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Clerk of the Board  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407,  
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RE: 05-06-2014 Agenda Item:  
Juarez/Hosmer Adobe,  
Demolition Permit

Dear Clerk of the Board:

Please forward my letter to the entire Board of Supervisors in regards to the pending "appeal" of the demolition permit request for the Juarez/Hosmer Adobe, in Montecito.

The Juarez/Hosmer Adobe is in no worst condition than any of the other structures that I have restored in the past 25 years. The Juarez/Hosmer Adobe should not be demolished, but only is in need of being restored. I have seen much worst wood, with the overhead beams of the *Greene & Greene 1902-1915 Culbertson's Carriage House*, before and after photographs are attached above.

The City of Pasadena passed an ordinance which disallows any "new wood" to be used in the restoration of any *Greene & Greene* structure within City limits. A very wise move on their part, as all "new wood" is very inferior to "old growth" lumber. If I ever have to replace wood that is beyond restoration, I always use 100 years old wood from salvage yards that specialize in hunting down old growth woods.

I read in an email that there seems to be a wooden structure that has already been taken down, on the property. I hope the Board will address this alarming point.

A quick primer on adobe restoration:

### Historic Adobe Preservation

<http://earthstonestation.wordpress.com/2012/08/06/historic-adobe-preservation/>

I hope that my input has been helpful to you. I would hope that the Board of Supervisors will support the appeal "not" to demolish this beautiful Montecito Adobe and it's surrounding "landmarked" structures and landscape.

Sincerely,  
Steve Schleder

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References:

I have been a painting contractor for the past 25 years. I have specialized in the restorations of historical architecture in Pasadena and Los Angeles. I have restored the exterior of the classic Greene & Greene 1902-1915 *James A. Culbertson House* in Pasadena, both the interior and exterior of the John Lautner's 1954 *Lawrence E. Deutsch Residence* in Los Angeles, the exterior of the Schindler kit house in Elysian Park overlooking Chavez Ravine, the exterior of the Pasadena 1946 *Shell House*, the personal residence of architect Wallace Neff, the exterior of the multi-family building in the Hollywood Hills designed by Paul Williams and the exterior of the Curlett & Beelman commercial 1928 *Heinsbergen Decorating Company Building* HCL #275, among a few others. Please see [www.harpcompany.com](http://www.harpcompany.com).























