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JUAREZ-HOSMER APPEAL HISTORIC LANDM

461 SAN YSIDRO RD

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County of Santa Barbara  
Board of Supervisors  
Clerk of the Board

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Dear Clerk of the Board:

The Pearl Chase Society hereby appeals the decision of the County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission on January 13, 2014 approving the demolition of Landmark 34, the Juarez-Hosmer Adobe.

The grounds for the appeal are: inadequate justification presented for the demolition of this landmark and inadequate public notice for the demolition of the Juarez-Hosmer Adobe. \*

Sincerely,

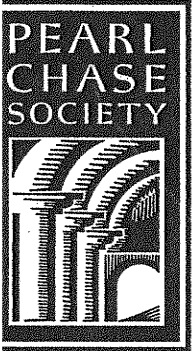
*Hattie M Beresford*  
Hattie Beresford, Vice-President  
Pearl Chase Society

\* Additional reasons

- lack of peer review
- NO consideration for affect on historic landmark status

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Julie Harris

January 21, 2014

To: Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission, Santa Barbara Planning Commission, Julie Harris, Senior Planner, and Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.  
From: The Pearl Chase Society  
RE: Demolition permission for Juarez/Hosmer Adobe

Dear members of HLAC, Santa Barbara County Planning Commission, Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors, and Julie Harris, Senior Planner

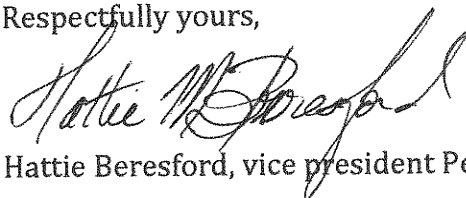
It was with surprise and dismay that the Pearl Chase Society learned of your recent action in granting permission to demolish the water tower and the Juarez/Hosmer Adobe at 461 San Ysidro Road in Montecito and replace the existing landmarked structures with replicas. While it is admirable that the owners intend to use as much of the original materials as possible in this reconstruction, the paucity of evidence to document and explain the overall finding that the adobe structure is beyond saving is worrisome.

The owners have certainly tried to do their best in following the preservation plan laid out in 2010, and have been foiled at every turn by the precarious condition of the adobe. The photos and general statements certainly show that the adobe has special needs that require the expert attentions of those skilled in adobe preservation. From their excellent previous work, the consulting engineering firm of Taylor and Syfan has shown that they are capable of recreating adobes from the ground up. The Juarez/Hosmer adobe, however, needs preservation in situ, if at all possible.

We respectfully ask that the owners, who have been extremely patient with this historical treasure, get a second opinion from an engineering firm that has brought adobes in this condition back from the brink of demolition. If the adobe is demolished and then reconstructed, it may possibly lose its historic resource designation. Once it's gone, it's gone forever. There are only 7 remaining adobes in Montecito. Three were incorporated into modern houses; four stand alone. The loss of this historic structure, even if it's replicated, will be immense.

We request that the item be returned to HLAC and Planning for further consideration following a peer review and a more detailed and expansive engineering report from a company experienced in adobe preservation. Surely, all avenues should be explored before the death knell is sounded.

Respectfully yours,

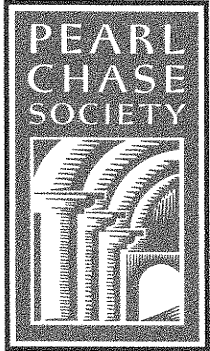


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