



June 10, 2026

Attention: Honorable Mayor Naomi Soto
Esteemed Members of City Council

Subject: Letter of Support for City Council Agenda Item 3B
Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property with Town & Country, LLC.

I am writing to formally support the purchase of the property by the City of Palm Springs. I have been an advocate for the preservation of this property for over a decade, amongst many other members of the community.

I authored the nomination for the property to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2015, and it was deemed eligible, by the CA State Historic Preservation Office and the Keeper of the Register in Washington DC, for listing at that time. It has been in limbo due to the property owner's lack of commitment to the preservation effort. Fortunately, after years of community perseverance, it is designated as a Palm Springs Class 1 historic property.

We have all witnessed the demolition by neglect under the ownership of Wessman Development/Grit Development. This needs to stop. The architectural integrity of the complex is substantiated by preservation experts and stands as testimony to Palm Springs' well-established status as a center of mid-century modern architecture, within the heart of the city.

As a practicing architect, I have worked on several concepts for the integration of new architecture with the five historically significant buildings and realize there are several creative approaches to energize the courtyard and surrounding buildings. I'm very excited about the future possibilities for this site.

Please carefully consider the new design being proposed for the Fire Station. We must not fall short of a continued legacy of good design that is timeless. We deserve better than many of the new projects being constructed in the city. I know we can do better work to create a meaningful design which represents our present methods and technologies yet harmonizes with the beauty and inspiration of the Palm Springs master architects of the mid-century period.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this project. I wholeheartedly support the City's efforts to further improve the property and the community at large.

Best Regards,

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