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Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Hon. Mayor Gretchen Shepherd-Romey
And City Council
City Hall, City of San Marino
2200 Huntington Drive
San Marino, CA 91108

Re: Proposed 1400 Circle Drive demolition

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

San Marino Heritage has become aware of the fact that the applicants to demolish our historic resource at 1400 Circle Drive have prevailed in a lawsuit against the city and that the court disregarded the City's findings and determinations with regard to the denial to demolish the potential resource at 1400 Circle drive, by noted architect Robert Finkelhor. Therefore, the City has set forth to hear the matter tonight, May 13, 2020.

The applicant's historian, locally well-known house biographer Tim Gregory was caught contradicting himself by the discovery of an early clipping from the LA Times which may have caused the City's original denial.

We respectfully request that the City preserve this important home in its original, integrated context within the Circle Drive community, and conduct its own independent analysis. In addition, we ask that the City incorporate all previously submitted records provided by the public to this new hearing. Furthermore, in the best interests of the community, we ask you to table discussions on the demolition of this potential historic resource until after 1/ the state imposed lock-down is lifted; and, 2/ our historic survey is complete; and, 3/ after a full CEQA review identifies the complete environmental impacts.

For the record, this applicant holds among its team-members a Mr. James Coane, who has ridiculed residents in public, and made covert threats in writing. We urge you to ensure applicants comply when you make a decision to allow such new construction, and to use your authority to *not only* restrict variances and impose important safety conditions on any residential construction project which will affect the community's quality of life, but also to admonish any applicant or representative thereof who is contemptuous, threatening, abusive and disrespectful to citizens and the process. Please move for a continuous should any participant in this public hearing is abused during the meeting process.

Most importantly, it is imperative that the City upholds the pledge made in Chapter XXV of our city codes as, "safeguard life, property, health and the public welfare by regulating and controlling design and construction...."

Thank you for your service to the citizens and residents of San Marino.

Sincerely,



Shirley Jagels, *Founder & President*
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