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March 4, 2023

Re: Agenda Item 9a, re: Appeal of the Director of Community Development's determination related to Design Review Case No. PDR-000210-2022 (1900 Riverside Drive to be heard March 7, 2023)

Dear Mayor Kassakhian and Members of the Glendale City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above agenda item.

The Glendale Historical Society (TGHS) strongly supports the recommendation of Community Development Staff to require preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to assess the proposed project at 1900 Riverside Drive.

TGHS agrees with the fact based conclusion made in the historic resource assessment prepared by qualified Architectural Historian, Jenna Snow. Her finding was that 1900 Riverside Drive would qualify as a historic resource under Criterion A, Criterion B, and City of Glendale Criterion 5.

Per the "fair argument" test derived from California Public Resources Code section 21151, the substantial evidence presented in the record supports that a *fair argument* has been made that the proposed project *may* have a significant environmental impact. Consequently, an EIR must be performed.

TGHS respectfully requests that you vote to require an EIR be prepared to assess the environmental impact for potential development at 1900 Riverside Drive.

The Glendale Historical Society (TGHS) advocates for the preservation of important Glendale landmarks, supports maintaining the historic character of Glendale's neighborhoods, educates the public about and engages the community in celebrating and preserving Glendale's history and architectural heritage, and operates the Doctors House Museum. TGHS is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and donations to TGHS are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Schwab-Sims", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Schwab-Sims
President
The Glendale Historical Society

cc: Suzie Abajian, City Clerk
Roubik Golanian, City Manager
Bradley Calvert, Director of Community Development
Jay Platt, Senior Urban Designer