

Mayor and City Council
City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San José, CA 95113

Re: Eichler Fairglen Additions National Register Historic District
Nomination

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Members,

We are writing in support of the Fairglen Additions neighborhood
preservation effort.

On March 12, 2019, the matter will come before you seeking the City's
comments on this National Register nomination. Your consideration would
be appreciated.

We ask for your support of the nomination to realize this important step.

Respectfully,

Arthur Wagner 2/22/19
Mary Ann Wagner 2/22/19



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Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 10:29 AM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Members,

My name is Jan Horton and my husband and I have lived at 2326 Fairglen Drive, San Jose, in the Fairwood Eichler Division since Feb 1986.

In 1959, my parents purchased their NEW Eichler in the Sunnyvale Fairbrae Tract – I was 5 years old. They were fortunate to be original buyers, and were able to specify their Luan Mahogany walls in the grey finish, the particular flooring they wanted, and the exterior paint finish. These finishes were chosen from the palette offered by Eichler Homes.

My Father was an Architect, educated at Cranbrook Institute of Arts in Michigan. He lived and studied with Eliel Saarinen and was highly influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright, Mies van der Rohe in the Minimalist Design Theory. The concept and design was in keeping with these influences. Growing up, my Mom and Dad's favorite saying was, "Keep it simple stupid" – a meme later made famous as Silicon Valley grew around them.

Growing up in an Eichler for most of my life, I have also watched sadly as those who did not understand the concept, nor appreciate the vision of Joseph Eichler, made a complete mockery of the precious niche that this design defines. Anyone who has any idea of contemporary design – if you tell them that you live in an Eichler - immediately knows what you are talking about, and often times say – "I wish I could live in one – they are so good looking and functional – So Mid Century!"

My older brother lives in an Eichler in Orange, CA, purchased in 2004 in the Fair Meadows Tract. They too, along with their community, are hoping to protect the design aesthetic they love. He tells me that two other tracts are also making progress towards preservation with the complete support of the City of Orange.

In conclusion – I don't believe there is a more dedicated community of appreciation of home design than those who are privileged to own Eichler homes. It is our sincere hope that these amazing, beautiful and functional homes can be protected to ensure that future generations will be allowed to enjoy them and love them as we have.

Kind Regards,
Jan Horton