TALBOT-WOOD DOUBLE DWELLING; 1606-1608 NORTH LAS PALMAS AVENUE; CASE NO. CHC-2018-1038-HCM, ENV-2018-1039-CE

Mary Mallory Aug 20, 2018 11:57 PM

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Dear PLUM Committee:

I urge you to support the Historic Cultural Monument nomination for the Talbot-Wood Double Dwelling, a gorgeous Craftsman at 1606-1603 N. Las Palmas Ave.that is a noteworthy and intact example of a rare multifamily residential property in Hollywood's early development. A duplex built in 1916, it was density housing for the growing population of the area in the mid-teens, thanks to the booming film industry. It "reflects the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, state, or community" as it reflects the evolution of housing in Hollywood from that of a rural farming community to a dense urban development.

Sincerely,

Mary Mallory Secretary, Hollywood Heritage Secretary, Studio City Neighborhood Council's Cultural Affairs Committee



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City Clerk Room 395 City Hall, 220 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear PLUM Committee members:

The Board of Directors of Hollywood Heritage, its Preservation Issues Committee, and its members are writing to express our support for the Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) nomination of the Talbot-Wood Double Dwelling at 1606-08 N Las Palmas Ave.

We concur with the Cultural Heritage Commission's positive findings and recommendations regarding the Talbot-Wood Double Dwelling. In particular, we note the structure is an increasingly rare specimen of pre-1920 multi-family housing in Hollywood. Given the minimal alterations and renovations made to the structure since its construction, it also remains an excellent example of the Craftsman style.

The pre-1920 history of Hollywood is frequently forgotten or undervalued. Preserving intact properties like the Talbot-Wood Double Dwelling is vital to maintaining a physical record of that early history. This is especially salient given the frequent demolition of historic housing that Hollywood has experienced over the past couple of decades. Due to their importance and scarcity, we need examples of single and duplex Craftsman houses throughout the city, not just within intact neighborhoods.

In brief, the Talbot-Wood Double Dwelling clearly fulfills multiple HCM nomination criteria. As a result, we ask that you support the Cultural Heritage Commission's decision.

Please let us know how we can assist the Committee in its consideration of this nomination. Together we can ensure that the City protects historic properties like the Talbot-Wood Double Dwelling.

Sincerely,

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