



November 30, 2016

Alan Stephenson, Director
Planning and Development Department
City of Phoenix
200 West Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: City of Phoenix HP-L Application (Z-24-12-6)

Dear Mr. Stephenson,

As you know, I represent the owner of the 5.9 acre David and Gladys Wright House Property (DWH Property). The purpose of this correspondence is to **update you** on the efforts of the David & Gladys Wright House and its supporters since the Spring of 2016 and to **formally request the withdrawal of the City of Phoenix initiated 2.4 acre HP-L application (Z-24-12-6)** applying to only a portion of the 5.9 acre DWH Property, scheduled to be heard by the Phoenix City Council on December 7, 2016. **A 5.9 acre Historic Preservation-Landmark designation is superior for preservation of the David & Gladys Wright House (DWH) and the 2.4 acre City-initiated Historic Preservation-Landmark is adverse to the Property Owner.**

The David & Gladys Wright House (DWH) and a coalition of leading historic preservation supporters are urging the Phoenix City Council to save the iconic spiral home by supporting Historic Preservation-Landmark status for the entire 5.9-acre property, a process that was formally initiated by the property owner in September 2015 (Z-53-15-6). The DWH 5.9-acre application demonstrates the quality of significance in local, regional, state and national history meeting each of the City HP-L evaluation criteria and has been approved the City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Commission.

In order for the existing DWH property to be preserved, **the Phoenix City Council must first withdraw the Historic Preservation Landmark (HP-L) application the City filed in 2012** as an emergency measure to prevent demolition after the City issued the previous property owner a demolition permit. The City had initiated the emergency HP-L over the objection of the previous property owner on the then 2.4-acre parcel and the current property owner explicitly opposes the 2.4 acre HP-L application.

The City initiated plan would, at best, afford interior protection only for the DWH and its historic setting in a citrus grove district. It also creates unnecessary conflict by thwarting reasonable public access to the DWH by forcing visitor traffic onto neighborhood streets—Exeter or Rubicon—instead of direct access from Camelback Road through an existing parking lot at the Camelback Church of Christ. The 5.9-acre plan is consistent with the adopted HP-L/SP text amendment, supporting reasonable public access to this historic home without disturbing its neighbors.

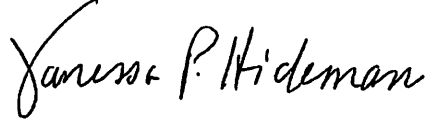
We respectfully request the City 2.4 acre HP-L application be withdrawn and object to adoption of Z-24-12-6 in any form. In conjunction with this request for withdrawal, Mr. Michael D. Kibler, a legal representative for the property owner, is providing correspondence to the attention of the

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City of Phoenix outlining the basis for further legal action which will, unfortunately, become necessary should this matter not be withdrawn at the December 7, 2016 hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vanessa P. Hickman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V'.

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