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**BUNGALOW HAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
WITHDRAWS APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL RECOGNITION**

In thoughtful response to concerns for the safety of our neighbors and security of their property, and to ease tensions in the neighborhood, we founding members of the Bungalow Haven Neighborhood Association withdrew our application for listing the Bungalow Haven Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

We were shocked and surprised at the sudden and vehement opposition to the largely ceremonial national recognition of our neighborhood's historic value, as well as the antipathy and misinformation circulated by a group of neighbors unfamiliar with our long history. We regret the loss of the opportunity to gain prestigious national recognition for our historic neighborhood and the loss of the civility that's always been a characteristic of Bungalow Haven.

We are disappointed that the time and effort put forth by so many for so long will not result in the designation of a historic district in a city that so values its heritage.

We are grateful for the many longtime neighbors, community members, other neighborhood groups, and numerous officials of the City of Santa Barbara who have supported our decades of stewardship of this neighborhood and this nomination for a recognized historic district.

Since its founding in 2002, the Bungalow Haven Neighborhood Association has advocated for the preservation of our historic neighborhood. We are proud of our successful collaborative efforts to define and protect this example of the Arts and Crafts movement in this largely intact neighborhood and will continue our work to maintain its integrity for future generations

Dee Duncan, Steve Dowty, Brad Parks, Cheri Rae & John McKinney
Founding Members
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