



June 2, 2015

Ms. Nancy Rapp
Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
City of Santa Barbara
620 Laguna Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Franceschi House at Franceschi Park

Dear Ms. Rapp:

The Board of Directors of the Riviera Association continues to encourage the City of Santa Barbara to act to eliminate the eyesore and potential fire and vandalism hazard that the derelict Franceschi House has become. We are aware that the campaign mounted last decade to raise funds for the restoration of the house has been abandoned. We, therefore, see no viable alternative but to request the City to demolish the remaining structure. If a new historic structures report is required, we request the City to commission such a report as soon as possible. If not, we request that the City accomplish the demolition as soon as the archival documentation of it, as dictated by CEQA and by the Secretary of Interior, be commissioned and completed, and any other memorialization that the City deems appropriate be designed.

We hope to be able to report to our members that the City is proceeding to solve this ongoing problem. Please keep us informed as to progress. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Shelley Bookspan, President