



Dear Neighbor,

This is Dee Duncan. I am the founder of the Bungalow Haven neighborhood group. One of my main goals for starting this group was to bring the neighborhood together in friendship. I am very sad to see the recent rancor, anger and misinformation that has been expressed related to the recent effort to receive historic recognition of our special neighborhood.

In 2002, the City of Santa Barbara hired professional consultants Post/Hazeltine and Associates to survey this neighborhood. This resulted in the Lower Riviera Special Design District guidelines that protect this neighborhood and have been in place since 2006. In 2013, the district qualified for historic status as a district and all homeowners were notified by the City. In 2023, homeowners were notified about the pending nomination that was filed in 2024 and a follow-up meeting on Jan. 11, 2025.

This new National Register nomination is an HONORARY distinction that is recognized throughout the United States. This designation will NOT cause any additional restrictions or design review than what is already required by the City.

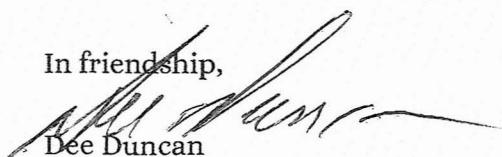
Very unfortunately, this application has stimulated some neighbors to circulate fear-based MISINFORMATION about property rights, regulations and insurance loss. To get accurate fact-based information please go to the actual state source: http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21237

According to the National Conference of State Historic Officers:

"Under federal law listing in the National Register of Historic Places results in no restrictions on the use, management, maintenance, or disposal of a historic property. Owners of private property are free to manage their property as they see fit. Damaged or destroyed properties are under no requirement to rebuild or repair as originally designed. National Register designation is largely honorary in nature and provides certain economic benefits to owners, but places no requirements on the use of the property. Insurance claims should follow the normal course as with any other property, unless the owner specifically purchases a replacement policy for exact replication (e.g. historic house museums)."

Many of us have worked hard and have created a very special friendly and neighborly "haven." Please do not allow some neighbors' unsubstantiated fear of government control change this.

In friendship,



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