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Subject: [EXTERNAL] La Alma Park Dist Vote- Aug 02 -SUPPORT LETTER - CASA MAYAN-GREGORIO ALCARO
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 7:54:32 PM
Attachments: [ACMH SUPPORT LETTER AUGUST 02 2021.pdf](#)

Maes, Mar'quasa R. - CC Council Secretary

From: Felix Herzog <herzogf@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 5:27 PM
To: dencc - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] La Alma Lincoln Park Designation

Dear Council members, I would like to humbly request your support for the designation of La Alma Lincoln Park as a Historic and Cultural District.

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26th, July 2021

Dear Reader,

I'm one of your many constituents, voters, and residents of La Alma Lincoln Park. For the past 4 years myself and many others have worked diligently to prepare the application for a historic and cultural designation of a small part of the La Alma Lincoln Park neighborhood. Today I would like to request your support of this designation for one last time and would like to share my story with you as to why I feel this designation is of such great importance; not only to myself personally but to the cultural heritage of our city.

I'm personally a transplant from Europe, my country of birth does not exist any longer, and I have rarely ever spent more than 5 years in any location; with exception of my current home in La Alma Lincoln Park. Upon moving to our house my husband and I were informed by some of our Latin neighbors that La Alma translates to the soul. Ever since being taught this fact I have made an effort to not shorten the name of the neighborhood to a simple Lincoln Park; it is akin to removing its soul, its being and its history. I know that not all residents feel this way, perhaps some didn't get the welcome we received while others may not have truly connected, but rather just made a calculated financial decision in acquiring a house in a strategic location.

Many of us feel that homeownership should allow residents to make decisions about their neighborhood, however; this authority ought to be limited. In much the same way that we can't yell fire in a theater, we should also have restrictions when it comes to plastering over a once redlined food desert with fancy \$750k sterile and mass produced developments. The work myself and many others have undertaken in bringing this proposal to you is not based on our financial interest; but rather a perhaps final effort in protecting the souls of this neighborhood. We are fighting to protect a part of the West Side from the ever present threat of gentrification, white washing, and predatory development. The La Alma, or soul of Lincoln Park is small

single family residences; houses with chain linked fences, a combination of new and old windows, small and large front porches, different exterior finishes between neighbors, and the people that glue it all together. Our designation offers the greatest flexibility, in materials, with the least limitations of any historic district. This designation is a big part of the stuff that we think can help protect our La Alama.

It typically comes as a surprise to many that even though I experienced a unification of a country, that such a seemingly wonderful event, was followed by one of the greatest acts of gentrification in modern history. There were many advantages, and positive developments to these experiences. I'm able to write to you today because of some of these changes. However, there was also loss, displacement, and in many ways a cultural regression of women's rights in particular following the Unification of Germany. It is the experience of the this unification that drove me to find other volunteers that saw the good in this neighborhood. Myself and the other applicants don't oppose development, and progress, but rather hope that we can create mementos in the form of this district that will teach generations to come about the history of Denver's Latino civil rights movement as well as our humble working class origins.

Sincerely,

Felix Herzog

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Maes, Mar'quasa R. - CC Council Secretary

From: Earl & Mary Gould <ejgmef@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 10:19 PM
To: dence - City Council; Landmark - Community Planning and Development; Hahn, Kara L. - CPD City Planner Principal
Subject: [EXTERNAL] La Alma Lincoln Park Historic Cultural District

My name is Mary Gould and I live at 1064 Lipan Street. As one of the applicants, I am writing in support of the LA Alma Lincoln Park Historic Cultural District.

I have owned our home for 40 years and raised 2 daughters here.

No other part of Denver has the rich tapestry of the immigrant history or the Chicano Movement. In addition to recognizing this history, this designation will stabilize housing prices, which will help families continue to create a community environment, rather than encouraging large developers to take over. The beauty of the architecture would be preserved for future generations.

This is a tight knit community. We know our neighbors and we just had our first block party to assure we stay connected and watch out for one another. This is a rare feature in the middle of our city.

We honor the Chicano and Immigration history and we are proud of the resulting multicultural community.

Your support of this designation will assure this community continues for our grandchildren and their children.

Thank you.

Mary Gould

Maes, Mar'quasa R. - CC Council Secretary

From: Veronica Barela <vbarela@newsed.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 2:00 PM
To: dence - City Council
Cc: Veronica Barela
Subject: [EXTERNAL] La Alma Lincoln Park Historic Cultural District

Hello Denver City Council Members:

I hope you all support and vote in favor of the La Alma Lincoln Park Historic Cultural District.

LA ALMA LINCOLN PARK IS RICH WITH HISTORY AND CULTURE AND EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PRESERVE ITS CHARACTER.

SANTA FE DRIVE IS THE GATEWAY TO DENVER AND IT IS ONE OF THE OLDEST STREETS IN DENVER, IF NOT THE OLDEST.

OVER 90% OF THE HOUSING STOCK IS BRICK AND THE HOUSES HAVE A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF ARCHITECTURAL STYLES.

YEARS AGO (MID 80'S) AFTER THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT WAS COMPLETE PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ON THE WEST SIDE OF SANTA FE DRIVE WAS DESIGNATED A HISTORIC DISTRICT, BUT THAT DESIGNATION DOES NOT PROTECT THE HOUSING STOCK. ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO NEWS ED RECEIVED A GRANT FROM HISTORIC DENVER THAT I HELPED TO ADVISE ON THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE OF MY DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMMUNITY. THE DENVER HISTORIC GRANT WAS USED TO RESEARCH THE HISTORIC HOUSING STOCK IN LA ALMA LINCOLN PARK AND LOOK AT CREATING A LANDMARK DESIGNATION

ON THE EAST SIDE OF SANTA FE DRIVE THAT ENCOMPASSED APPROXIMATELY THREE BLOCK AREA. THE RESIDENTS AT THAT TIME WERE NOT INTERESTED IN THE DESIGNATION BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO RESTRICTIVE.

THE CURRENT PROPOSED HISTORICAL CULTURAL DISTRICT IS MUCH MORE FLEXIBLE.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THE TRUE LATINO HISTORY OF LA ALMA LINCOLN PARK LIES WITH ITS NON-PROFIT AGENCIES THAT HAVE BEEN THE PROTECTORS OF THE LATINO CULTURE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR DECADES.

NEWS ED CDC 48 YEARS OLD REVITALIZED SFD, STARTED THE ART DISTRICT, BROUGHT BACK CINCO DE MAYO WHICH IS CELEBRATING OVER 35 YEARS, CREATED THE CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD WHICH IS CELEBRATING 29 YEARS.

THE TWO SHOPPING CENTER THAT NEWS ED BUILT HAD MORE THAN 65% OF MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES.

DENVER INNER CITY PARISH HAS SERVED THE COMMUNITY FOR 60 YEARS AND THEY HAVE THE BEST YOUTH AND SENIOR PROGRAMS PLUS MANY OTHER SERVICES.

SU TEATRO ON SFD HAS OVER 40 YEARS OF HISTORY. THEY PRODUCE GREAT LATINO PLAYS AND THE DIRECTOR IS THE NATIONALLY KNOWN PLAYWRITE TONY GARCIA

MUSEO ON SFD HAS OVER 30 YEARS OF DISPLAYING CULTURAL HISTORY EXHIBITS.

THE AURARIA COMMUNITY CENTER, WEST SIDE ACTION CENTER AND THE JUSTICE INFORMATION CENTER ALSO SERVED THE COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS.

PRESERVING CULTURAL IS MORE THAN A MOVEMENT IT IS CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR HOUSING, BUSINESS GROWTH AND SERVICES THAT CREATE A STABLE COMMUNITY. A HISTORICAL CULTURAL DISTRICT WILL HELP WITH

THE PRESERVATION OF LA ALMA LINCOLN PARK HOUSING AND THE LATINO CULTURE.

Sincerely,

Veronica Barela
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