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The Honorable Mayor Sinanyan and Members of City Council
City of Glendale
613 East Broadway, Suite 200
Glendale, CA 91206

Dear Mayor Sinanyan and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of The Glendale Historical Society, I cannot thank you enough for your leadership in directing staff to revise Glendale's Historic Preservation Ordinance following the illegal demolition of 1420 Valley View a year ago.

Our organization is very grateful that you have taken quick and decisive steps to protect the historic resources that contribute so much to Glendale's character and desirability. We are so pleased that the Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission unanimously recommended the revised Ordinance be adopted.

We commend staff for their thoughtful work on the Ordinance. The increased penalties for illegal demolitions will discourage future bad actors. Better use will be made of the Historic Preservation Commission, with the effect of streamlining the process by eliminating a layer of review; it will make things less time-consuming for both applicants and staff. There is more clarity for property owners about the process and the kind of approvals that are needed. The revised Ordinance also brings our policies into line with neighboring communities. Perhaps most importantly, the revisions will bring the Ordinance into better conformity with CEQA because it makes explicit the City's obligations for properties that are recognized as local historic resources but have not yet been designated.

We thank you again and ask you please to vote to adopt the proposed revisions.

Sincerely,

Steve Hunt
President, The Glendale Historical Society

cc: Ardes Kassakhian, City Clerk

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.