Dear Mayor Faulconer and City Councilmembers,

I am writing to urge you to help save and protect hundreds of the City’s vulnerable historic resources with a new historic preservation ordinance.

Please support the creation and adoption of an ordinance that will cover multiple properties of the same type and vintage. Three categories of valuable resources have been documented by the Historical Resources Board staff within the Golden Hill, North Park, and Uptown historical surveys and community plans. They are bungalow/residential courts, Victorian era buildings, and areas linked to nurserywoman Kate Sessions.

Because important examples are not adjacent to each other nor perhaps even in the same neighborhood, we need a Multiple Properties Listing (MPL) ordinancethat provides umbrella protection for the remaining examples in historic neighborhoods.

Please recognize the importance and rarity of these specific, endangered collections, and the urgent need for their historic designation. We urge you to direct the Historical Resources Board staff to draft a Multiple Property Listing ordinance to present to the City Council for adoption as soon as possible.

Thank you,

(Please sign with your address)

**Suggested points to make**

* The adoption of an MPL ordinance is an important tool for the Historical Resources Board and its staff to designate properties that share an important, increasingly rare historical context and aspect of the City’s development, despite not being located contiguously.
* Bungalow and apartment courts are an important and finite collection of still livable housing. They are significant for their courtyard design that offers residents access to shared open space and a sense of community. They are appealing models for today’s affordable rental housing and transit-oriented development.
* The Victorian era mansions, cottages, and commercial buildings are vulnerable to redevelopment, yet they are an important part of Uptown’s early development. They also represent the work of various master architects and builders, including Irving Gill.
* Landscaper and nurserywoman Kate Sessions, one of San Diego’s most effective visionaries, is associated with special elements and areas of Uptown’s landscape design and horticultural history.