

1849 Mission Ridge Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93103-1857

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Re: Our residence and the "potential list"
Of historic structures

Mr. Jaime Limón
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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PLANNING DIVISION

Dear Mister Limón,

We hereby request that our residence be removed from the Santa Barbara City "potential list" of historic structures as the building fails to meet the federal standards for such a designation.

During two remodels, approved by the city, extensive changes have occurred to the exterior. These include:

- (1) conversion of the 1922 garage into a guest suite and a patio at the rear of the house. The patio is bordered by a three foot wall and planter.
- (2) two "lean-to" parking structures were demolished and replaced by a large beamed carport at the west side of the house. It connects the house to a new garage.
- (3) an open-air two walled structure beside the carport was converted into a new garage and workshop.
- (4) a trashcan enclosure was built connected to the west wall near the garage.
- (5) a firepit and the original asphalt driveway was removed, grades re-established, and replaced with a concrete driveway.
- (6) the steps from the backdoor have been tiled and connect with a new tiled walkway to the carport.
- (7) the original block ice delivery area, which was combined with a garbage chute near the back door was rebuilt.
- (8) a small gate from the driveway to the back garden was removed and a larger opening created. It has a steel and wooden gate, is protected by a bollard, and is covered by a tile roof.
- (9) the large open-air patio created by the U-shape of the house was demolished. This included removal of a long brick and tile bench, awnings, and two brick planters. A basement extension was created. At this time, a steel moment frame was retrofitted

to upgrade the house to seismic standards. In place of the patio, a large two-story room was created with an entire wall of glass windows and doors.

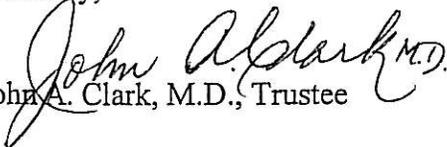
- (10) extending from the new addition is a second story veranda, which overlooks the garden.
- (11) the upper half of the backyard was relandscaped to create a thirty foot diameter semicircular concrete patio, surrounded by an 18 inch thick wall. A barbeque enclosure was built into the patio wall at the ground level with another concrete pad.
- (12) extending along the gardens last stucco wall are a new redwood trellis and stone-faced planters. New decorative lamps are installed along the wall.
- (13) wrought-iron lamps were hung above the barbeque area and driveway gate.

As is evident from the above partial list of exterior changes to the house, it no longer resembles its original appearance.

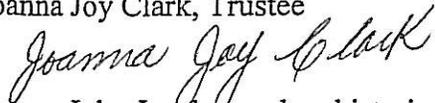
We further note there could potentially be considerable financial loss when the house is sold. Many prospective buyers would be wary of purchasing it with a historical structure restriction. This covenant could limit changes a buyer might wish to make.

Therefore we strongly request that our residence be taken off the "potential list" of historic structures.

Sincerely,


John A. Clark, M.D., Trustee

Joanna Joy Clark, Trustee



cc: John Jacobus, urban historian
William LaVoie, Chairman Historic Landmarks Commission