



To: HRB Staff and Board
Date: December 19, 2024

RE: John and Mary Elizabeth Lambert Spec House #1

The La Jolla Historical Society and the La Jolla Landmark Steering Committee wish to express our support for the designation of the John and Mary Elizabeth Lambert Spec House #1, located at 7964 Roseland Drive. We appreciate the work of Vonn Marie May and the HRB staff in describing this Spanish Colonial Revival residence, including its U-shaped plan with a central courtyard, ornate metal gate, or other iron work, the low-pitched, cross-gabled roof with clay tiles, bird stops, and overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails, and other relevant characteristics. The property retains a high degree of integrity in design, materials, and workmanship, making it a distinguished example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture.

While we understand that John W. Gernandt has not yet been formally recognized as a Master Architect or Builder, we have observed several outstanding homes he designed and built—not only in La Jolla but also in Kensington, Mission Hills, and Coronado. We would appreciate staff guidance on the necessary documentation and appropriate format required to submit his name for consideration as a Master Architect/Builder.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Seonaid McArthur
Chair, Landmark Committee