

July 24, 2020

Jamie Kennedy
City of San Diego
1222 First Avenue, MS-501 San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Comments for Maple Canyon Restoration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Project No. 517439

Ms. Kennedy,

Maple Canyon is one of San Diego's magical patchworks of urban canyons that people from San Diego and around the world enjoy every day. Residents and property owners in Bankers Hill are fortunate to have Maple Canyon in our backyard.

The last comments submitted by the Bankers Hill Community Group (BHCG) in late 2019 supported the Maple Canyon Restoration project. Our organization continues to support the project.

Since the November presentation, we have learned of the significance of Kate Sessions and her work in Maple Canyon. No mention was made of Kate Sessions' contributions to the project area at that time.

The removal of any remaining Kate Sessions plantings will be a loss of integrity, and have potential adverse impacts, for this important Cultural and Historic Landscape. To prevent a loss of integrity, reports and plans should be based on the Secretary of Interior Standards, Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes, and Preservation Brief #36 Protecting Cultural Landscapes published by the U.S. Department of the Interior. A loss of integrity would impede historic designation of Maple Canyon and historic designation of a Kate Session Thematic District, of which Maple Canyon would be a contributor.

The BHCG requests that a Cultural Landscape Report be conducted to aid in the restoration of plant life in the canyon affected by the project and that the City follow the Secretary of Interior Standards during the process. In addition, we request that any mitigation of negative affects be in Maple Canyon.

The BHCG looks forward to hosting a presentation by City staff and Estrada Land Planning as the project continues to move forward.

Sincerely,

Amie Hayes and Nancy Moors

Chair and Vice Chair — Bankers Hill Community Group