



March 20, 2022

Mayor Victor Gordo
Members of the City Council
City of Pasadena
VIA EMAIL

Honorable Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers:

RE: Council Meeting of 21 March 2022, Agenda Item #12, Appeal of Landmark Status of 801 South San Rafael Ave., John Van de Kamp House

WPRA strongly supports the staff recommendation for the residence located at 801 South San Rafael Avenue to be designated as a City of Pasadena Landmark. This Monterey Colonial home where Mr. Van de Kamp resided during the most productive and notable period of his remarkable career indubitably meets 'Criterion B' under the Pasadena Municipal Code standards.

John Van de Kamp was the best of Pasadena. His accomplishments—both locally and statewide—are numerous and substantial. He dedicated his life to serving his community, region, and state. He believed in kindness, respect, and fairness in all his dealings. His integrity, humility, and quiet leadership was an inspiration to us all. He lived at 801 South San Rafael Avenue during the ascendancy and apogee of his career, often working in his home office. He welcomed countless prominent persons—of local, regional, and national repute—and crafted in that office potential laws to further consumer protections, civil liberties, and the protection of the environment.

We at the WPRA were extremely fortunate to have Mr. Van de Kamp as a fellow board member. During his long and much-valued tenure on the WPRA Board, he was invariably gracious, knowledgeable, generous, and each of us felt privileged to be working with him.

It is now incumbent upon Pasadena to commemorate and honor the legacy of one of our most distinguished sons by recognizing the importance of the residence where he lived and realized so many of his achievements and his public service. WPRA urges the

Council to support this nomination, and to approve designating his home as a Landmark under Criterion B.

Thank you for your consideration and affirmative vote.

Respectfully,



Dan Beal, President
For the Board of Directors

C: Takako Suzuki, Field Representative, District 6
Sue Mossman, Pasadena Heritage

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