



**City of South Pasadena  
Planning and Community  
Development Department**

# Memo

**Date:** August 20, 2020

**To:** Chair and Members of the Cultural Heritage Commission

**From:** Kanika Kith, Planning Manager

**Re:** **Item No. 1 - Additional Document No. 2** – 822 Orange Grove Pl Delisting –  
Public Comments

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Two public comments submitted for this project. One of the comment letters are from 13 nearby residents. They are included as Attachment 1.

**Attachment:**

1. Public Comments

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
Public Comments

**From:** [Elizabeth Hollingsworth](#)  
**To:** [PlanningComments](#)  
**Cc:** [Husband Mike](#); [Maria Ayala](#)  
**Subject:** Comment for CHC Mtg 8.20.20  
**Date:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 11:22:03 AM  
**Attachments:** [Cultural Heritage Com 8.20.20.pdf](#)  
[ATT00001.htm](#)

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RE: Public Comment to Cultural Heritage Commission, Meeting Aug. 20, 2020

My name is Elizabeth Hollingsworth, 813 Orange Grove Place in South Pasadena.  
Attached please find my comments to the Cultural Heritage Commission regarding item #1, 822 Orange Grove Place,  
at their meeting tonight, 8/20/20.

Would you kindly confirm receipt? Many thanks.

—Elizabeth Hollingsworth

Elizabeth and Michael Hollingsworth  
813 Orange Grove Place  
South Pasadena, CA 91030

Dear Cultural Heritage Commission Members Friedman, Morrish, Cross, Vice-Chair Thompson and Chair Gallatin,

Please keep 822 Orange Grove Place on South Pasadena's Inventory of Cultural Resources. We believe that the property is eligible for this important local designation.

Please consider the context of our small, quaint neighborhood on Orange Grove Place, that is a one-block dead-end street, with bungalows on both sides of the street, most built in 1924 and 1925.

The Project Location shown on the parcel maps in your packet does not show the block that the 822 property is on; the map should include both the north and south sides of Orange Grove Place, showing the context of the neighborhood.

To show that context, I've included a map and photos. This map shows the locations of five historic properties on Orange Grove Place, and an additional 24 historic properties in the neighborhood; (map produced by city staff in March, 2019).

Photographs of all of the homes on Orange Grove Place are included so you get a sense of our charming neighborhood's bungalows and how 822 fits in.

We respected the historical significance of our property at 813 Orange Grove Place, we've respected how it fits into the neighborhood and we have maintained it accordingly. Four homes on our street were recently improved, and all respected the historical significance of the properties and neighborhood. The home at 822 Orange Grove Place is no different from the other properties whose historic nature has been maintained.

At your July 19, 2018 meeting, the CHC looked at a request to demolish the property at 817 Orange Grove Place. Chair Gallatin, you added a statement to the vote: "...with the recommendation that the applicant retain the existing front unit and incorporate it into the new development." Your recommendation was included in reports to the DRB, Planning Commission, and City Council. Your recommendation was powerful; it is reflected in the final approved design.

The Notice of Public Hearing states that, "No historical resources would be affected by the process." We disagree. The entire character and charm of our small, one-block dead end street would be grossly and negatively impacted.

The question before you is one step in the process of a developer coming into South Pasadena to overbuild and permanently disrupt the character of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth and Mike Hollingsworth

Attachments: Historic Properties Map prepared by staff for Planning Commission 3/25/19  
Photos of all homes on Orange Grove Place

*City staff provided to  
Planning Commission 3/23/2019*

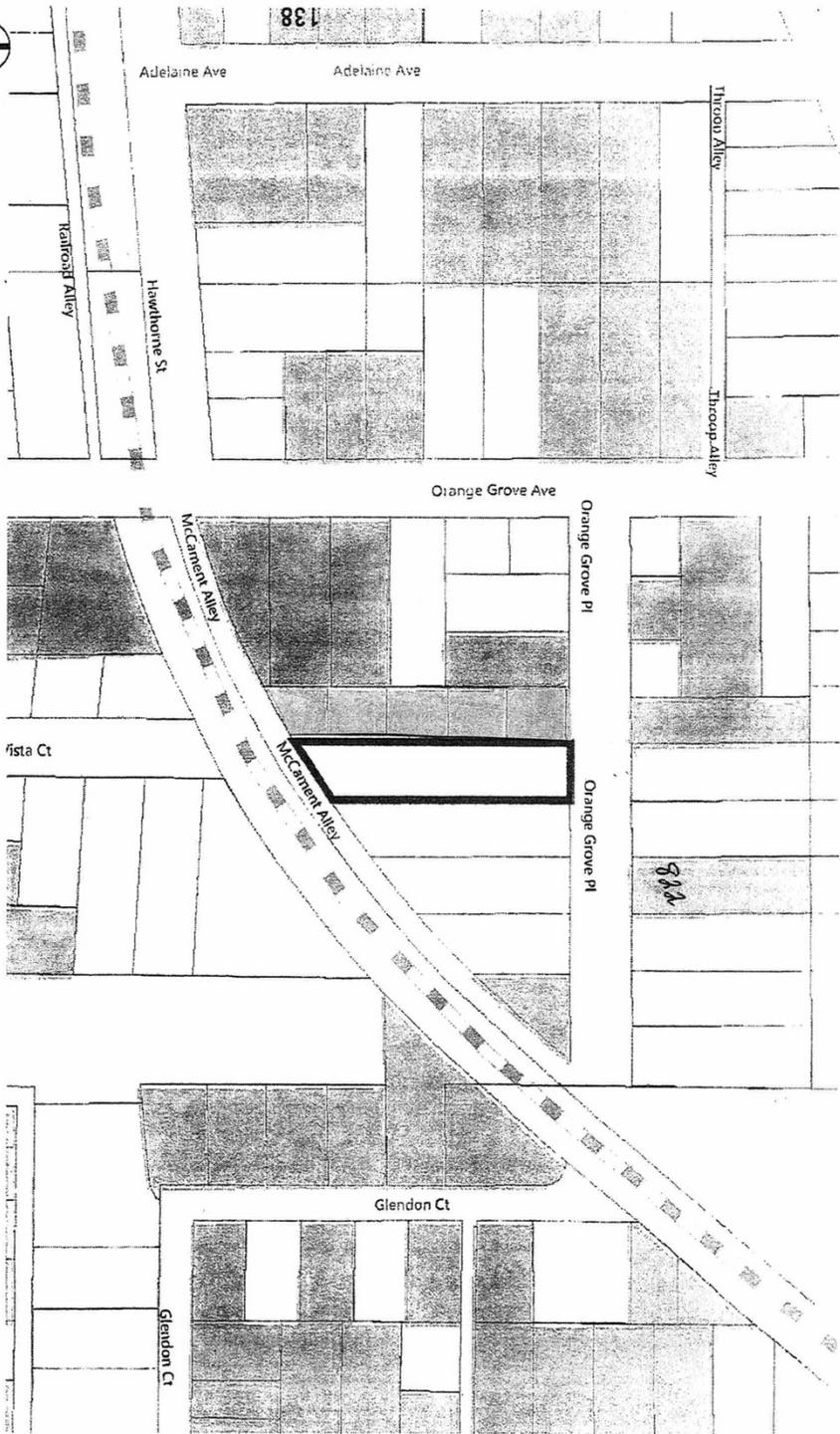
**LEGEND**

HISTORIC INVENTORY PROPERTIES



HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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**From:** [Tara Kawakami](#)  
**To:** [PlanningComments](#)  
**Cc:** [Mariela King](#); [Michael Gold](#); [Roya Yasharpour](#); [Pam Steimer](#); [Jane Schirmeister](#); [Hoyt Judith](#); [Alysia Gray Painter](#); [Sorrel Barnard](#); [Angelica Garcia](#); [Yoshimi Kawakami](#)  
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## Cultural Heritage Commission

The residents of Orange Grove Place, Orange Grove Ave., and El Centro St. have come together to share our concern regarding the request that 822 Orange Grove Place be removed from the South Pasadena Inventory of Cultural Resources. Although we chose to submit our letter as one, please note that had current conditions allowed, we would have made 21 individual comments, showing not only genuine concern but our dedication towards preservation and responsible growth for the area that we live in.

822 Orange Grove Place still preserves the basic features of a Colonial style bungalow. This style architecture is what defines much of the street and the surrounding areas and serves as a significant reminder of the city's social, educational, cultural, and architectural history. From the street, you can see the simple and classic roof line. The painted exterior woodwork, which is a hallmark of the style, has been well maintained. Any additions and modifications to the home were thoughtful and efforts were made to blend or match the architecture.

These historic bungalows are very important for South Pasadena to preserve, as they define the charm and appeal of the neighborhood. We ask that this home remain listed on the South Pasadena Inventory of Cultural Resources to preserve, maintain, and safeguard the City's heritage and character.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tara and Yosh Kawakami  
825 Orange Grove Place

Mariela King  
833 Orange Grove Place

Pam and Rick Steimer  
818 Orange Grove Place

Paige Rothe and Wolf Steimer  
820 Orange Grove Place

Mike and Roya Gold  
831 Orange Grove Place

Sorrel and Neilson Barnard

817 El Centro St.

Paul Wissman and Jeanette Cornejo  
1030 Orange Grove Ave. (owners)

Alysia & Chris Painter  
1030 Orange Grove Ave (renters)

Angelica Garcia and Dan Centeno  
821 El Centro St.

Jane Schirmeister  
816 Orange Grove Place

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813 Orange Grove Place

Jennifer and Kyle Pardus  
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