

This important historic home is prominently situated on a corner lot surrounded by historic homes. This home is a historic anchor for the neighborhood. The owners have gone to great efforts and expense to remove the inappropriate vinyl and replace them with original style wood windows. The three-light casement windows match the previously removed windows in the historic photo exactly on the front and side. I believe that assertion that these windows may not match the windows that originally were on the northeast and southeast facade due to lack of photos of these facades is highly unlikely. In fact, it would be extremely unusual that they were not the same when they are in the same size/shape openings and would represent a condition I have not seen on this style home. I, therefore, believe that the windows on the southeast and northeast sides are appropriate and represent an accurate restoration. As for the doors on the back and side of the house, the back door is a replication of an existing door in the house which is an appropriate treatment in the absence of other information. The door on the side is a common form of service door for the period and style of house. Both of these doors are not visible to the public and are also easily reversible, being in their original unaltered openings, should more info become available in the future and should not affect the designation.

The front door does not stand out or detract or distract. It is also in its unaltered opening and is differentiated in style. It is easily reversible when better information becomes available.

The front 12-light window under the balcony has also been restored to its original configuration since the first HRB hearing.

Due to the importance of its high style Spanish Colonial Revival architecture and its setting being essential to the historic essence of the neighborhood, we recommend that 4865 Canterbury Drive be designated under criterion C.

**I would like to speak on this item.**

**Item #02 – Arthur and Bertha Cordtz Spec House #1**

Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) agrees with the staff report and supports the designation of the Arthur and Bertha Cordtz Spec House #1 located at 4290 Sierra Vista as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1911 under HRB Criterion C.

I do not need to speak on this item if it remains on the consent agenda.

**Item #03 Walter and Margaret Trepte House #2**

Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) agrees with the staff report and supports the designation of the Walter and Margaret Trepte House #2 located at 1120 Hunter Street as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1922-1923 under HRB Criterion C.

I do not need to speak on this item if it remains on the consent agenda.

**Item #04 Martin and Norma Brauer Spec House #1**

Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) agrees with the staff report and supports the designation of the Martin and Norma Brauer Spec House #1 located at 4368 Adams Avenue as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1929 under HRB Criterion C.

I do not need to speak on this item if it remains on the consent agenda.

**Item #05 - Dr. Guy and Aquilyn Maggio House**

**Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) agrees with the staff report** and supports the designation of the Dr. Guy and Aquilyn Maggio House located at 3575 Via Flores as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1968 under HRB Criterion C.

I do not need to speak on this item if it remains on the consent agenda.

**Item #06 - 3780 5th Avenue Site Development Permit – (HRB# 1453 – LGBTQ Community/Albert Bell Building)**

While we are disappointed that the historic building was not incorporated into the proposed project, the developer has worked diligently with the community and SOHO and has proposed and agreed to several mitigations and other measures to help perpetuate the history of the site.

We would ask to have the following additions to the language for mitigation measures be memorialized as part of conditions for HRB approval. These additions are:

ADD to Mitigation 1 Historical American Building Survey (HABS):

Include in the HABS the proposed drone flyover footage of the site and a 3D walk through of the building and courtyard into the longer video being created under mitigation 2, interpretive display and/or under the mitigation 3, oral history.

ADD to Mitigation 2 Interpretive Display:

The QR barcode shall be linked to an online website that the developer will create and maintain for the building. The QR code shall enable viewing of a 2-3 minute video, an excerpt from the longer video they propose to create about the site and its history.

The QR barcode and website shall be maintained under the current ownership and be a condition of sale for any future change in ownership or management.

Incorporate the proposed drone flyover footage of the site and a 3D walk through of the building and courtyard into the longer video being created under mitigation 2, interpretive display and/or into the oral history mitigation 3.

Incorporate the proposed commemorative art piece into the interpretative display.

Incorporate to the degree possible the naming of the project as a reflection of its history and the individual(s) associated therein.

ADD to Mitigation 3 Oral History:

Incorporate the proposed drone flyover footage of the site and a 3D walk through of the building and courtyard into the Oral History mitigation and/or into the longer video being created under mitigation 2, interpretive display.

**I would like to speak on this item.**

**Item #08 - Sherman Heights District Contributor (HRB # 208-203)**

Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) agrees with the staff report. Do not rescind the designation of the property located at 534-547 25th Street, on any grounds.

**I would like to speak on this item.**



Bruce Coons  
Executive Director