



Bluff Park Neighborhood Association

April 28, 2020

Julianna Roosevelt, Chair
Cultural Heritage Commission
City of Long Beach
411 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802

RE: Agenda Item 20-010CH: 2206 E. 2nd Street in the Bluff Park Historic District: Recommendation to Deny the Appeal and Uphold Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness to Legalize Vinyl Windows

Dear Commission Chair Roosevelt, Vice Chair Irvine, and Members Burks, Hunter, McGuan, Ramos and Smith:

Presently before the City of Long Beach Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) is an appeal of a denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to legalize the installation of vinyl windows on a multifamily building located in the rear lot of 2206 E. 2nd Street in the Bluff Park Historic District.

The Bluff Park Neighborhood Association (BPNA) has as its mission to protect the integrity of the Bluff Park Historic District with emphasis on the *Bluff Park Historic District Ordinance* and on the *Bluff Park Historic Design Guidelines*.

The BPNA agrees with the detailed and well-referenced Staff Report by the City of Long Beach's Development Services Planning Bureau in its position to deny the appeal and uphold the denial of the COA.

The *Bluff Park Historic District Design Guidelines* on page 21 prioritizes maintenance and repair over replacement. The Staff Report indicates that metal windows are still widely available and would be considered the appropriate replacement window for this 1950s building.

The BPNA greatly appreciates the City Planners' efforts to support and enforce the historic district's *Ordinance* and *Design Guidelines*, which are critical to maintaining the character of our neighborhood.

While we deeply regret the cost and inconvenience that the applicant and neighbor, Mr. Edward Arnold, will incur as a result of this action, we believe it serves the greater good to uphold our neighborhood standards for all in a consistent and fair manner, and to do otherwise would set a dangerous precedent.

The BPNA Board of Directors represents the collective voice of those who live, own and rent in the Bluff Park Historic District, generally bounded by E. Ocean Boulevard to E. Broadway and by Junipero Avenue to Loma Avenue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Mallin, President

Megan O. Barry, Vice President of Historic Preservation

cc: Edward Arnold (via Mark Arnold), Property Owner of 2206 E. 2nd Street
Gina Casillas, Planner, Long Beach Development Services Planning Bureau
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