

**Summary of Written Public Comments  
Submitted for Historic Preservation Commission Meeting - August 25, 2021**

<b>Public Comment #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment Summary</b>
#1	<b>Jason Willoughby</b>	<b>Agenda Item PH-1</b> Landmark Designation of 812 Norumbega Drive	Writing with concerns regarding landmark designation of 812 Norumbega Drive.
#2	<b>Becky Paige</b>	<b>Agenda Item PH-1</b> Landmark Designation of 812 Norumbega Drive	Writing with concerns regarding landmark designation of 812 Norumbega Drive.
#3	<b>Catherine McCallum</b>	<b>Agenda Item PH-1</b> Landmark Designation of 812 Norumbega Drive	Writing to oppose landmark designation of 812 Norumbega Drive.
#4	<b>Melissa Taylor</b>	<b>Agenda Item PH-1</b> Landmark Designation of 812 Norumbega Drive	Writing to oppose landmark designation of 812 Norumbega Drive.
#5	<b>Kelly Dwyer</b>	<b>Agenda Item PH-1</b> Landmark Designation of 812 Norumbega Drive	Writing to oppose landmark designation of 812 Norumbega Drive.
#6	<b>Matt Dwyer</b>	<b>Agenda Item PH-1</b> Landmark Designation of 812 Norumbega Drive	Writing to oppose landmark designation of 812 Norumbega Drive.

**From:** Jason Willoughby  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Historic Preservation Committee Public Comments  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 11:38:33 AM

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As a resident of Monrovia, I was shocked that the home of our current mayor is slated and being recommend by this committee for recognition as a historic landmark. Not only was the architecture of the home altered significantly, it is a common home surrounded by similar common stucco homes from the 1950's. The owners submitted the home to be recognized for its architecture- NOT because of the association of its residents. It was Director Jimenez and staff that went above the applicants request and proposed this recommendation. While the mayor has served in public office for many many years, there are many other people more qualified to gain recognition for their service. In fact, the mayor is still in his position until June of 2022 and his ultimate legacy is still yet to be determined. One can not be sure what the next 10 months will bring. It would be premature to grant any status to his home or anyone else still serving in elected positions. There are too many reasons why this recommendation is wrong. This commission has much more important historic issues to be concerned with.

Thank You,

Jason Willoughby

**From:** Becky Paige  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Historical Designation Adams  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 11:35:01 AM

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To whom it may concern;

I can't believe I have to write a letter to say 1950's is not historical. Being "mayor" is not historical UNLESS you are Bob Bartlett and left a lasting mark on this community.

My daughter was turned down by this same body and she had an early 1900's home designed by a famous architect. Of course she was not "mayor".. but she's done plenty of good things for this community.

A Mayor's contributions are not only theirs. And certainly open to skepticism.  
Let alone be used to justify what cannot stand on its own.

I wish this meeting was in person as I'd love to see Tom Adams stand before all of us and justify this ridiculous request.

I urge a no vote on something that is actually important to this community and should be treated as such.

Thank You  
Becky Paige

**From:** Catherine McCallum  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Historic Landmark application for 812 Norumbega  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 5:03:22 PM

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I have recently become aware of an application for a Historic Landmark designation for the home at 812 Norumbega Drive. As a 41-year Monrovia resident and homeowner, I must express my opposition to this designation. The home at that address is unremarkable and although the residents, the mayor and his wife, are active in the community, they are hardly famous. There are many Monrovians who have made greater contributions to our area, and many homes more distinguished than this one. Please don't devalue earlier designations by encouraging this type of ego-trip.

Thank you.

Catherine McCallum

**From:** City Clerk  
**To:** Sheri Bermejo  
**Subject:** FW: Oppose PH-1  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 2:18:22 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Melissa Taylor <[Melissa.Taylor@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:Melissa.Taylor@ci.monrovia.ca.us)>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 2:09 PM  
To: City Clerk <[CityClerk@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:CityClerk@ci.monrovia.ca.us)>  
Subject: Oppose PH-1

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Good evening Historical Preservation Commission,

I am writing in opposition to item PH-1. The person in question has shown poor character choices in online and public forums. If the house was to benefit from this monumental decision, it would make more sense to give it to a person who did not make personal attacks to those who disagree. While Mayor Adams has served the public for many years, in an elected capacity, I do not think that merits a historical distinction. His behavior in many council meetings and condescending tone is very off putting. I would rather see this award go to Bob Bartlett's home or many of the other officials that still live in this community and serve this community in a positive way.

-Melissa Taylor

This email was sent from a mobile device; please forgive brevity and typos.

**From:** Kelly Dwyer  
**To:** Sheri Bermejo  
**Subject:** Item PH-1 for tonight.  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 2:51:55 PM

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I would like to vote NO on item PH-1 (812 North Norumbega Dr receiving an historic landmark designation). I don't believe Mr. Adams deserves to have this status, as the way he conducts himself in public forums leaves a lot to be desired. He is a public servant who has shown us time and time again that he truly only cares about his public position and doesn't actually care about all of the people of Monrovia.

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Kelly Reopelle Dwyer



**From:** Matt Dwyer  
**To:** Sheri Bermejo  
**Subject:** Item PH-1 for Tonight  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 3:09:30 PM

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I vote NO on item PH-1 (812 North Norumbega Dr receiving an historic landmark designation). I don't believe Mr. Adams deserves to have this status, as the way he conducts himself in public forums. He insults belittles and frankly has lied. He is a public servant who has shown us time and time again that he truly only cares about his public position and doesn't actually care about all of the people of Monrovia.

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Best Regards,

Matt Dwyer

