



October 31, 2015

Mayor Steve Pougnet
City of Palm Springs
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Subject: ITEM 1.A. AN APPEAL BY G&M CONSTRUCTION ON BEHALF OF ACBCI OWNERS OF ALLOTMENT 5A AND 35A OF THE HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD'S STAY OF DEMOLITION FOR THE STRUCTURES THAT COMPRISE 436 THROUGH 454 SOUTH INDIAN CANYON DRIVE THE RAMON DRUG BUILDING

Dear Mayor Pougnet,

At its October 13, 2015 meeting the city's Historic Site Preservation Board (HSPB) heard extensive testimony regarding the proposed demolition of the Ramon Drug Building (1960, Wexler & Harrison). After thoughtful deliberation, the HSPB voted to "investigate" the historic merits of the building. This decision was doubly warranted as the Ramon Drug Building was identified as an important structure over a decade ago in the city's 2004 historical resources survey.

Accordingly, we strongly recommend that you support the city staff recommendation to deny this appeal and allow for an investigation into the historic merits of all, or part of, the Ramon Drug Building. As the appellant has offered no compelling reason to do otherwise, denying this appeal is both proper and comports with the letter and intent of Chapter 8.05 of the Palm Springs Municipal Code.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the foundation at (760) 837-7117.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erik Rosenow". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Erik Rosenow
President