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Mayor Devine and Members of the Glendale City Council
City of Glendale
613 East Broadway
Glendale, CA 91206
via email

RE: City Council Action Item 8(b) - November 2, 2021

Dear Mayor Devine and Members of the City Council:

TGHS supports the roof repair/replacement project at Rockhaven to mitigate further damage to the historic buildings.

We do have a concern with City Staff's recommendation to replace the historic roof with a "new like for like" roof and the assumption that this complies with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation (SOIS).

Compliance with SOIS does not endorse the wholesale replacement of roofs or any other feature that can be repaired. Standard 6 of SOIS directs that "deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced". Our primary concern are the roof tiles. Tiles should be carefully removed, protected, and reused, generally in a mix between the historic roof tiles and any carefully matched, new tiles, that would be replaced in-kind (material, shape, color, size, etc.). In preserving and using original tiles, not only will this help retain historical integrity but it may also help mitigate the overall cost of the project.

We noticed that two groups are missing from the Stakeholder/Outreach section of the staff report, although likely referenced under "Historic Preservationists". Please add The Glendale Historical Society and the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley to future communications about the Rockhaven Rehabilitation Project.

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.

Lastly, this is a very delicate renovation and we would like to request that the selected contractor have demonstrated experience with successful rehabilitation projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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The Glendale Historical Society

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