

May 14, 2026

Dear Historic Preservation Board:

My name is Pedro Ortega Dardet and I reside at 1818 Granada Blvd., directly across Alhambra Circle from the Volsky residence at 1008 Alhambra, which I view every day. I have known the Volsky family and the residence for many years, and I write to express my full support for their application for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

I have reviewed the plans and visual renderings prepared by Nelson de Leon, AIA, for the restoration and addition to the residence, and I believe the project thoughtfully maintains, preserves, and enhances the architectural and historical character of the property.


In addition to supporting the overall addition, I specifically support:

1. The modest expansion in width and height of the garage entrance as well as the interior to accommodate two modern vehicles;
2. Raising the height of the perimeter wall to 5 feet; and
3. Relocating a circular window on the east side of the existing residence by a few feet to improve the interior functionality of the space.

In my view, these changes will not diminish or detract from the original architectural character of the property. Rather, they will help make a residence originally built in 1937 more functional, livable, and attractive while respecting its historic integrity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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