

From: Diane Paull [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 6:32 AM
To: Alejandro Plascencia <Alejandro.Plascencia@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Re: HLM2004-05 244 Mira Mar, Long Beach

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Dear Cultural Heritage,

Hooray! I live next door to this wonderful Minor Smith home. I have lived here 35 years and have an amazing appreciation that Dominique Hohman had the wisdom, skill and frankly the money to restore this home to its current condition. Of course living next door I am intimately aware of the restoration that was involved to bring this home back to the original beauty.

Each step she was conscious of her perceived responsibility to be true to her now "forever home." Refinishing the floors, the wood work being restored and hiring craftsmen that also honored the value of maintaining the history of this home. I love hearing the comments when people walk by and appreciate and enjoy seeing this home. I love that children appreciate seeing this home as well.

I am glad that Long Beach does honor our cultural architectural history. I think it is important to have the wisdom to save these special examples of a time that focused on the importance of neighborhoods. I am particularly aware during this time as I benefit from our sense of neighborhood and feel the support from my neighbors.

I feel lucky to live next door.

Thank you,
Diane Paull
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From: Thomas Kennedy [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 1:14 PM
To: DV - Cultural Heritage <cultural.heritage@longbeach.gov>
Subject: HLM2004-05

-EXTERNAL-

Landmark Designation of the property at 244 Mira Mar Avenue (APN 7255-026-005)

Dear City of Long Beach Cultural Heritage Commission,

In response to your Public Notice recently mailed, please consider this as a conditional letter of support for Landmark Designation of the property at 244 Mira Mar Avenue (APN 7255-026-005).

This **support** is conditional upon the assumption that the Project Applicant is the property owner. This letter of support shall be considered a letter of **opposition** if the Project Applicant is not the property owner.

Assuming support, as both a California Licensed Architect and a local resident I find that this single family residence exhibits notable historical characteristics worthy of consideration for Landmark Designation in both terms of original design and present maintenance of same. This structure adds positive character to the local neighborhood consistent with the mission and goals of the Commission.

Assuming opposition, the designation of Landmark Designation should only be granted with clear, affirmative, un-coerced consent of the current property owner as it forever burdens the property with obligations that would be an unfair taking if unilaterally imposed by a public agency. As future prospective property owners could freely choose to be bound by these requirements in their own consideration of a future purchase unfair taking would no longer be an issue.

Thank you for your consideration and best wishes to the applicant.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Kennedy
Architect, CAsp

Owner/Resident
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