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August 12, 2022

Hon. Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson

Hon. Councilmember Curren Price Jr.

Via email

Honorable Councilmembers:

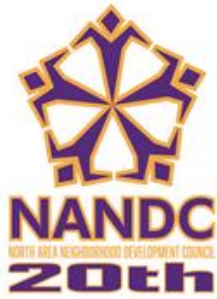
On behalf of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC), we respectfully request that you, as Councilmembers having one appointment each available to the North University Park Design Review Board, immediately consider candidates and appoint a qualified candidate as soon as possible. The NANDC Board met on August 4 and voted unanimously (9-0-0) to ask you to take such action. It is important that Board seats be filled so that quorum can be regularly established and insure public meetings.

The North University Park Specific Plan was established by Ordinance #158194 on September 19, 1983 (amended by Ordinance #173455.)

There are three current Board members (James McElwaine (architect,) Craig Fajnor (environmental consultant) and Jules Burg (resident of the Plan area.) Architect Drake Dillard, appointed by Councilmember Harris-Dawson, has announced that he will be leaving the Board. There is a long-standing vacancy for the position to be appointed by Councilmember Price. Local Planning Boards are at the heart of community participation in the well-being of our neighborhoods and fulfilling the established goals of the applicable Plans, in this instance the North University Park Specific Plan.

The Plan calls for the Board establishment as follows:

Establishment and Composition. There is hereby established within the Plan area the North University Park Design Review Board, hereafter known as the Board. The Board shall consist of five members. At least three members shall reside in the Plan Area, at least two members shall be members of one or more historic preservation organizations, and at least two members shall be architects or landscape architects licensed by the State



of California. Wherever possible, members of the Board shall reside in the Plan Area; shall be members of an historic preservation organization located within or outside of the Plan Area; shall have professional experience in architecture, landscape architecture, architectural history, design or planning; or shall be the owners or occupants of a designated City, State or National Register landmark within the Plan Area. All members shall have demonstrated a knowledge of, and interest in, the culture, structures, sites, features, and historic preservation in the Plan Area.

The Specific Plan appointment, (unlike in HPOZs) simply requires that the Councilmember write a letter of appointment to Planning. The Councilmember may appoint or make an interim appointment at any time.

NANDC can assist with submission of candidates for your consideration.

NANDC is a self-governed, self-directed, and independent organization empowered by the Los Angeles City Charter. This charter offers neighborhood councils a role in the City's decision-making process. NANDC was certified by the City of Los Angeles on April 27, 2002 and was the 24th neighborhood council formed under the guidelines of the City Charter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thryeris Mason".

Thryeris Mason, President
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