

June 1, 2015

Via email and US Mail

Historic Site Preservation Board
City of Palm Springs
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

**Re: Request for Immediate Stay of Demolition Permits for
Tahquitz Plaza located at 600, 650, 700 and 750 East Tahquitz
Canyon Way**

Honorable Board Members,

Earlier today, Palm Springs Preservation Foundation ("PSPF") formally nominated Tahquitz Plaza as a Palm Springs Class 1 Historic Site. Also today, the City of Palm Springs issued demolition permits for Tahquitz Plaza. A stay of the demolition permits is urgently needed in order to afford the Board an opportunity to conduct the necessary analysis to determine whether Tahquitz Plaza should be designated as an historic site. Pursuant to Palm Springs Municipal Code §8.05.170, the Board has the authority "to issue an order staying any proposed or threatened demolition" of any structure within a proposed site. On behalf of PSPF and Advocates for Better Community Development, I urge you to issue an order staying the demolition permits at the earliest possible date, or at the very least, at your June 8th Board meeting.

Sincerely,



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