

April 27, 2014

Board of Supervisors

County of Santa Barbara

Dear Board Members,

I am writing concerning the Juarez/Hosmer adobe.

The main previous owners of the home, Skeet Ord and Helen Hosmer, were my GG Aunts. I have fond memories of the sisters and many times I accompanied my Mother, Barbara Hosmer Nigh, and Grandmother to visit them. My Grandmother was married to William Ernest Hosmer who was a nephew of the sisters.

When I heard of the fate that is being decided regarding the adobe section of their home I was shocked. I was under the impression that once a building or area was designated "Historical" it was not to be destroyed or removed. The ideas of the new owner to demolish and rebuild this room is not meeting that criteria.

It is a shame that the old homestead has passed through owners who didn't care for the building or grounds. Unfortunate as that is, it is still important to me for the heritage I have and the connection to the sight, that it be restored by a professional restoration company not destroyed.

As a member of the Hosmer family I urgently request that you deny the owner permission to move forward with his demolition plan and require him to have a professional restoration company review the action needed to refurbish the adobe.

Thank you for considering other options to restoration of this building.

Jody Nigh

1004 N W Birch St,

Grants Pass, OR

541-472-8337

Jodyn56@ymail.com