April 23, 2025

Re: 310 San Fernando St, Item 1 for April 24, 2025 Board Meeting

Dear Members of the San Diego Historical Resources Board:

I am writing today to ask that you consider the historical designation of 310 San Fernando Street, in the La Playa neighborhood of Point Loma.

The home built in 1912, and a distinctive example of Prairie style architecture, is part of La Playa's long history. The area was farmland with few homes in the 1800's and slowly grew from very rural to its present day unique residential neighborhood.

At 113 years old, with good bones, the home is the oldest in the area to survive with few minor alterations. The home is intact, and in its original location. As a neighbor, I toured it when it was rented and it appears to be in great shape inside and out. It would require very little to keep it functioning as a residence, and only minimal attention with landscaping to bring it back to its original glory.

Neighborhoods are an integral part of San Diego. Along with the people who live there, the homes and architecture are equally important to the fabric and history of the city. 310 San Fernando is the oldest remaining home representing the unique Prairie architecture. There are historically designated homes in the immediate area of 310, though none are as old, nor do they represent the Prairie style architecture.

The public's attention is on the proposed demolition of this historic building as noted in the media: OBRag and Dan Plante at KUSI.

This home is too important culturally, architecturally and historically to be demolished. Please consider giving 310 San Fernando the historical designation it deserves.

Thank you,

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