



April 10, 2016

The Honorable Paula Devine and Members of the City Council
City of Glendale
613 East Broadway, Suite 200
Glendale, CA 91206

**Re: Agenda Item 9a – Proposed Ordinance to Establish Niodrara Drive
Historic District Overlay Zone**

Dear Mayor Devine and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Glendale Historical Society and its more than six hundred members, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Niodrara Drive Historic District.

TGHS strongly supports Glendale's historic district designation program, and we would be delighted to see Niodrara Drive become the city's seventh historic district. The historic resources survey makes clear that Niodrara Drive, Fernbrook Place, and the included sections of Hillside Drive and Colina Drive not only comprise an exemplary collection of historic houses of various periods and styles, but the stream that ran along these properties played an important role in the history of Glendale's development by providing it with a necessary water supply. The river rock landscaping elements that turned the stream into the neighborhood's central design feature are still visible through much of the district and are unique not only to Glendale but, we believe, within southern California. We note that the historic resources survey found the proposed historic district eligible not only at the local level, meeting four of nine criteria, but also for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources. The proposed Niodrara Drive Historic District also enjoys the support of 75% of property owners, far exceeding the required number of signatures.

For these reasons we urge you to vote to approve designation of the Niodrara Drive Historic District.

Sincerely,

Greg Grammer

Greg Grammer, President
The Glendale Historical Society