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Historic Preservation Commission
City of Glendale
613 East Broadway
Glendale, CA 91206

Re: Item 7. A. 1642 S. Central and 1608 Gardena (PDR2017612)

Dear Historic Preservation Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important project.

The Glendale Historical Society (TGHS) advocates strongly for the preservation of historic structures and neighborhoods in Glendale. Our 1,300+ members are strongly engaged and dedicated to this mission.

The structure located at 1642 S. Central, is one of the few Craftsman residences within the boundaries of what was once Tropico, a city that ceased to exist more than a century ago.

TGHS agrees that this structure is historic and would qualify for the Glendale Register.

Two options (“Existing Location” - (Sec 1.5.3) and “Relocation on Site” - (Sec 1.5.2)) were noted in the DEIR to mitigate the negative impact to this historic resource.

Although the “Existing Location” alternative would fully preserve the setting of the historic craftsman, TGHS is aware of the significant need for diverse housing in Glendale. The “Relocation on Site” alternative, provides a balance of slightly more housing on the site, while preserving the historic residence.

TGHS recommends you vote for the “Relocation on Site” alternative.

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, as with new development at 534 Kenwood that also involves a historic craftsman, any new construction should not minimize or “overpower” the existing historic resource and be compatible, per Secretary of the Interior Standards. Any future HPC or DRB approvals should ensure this compatibility of design occurs.

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
Jay Platt, Senior Urban Designer
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