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*--A community organization dedicated to preserving the character, charm and historical resources of the Mission Hills neighborhood.*

September 25, 2024

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

Re: HRB Hearing Date: September 26, 2024  
**Item #2 – 2265 Juan Street**

Dear Chair Hutter and Board Members:

Mission Hills Heritage disagrees with Staff's recommendation regarding this property and urges the Board to designate 2265 Juan Street under Criteria B, C and D. While we disagree with Staff's analysis regarding Criteria C and D, the focus of this letter will be on Criterion B.

The nomination and addendum submitted by the applicant's consultant more than adequately demonstrates the significance of longtime owner and resident Joseph Sinnott. Significant expansion, diversification and modernization of SDG&E occurred under Sinnott's leadership, all while Sinnott resided at 2265 Juan Street. The utility company's accomplishments during Sinnott's eight-year tenure as president and accompanying publicity, coupled with his civic involvement, all as chronicled by multiple newspaper articles, would have made Sinnott a household name at that time.

The nomination report and addendum adequately demonstrate that Joseph Sinnott was a locally significant individual. Staff's position that the subject property isn't best identified with Sinnott's significance because his achievements occurred in the workplace, misconstrues Criterion B. The local register is replete with Criterion B designations based on individuals whose accomplishments occurred in their workplaces, but while residing in the designated resource. Joseph Sinnott's significant achievements all occurred while he resided at 2265 Juan Street.

We urge the Board to designate this property under the requested Criteria. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment on this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirk S. Burgamy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kirk S. Burgamy, President