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--A community organization dedicated to preserving the character, charm and historical resources of the Mission Hills neighborhood.

November 30, 2017

Councilmember Chris Ward The City of San Diego 202 C Street, 10th Floor San Diego, CA 92101-4101

Re: Old Mission Hills Branch Library, 925 W. Washington Street, San Diego, CA 92103

Dear Councilmember Ward:

It is our understanding that the old Mission Hills Branch Public Library building will no longer be needed for library uses upon completion of the new Mission Hills/Hillcrest branch library sometime next year. We believe that this building is an important architectural resource and iconic landmark for the Mission Hills neighborhood. It is a wonderful example of Mid-Century Modern architecture and a fixture in the community. Additionally, there is an unfulfilled need for public meeting space and other public uses in our neighborhood.

For these reasons, our board of directors unanimously adopted a resolution recommending to the City of San Diego that the old Mission Hills Branch Public Library building be preserved and adaptively reused for a public use, such as a community center.

We would be pleased to meet with you at your convenience to discuss possible public uses for this building and charting a path to bringing this to fruition. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Mission Hills Heritage

Jim Reily, President

Cc: Tony Nyikos, Pres., Mission Hills Town Council Krista Lombardi, Pres., Mission Hills Business Improvement District