Maldonado, Matthew

From: michelle rivera <boopoopddoo@att.net>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 2:49 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Demolition historic home

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Please don’t destroy this historic home. Instead restore it to its beauty. NO asphalt parking lot!!!

Michelle Rivera
Ward 1
Sent from my iPhone

Maldonado, Matthew

From: DUANE PRATT <kitcat3@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 2:48 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 4472 Orange St, Riverside,Ca

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We totally oppose the condemnation of this property. My husband and I have lived just one block over on Orange Grove Ave. There are so few of these homes left in Riverside, we have been on this street for 54 years, it would be a tragic to tear this house down, what would be the purpose, to build another parking lot that we dont need, we say no,no,no

Thank you
Duane and Marlene Pratt

Virus-free.www.avast.com

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Heather MacPhetridge <macphetridges@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 2:44 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Top Quality Framing

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How can we help get this building saved?

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Rachael Dzikonski <rachaeldzikonski@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 2:44 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Demolishing a Riverside Structure of Merit

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Hello!

Sending in this email to express my opposition to demolishing a Riverside Structure of Merit. Please let me know if you need anything else from me!

Thank you,

Rachael Dzikonski

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Holly Clark <hollclrk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 2:44 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't Demolish 4472 Orange St for an asphalt parking lot

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I am against the request to demolish 4472 Orange St for an asphalt parking lot.

This seems to go against the tradition of the city, which has been to protect structures of historical merit.

Please seek another solution - both for repair of the home, and for additional parking.

Thank you,
Holly

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Malissa Mckeith <malissacurepres@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 2:35 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We oppose demolishing the historic structure

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Thanks Phillip for sharing this request for support. Our unique history is one of the most valuable economic assets of Riverside. Let's not throw it away for parking lots. I think they made a song about that in the 1960s.

Malissa Hathaway McKeith
Citizens United for Resources and the Environment, Inc. ("CURE")
www.curegroup.org
213-300-3550

Maldonado, Matthew

From: WENDY DIMAS <wendydimas44@g.ucla.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 2:30 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to demolition of Orange St structure

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Good Afternoon,

My name is Wendy Dimas and I am a proud resident of Riverside, where I fall under the jurisdiction of Ward 1. I have recently been informed of the demolition of the Victorian cottage at 4472 Orange St. I am writing this email to let you know that I oppose this decision.

What makes Riverside great is our commitment as a community to keep our city beautiful and historic. Our Victorian style structures give the city character. Tearing it down to build a parking lot goes against our values as a city, especially in this ward. Riverside has made an effort for sustainable development, even being one of the few cities to have an office of sustainability. Parking structures and minimum parking requirements are the antithesis of sustainability. which is the opposite way Riverside is trying to trend, given the 2050 climate action plan.

Let's focus on building affordable housing and developing green spaces without compromising the character of the city and our community here in Ward 1.

Thank you,
Wendy Dimas

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Adam Schnirel <adam.schnirel@ucr.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 1:56 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No to Demo 4472 Orange st

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I am in opposition to the demolition of the historic cottage at 4472 Orange st.

Thank you,
Adam Schnirel
412-400-9441

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Ma See <marcywalter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 1:56 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Old Home

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Please do not allow for another of our beautiful city's historic homes be demolished...especially for a parking lot! What an unnecessary tragedy that would be.
Sincerely,
Marcy Walter
Riverside

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Ross <sdr5253@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 1:47 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Orange Street Demo

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Good afternoon,

Is the property damaged beyond repair? Is it not an option to relocate house to another lot? I was involved with relocating 8 houses downtown, Riverside. There are several infield lots downtown that would benefit from such a property.

I appreciate your time and effort on this property.

Scott Ross

Sent from my iPhone

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Fun time Pasillas <pasillasmary@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 1:23 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Historical district structure

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Re: Historical structures Home demolished. This home in the Prospect Place Historic District. A Structure of Merit

A demolition request has been submitted by the Riverside County Office of Education to demolish an 1890s Victorian cottage at 4472 Orange St for an asphalt parking lot.

As citizen and member of this beautiful city I say NO to the demolishing of this historical home. The beauty of our city is built on the history that are forefathers put forth in labor, Love, talent and treasures.

A parking lot should not be considered I strongly oppose.

Sincerely, Mary H Pasillas
Sent from my iPhone

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Elizabeth Scott-Jones <mrmao@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 1:19 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 4472 Orange Street Structure of Merit

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my opposition to demolishing the Riverside Structure of Merit located at 4472 Orange Street. I believe it is important to preserve as much of our historic and cultural heritage as possible, especially after the losses in the 1980s and 1990s.

Please let me know how else I may assist in preserving this and other structures.

Thank you very much.

Elizabeth Scott-Jones
951-750-9775
mrmao@earthlink.net

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Kim Parker <calledit@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 1:12 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 4472 Orange Street

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I'm writing to express my opposition to RCOE's request to demolish the property at 4472 Orange Street in our city.

Aside from this building's historic significance, the demolition and pavement of this property is simply not necessary when there are plenty of unused pieces of land within the county that the Office of Education could easily procure.

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Mary Ward <marymackenzie.3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 1:07 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Riv County Office of Ed Request to Demolish Structure of Merit

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Dear Ward1, City of Riverside,

I and my neighbors oppose the demolition of an 1890s Craftsman home on Orange Street.
I live in the Downtown Mile Square area, between Cedar and Locust Streets. This is the happiest of neighborhoods due to its friendly people & porches, wide sidewalks for strolling and dog walking, trees, gardens and lovely Craftsman homes. When I am in my front garden, many people out walking inquire about living in the neighborhood. There is high interest in and value of Craftsman homes with their sense of place.

Riverside has a positive reputation for livability, especially in its Historic districts, as we see annually at the ORF Vintage Home Tour of our many beautiful neighborhoods.
I'm sure the home at issue would be lovingly restored if a young couple or family had the chance to purchase it, as we have excellent resources to support Historic restoration.
Prospect Place, adjacent to the Wood Streets Historic district and RCC is a valuable Historic neighborhood worth supporting as another of Riverside's gems.

Riverside County Office of Education has more than enough parking lots. As a science teacher here for 30 years, I sometimes attended conferences there. Parking was a squeeze, but always available, and then the new large parking structure was built to add to its' surrounding lots. It looks as if the RivCo Office of Ed may be staking out land in our Historic neighborhoods for their expansion needs.
Please do not trade away our valuable neighborhoods that make people want to come here.
Thank you,

Mary Ward
marymackenzie.3@gmail.com
(909) 633-2124

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Debbie Newton <dlquick1960@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 12:59 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 4472 Orange

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To Whom it May Concern:

It has been identified that the Riverside County Office of Education plans to demolish a 1890s Victorian cottage at 4472 Orange St for an asphalt parking lot. I feel this rips away another link to our city's past, and that other avenues could be used to expand parking.

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Debbie Quick Newton

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Charlotte McKenzie <mckenzie.cr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 12:20 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No demolition for 4472 Orange street

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Hello,

I would Express my opposition to the demolition of the beautiful craftsman at 4472 Orange St. While the building may be in disrepair, it would be a shame to see his historic emblem of our city destroyed. TThe prospect place historic District is one of the few placesThe prospect place historic district is one of Riverside's best examples of historic preservation. We need to not forget that these lovely homes represent the heritage of our city.

Thank you!

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Maldonado, Matthew

From: Kristyn Williams <gardenofeadenfarms@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 11:35 AM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request to Preserve Historical Building

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I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed demolition of the historic building located at 4472 Orange St, reportedly to make space for a parking lot.

This structure is not only a valuable part of our architectural heritage but also a tangible link to our community's past. Its preservation is vital for maintaining the character and identity of our neighborhood, and it offers the potential to be restored and repurposed in ways that can benefit the community economically, culturally, and environmentally.

I urge you to consider alternatives that would allow for both development and preservation. Many cities have found creative ways to integrate modern needs with historic preservation, and I believe such a solution is possible here.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further or to support efforts to preserve this important landmark.

Kristyn Williams

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Cory Randle <cory.randle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 12:09 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposed Demolition of 4472 Orange St

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Hello,

I would like to express my concern and opposition to the demolition request of 4472 Orange St for an asphalt parking lot. Not only is this home in the Prospect Place Historic District, it was identified decades ago to be a contributing structure to the fabric of that district and is a Structure of Merit—the second highest historic designation a building can obtain in Riverside.

Riverside is a hidden gem in the IE due the preservation of its history and most importantly architecture. Please please fight hard to continue preserving the very thing that makes Riverside such a beautiful and unique city to live in.

Best regards,
Cory Randle
4389 Glenwood Dr.
Riverside CA 92501

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Leanne Austin <leanneaustinre@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 11:59 AM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Formal Objection to the Proposed Demolition of 4472 Orange St, Riverside

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Dear City of Riverside Planning Department,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed demolition of the home located at **4472 Orange Street**, submitted by the **Riverside County Office of Education**. This property is located within the **Prospect Place Historic District** and has been officially designated as a **Structure of Merit.**

Allowing the demolition of this architecturally and historically significant structure in favor of a parking lot would be a profound loss to our city's cultural heritage. I urge the City to reconsider this proposal for the following reasons:

1. **Historical Significance**: The structure is an integral part of the Prospect Place Historic District, which collectively represents an important period in Riverside's architectural and civic development. Removing this contributing home erodes the historical integrity of the entire district.
2. **Designation as a Structure of Merit**: This is not an ordinary building. Its designation reflects that it has been evaluated and recognized as possessing significant historical, architectural, or cultural value to the community. To allow its demolition sets a troubling precedent for the treatment of other designated structures.
3. **Loss of Cultural Identity**: Historic buildings provide a sense of place and continuity. As Riverside continues to grow and modernize, preserving these rare and tangible connections to our past becomes even more important. The character of our historic districts cannot be replicated once lost.
4. **Environmental Impact**: The demolition of structurally sound buildings contributes to unnecessary waste and environmental degradation. Adaptive reuse of historic structures is a more sustainable and community-focused solution than demolition and new construction.
5. **Public Interest and Community Character**: The continued presence of historic homes like this one adds value not just in architectural beauty, but in community pride and identity. Replacing it with a parking lot offers no comparable benefit to the public.

I strongly urge the City of Riverside to protect this historic home and explore alternatives that meet the parking needs of the Riverside County Office of Education without destroying irreplaceable elements of our city's heritage.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust the City will act in accordance with its stated commitment to historic preservation.

Sincerely,

Leanne Austin
Owner/Agent

7626 Wood Rd
Riverside CA 92508

DRE 01444578

951.205.2657

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Freddy C. Guzman <fredguzman1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 11:39 AM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 4471 Orange St. / Do Not Demolish

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Hello,

It is ridiculous that this historic structure may be demolished for a PARKING LOT?! Absolutely not, we must preserve our architectural history and character as it is what makes Riverside beautiful and distinct. The razing of historic structures in the LA region has happened far too much and far too long, let's reverse the trend!!

FG in Magnolia Center

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Michael Fore <mikefore78@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 11:37 AM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 4472 Orange St

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Councilmember Falcone,
I've learned that there's been a request to demolish the historic home located at 4472 Orange Ave. I could not be more opposed to this! We are known throughout the region for our historic buildings and insistence of preserving them. Please use every means necessary to save this beautiful property.

Michael Fore
951-990-6868

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Kara C <kara.crohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 11:31 AM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please do not demolish historic homes

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Hello,

I am emailing in opposition of demolishing 4472 Orange Street. This home should be restored and used to help maintain the integrity and beauty of Riverside. Instead, find an investor that will redo the home and maintain its character - it will help surrounding property values and attract more value than a parking lot.

Parking is a problem downtown, but (1) many existing parking structures and lots could be revitalized/built up to increase parking space, and (2) we need to invest in last-mile mobility within the city limits in a way that is not car dependent and less likely to make traffic worse - think trollies, not parking lots.

Our historic homes must not be plowed under!!

Thank you,
Kara Crohn
3587 Mount Rubidoux Dr, Riverside, CA 92501

Kara Crohn
m: 951.255.3624
e: kara.crohn@gmail.com
LinkedIn: linkedin.com/in/kara-crohn-9859456/

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Mireya Santos-Pozos <santospozos.005@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 9:47 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose demolition of 1908 Victorian cottage

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I oppose the demolition of 1908 Victorian cottage at 4472 Orange St.

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Harminder Gill <sciences2100@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 8:42 AM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Good Morning

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Dear Mr. Falcone

I know I never got a chance to introduce myself in person to you at the events for The Riverside Old Foundation and Heritage house, but I do recognize you these past few years. As a docent and even at past places, I've been spending the last 10 days trying to think what would be best for this 1908 Victorian cottage on Orange Street. I do care about our historic landmarks. Perhaps relocating the Victorian cottage in another location if all else fails. It is just a thought. Continue to do the best for our community. Good Morning Again

Sincerely,
Harminder Gill, MS, DTM
Past Board of Library
Trustees, Ward 4

Maldonado, Matthew

From: olivia poe <oliviapoe36@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 10:03 AM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Demolition

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the history of Riverside is more important then a parking lot and that Riverside used to be a historical gem. They are removing the character of the city by taking away its history.

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Madeline Poe <maddypoe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 9:38 AM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 4472 orange st.

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As a Riverside native I take pride in the history and stories this city has to offer. I am pregnant with my first child and fear the integrity of Riverside is slowly being chipped away. The demolition of yet another historic home in favor of a parking lot would leave a huge sore on the reputation of the city. It is choices like these that have lead countless people to leave the city in favor of other newer towns.

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Learnunltd <learnunltd@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2025 10:30 AM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Historic buildings

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Please do not destroy the building at 4572 Orange St. or any other historic buildings in Riverside.

Sent from AOL on Android

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Bonnie Zylstra <bonnachichi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2025 8:50 AM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No demo!

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Please keep our historical buildings!

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Sandy Hardina <admhardina@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 25, 2025 12:13 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Historic Home

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You certainly have my support to prevent yet another parking lot from eating up Riverside's history and, in the process, contributing to the already poor air quality in our city. The downtown area is well served by public transportation and we should be encouraging its use. Providing more parking options only serves to discourage it.

Sandy Hardina

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Sara McDonnell <sarammcd@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 25, 2025 8:36 AM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Home Preservation

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To Whom it may concern:

Please don't demolition any historical houses in Riverside, California. We need to preserve our history with all our effort.

Thank you,
Sara McDonnell
Riverside Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Maldonado, Matthew

From: katherine Rose brophy <katherine.rose6@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2025 8:21 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Taking away a part of history.

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I am so against tearing down this house for a parking lot. The loss to this community is incomprehensible should you tear it down. And just for a parking lot? Aren't there enough parking lots downtown as it is? Why can't they use one of them?
Please do not allow this historical house be torn down for this reason.
Thank you
Sent from my iPhone

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Addie Schnirel <addieschnirel@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2025 5:34 PM
To: Ward1
Cc: Maldonado, Matthew
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] 4472 Orange St

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Hi there,

I worded my original email backwards!

Here is my edited email which accurately reflects my opinion.

> The history of Riverside, represented in part by homes such as the one at 4472 Orange St, is a big part of why I moved to Riverside.
>
> I want to see 4472 Orange St restored and preserved. I do not want to see it demolished for a parking lot

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Addie Schnirel

> On May 20, 2025, at 8:53 AM, Ward1 <Ward1@riversideca.gov> wrote:
>
> Hi Addie,
>
> I want to make sure I understand your email correctly. You state in your email that you **are** in favor of demolition and want it to be a parking lot? Please confirm so I can categorize your comment accordingly.
>
> Thank you,
>
> <image001.png>
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> ---
>
> **From:** addieschnirel@icloud.com <addieschnirel@icloud.com>
> **Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2025 6:53 PM
> **To:** Ward1 <Ward1@riversideca.gov>
> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 4472 Orange St

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Hello!

The history of Riverside, represented in part by homes such as the one at 4472 Orange St, is a big part of why I moved to Riverside.

I would not like to see 4472 Orange St restored and preserved. I do want to see it demolished for a parking lot.

Best,
Addie Schnirel
4404 11th St, Riverside

Stay in-the-know with all things Riverside! Connect with us at RiversideCA.gov/Connect.

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Kelsey Minner <kelseypminner@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 7:36 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Preserve the Historic Henry Jacob Gerhardt Hous

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the City of Riverside. It was not sent by any City official or staff. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing to respectfully urge you and the City of Riverside to reconsider the demolition of the Henry Jacob Gerhardt House at 4472 Orange Street. This 1908 Victorian cottage is a rare and valuable piece of Riverside's architectural and cultural history, and it deserves to be preserved—not replaced by a parking lot.

The Gerhardt House is not only a Structure of Merit (the second-highest historic designation in the city), but also a contributing structure to the Prospect Place Historic District—one of Riverside's first wholly residential neighborhoods. This neighborhood has already faced significant transformation and loss, and each remaining original structure plays a vital role in maintaining the integrity and story of the district.

Though the home suffered fire damage while vacant, the city has estimated that only 30% of the structure was impacted. Preservationists believe that the building can be restored and continue serving as a symbol of Riverside's resilience and architectural heritage. Historic preservation isn't just about grand mansions—it's about valuing the working-class homes that tell the stories of ordinary citizens who shaped the city.

The house also has a unique connection to Riverside's history. Built by George P. Harsh, a short-time but impactful builder, and home to Henry Gerhardt, a painter with Cresmer Manufacturing, the property reflects the craftsmanship and character of early 20th-century Riverside.

I believe our city can honor the past while planning for the future. Saving the Gerhardt House would be a meaningful step in that direction. Please oppose its demolition and support efforts to restore this irreplaceable piece of Riverside's heritage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Minner

714.757.9293 | kelseypminner@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Debbie Schwartz <singingdeb@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 5:00 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Demolition

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Please leave our history alone! It's a great thing to uphold. Demolishing a potentially restored home is wrong. Also tired of all the fields and spaces being taken up by concrete/hotels and expensive apartments.

Debbie Schwartz

Sent from AOL on Android

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Bethany Na <bethanyeversonna@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 12:13 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Demolition Opposition - 4472 Orange Street

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Hello,

I wanted to voice my opposition to the proposed demolition of the house located at 4472 Orange Street. The destruction of this property would be adverse the interests of Riverside, both culturally and economically.

It is my understanding that the Riverside County Office of Education wants to demolish this 117 year old home so that it can add some parking spaces to their adjacent parking lot. I have driven by this property several times over the past week, and I have never observed the existing parking lot being more than half full, let alone near capacity. It is inconceivable that a governmental institution ostensibly concerned with education would trade a historical building for a few parking spaces... spaces nobody needs.

While the home is in need of repair, it is not **beyond** repair. Chapman University in Orange, CA has made good use of the Craftsman bungalows surrounding the campus; for instance, I worked at an elder law clinic while in law school which was located in one of these homes. I see no reason why the Office of Education cannot do something similar.

The environmental impact of the demolition is sure to be another point of contention; the various reports and studies needed as a result of this plan would be time-intensive, labor-intensive- and expensive. I personally will ensure that all appropriate studies are done, and reports made, before this building is reduced to asphalt. I'm sure the neighbors would not be thrilled with the construction and demolition of the building either.

All this to say, I strongly oppose this decision and am disappointed with the Office of Education's proposal. Riverside can do better. Thank you.

Bethany Everson Na, Esq.

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Sincerely,

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Maldonado, Matthew

From: Dave Shaw <daveshaw492@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 12:06 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose demolition of 4472 Orange St.

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I oppose demolition of 4472 Orange St. to "pave the way" for a parking lot.

Please find an appropriate way to save this wonderful Structure of Merit.

Thanks for your attention.

David Shaw

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Hazael calleros <calleroshazael@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 10:14 AM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support
Attachments: _Letter of Support .pdf

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Below you will find my letter of support.

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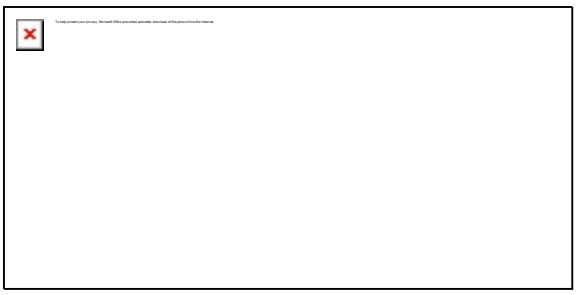

Dear Councilmember Falcone,

I am writing to express my strong support for the preservation of the Henry Jacob Gerhardt House, located at 4472 Orange Street. This 1908 Victorian Cottage—crafted by local builder George P. Harsh—is not only a Structure of Merit (#313), but also a rare and valuable contributor to Riverside's Prospect Place Historic District.

While often mistaken for a Craftsman bungalow, this home's unique transitional style tells an important story about Riverside's architectural evolution during the early 20th century. Beyond its design, the home holds social and historical value. It represents the life of Henry Jacob Gerhardt, a working-class painter tied to local industries and family roots in the Cresmer Manufacturing Company. His story is one of many that illustrate Riverside's rich cultural tapestry and the everyday citizens who helped shape it.

The Prospect Place neighborhood has long served as one of the city's early residential enclaves. While modern development has altered parts of this area, the Gerhardt House stands as one of the few remaining original structures—a physical anchor to Riverside's past. In the 1970s and 1980s, the city rightly took action to relocate and preserve other historic homes in this neighborhood during freeway expansion. I urge the city to act with the same foresight and commitment today.

Although the Gerhardt House suffered fire damage, estimates show only about 30% of the structure was affected. Historic homes across the country have been restored from far worse. With proper investment and care, this house can once again serve the community—whether through adaptive reuse or as an educational resource—and remain a testament to Riverside's working-class history.

Historic preservation is not just about saving buildings. It's about honoring the communities, stories, and identities they represent. The Gerhardt House is a symbol of resilience in a neighborhood that has long fought to retain its character. Demolishing it for additional parking would be an irreversible loss.

Preserving the Gerhardt House is also an opportunity for Riverside to live up to its motto as a City of Arts and Innovation. True innovation honors the past while creating a path for the future. By investing in this property, Riverside can demonstrate that the arts and historic preservation are not in opposition to development—they are powerful tools for shaping thriving, creative, and economically resilient communities.

I respectfully urge the Riverside County Office of Education and the Cultural Heritage Board to reject demolition plans and to work with preservationists and community members to explore rehabilitation options. This is an opportunity to lead by example and show that Riverside values all of its history—not just the grand, but also the humble.

Thank you for your leadership and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hazael Calleros

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Teri G <4terilee@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 2:49 AM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Preservation of the Henry Jacob Gerhardt House at 4472 Orange Street

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The Henry Jacob Gerhardt House, located at 4472 Orange Street, is among the last original homes in the Prospect Place Historic District. As a designated Structure of Merit, this 1908 home carries substantial architectural and historical value, reflecting the character and craftsmanship of early Riverside.

Though the home has sustained damage, it remains structurally salvageable. With appropriate restoration, it can once again stand as a testament to our city's roots—something parking lots and short-term development projects cannot replicate.

Moreover, increased hardscaping contributes directly to the urban heat island effect. Demolishing this historic residence in favor of more pavement worsens environmental conditions while erasing a vital part of our collective identity.

Preserving the Gerhardt House is not only an act of historical stewardship but also a commitment to sustainable and community-centered development. I urge you to prioritize long-term legacy over short-term convenience, and to take a stand for the cultural soul of Riverside.

Riverside nearly lost the Mission Inn to demolition and redevelopment. Today, that same building is celebrated as the crown jewel of our city and a vital symbol of our heritage. By contrast, the demolition of the Carnegie Library remains a regretful chapter in our community's story—one we still mourn. I respectfully urge you not to let history repeat itself.

Sincerely

Teri Geary

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Anita <kaddywhompus@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 10:19 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding the proposed demolition of 4472 Orange Street

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May 22, 2025

To Whom It May Concern

Riverside has options to preserve history, acknowledge architecture and appreciate art in the buildings that have already been built. Centuries earlier or decades earlier- Victorian Cottages like the one on Orange Street, or Mid Century Modern buildings like the Methodist Church on Arlington Avenue, have historical value and are part of the fabric of the city.

Decades ago, when apparently a civic group had the knowledge and foresight to identify the home on 4472 Orange Street as a "Structure of Merit" in the Prospect Place Historic District, they probably did not realize that the hard work and the research they put into this effort decades ago would be ignored and dismissed, as the cottage is now scheduled for demolition....For yet another RCOE/RUSD project....a parking lot! There is already a parking lot surrounding the property! (As an aside, all the RCOE/RUSD buildings and structures like ballfields, gymnasiums and theater stages come at quite a high price for any other citizens of Riverside who wish to use RCOE/RUSD facilities). Renovating and repurposing, in a way recycling an older building, seems equitable for all Riverside citizens and an important example of being an environmentally sustainable community.

Fulfillment centers, aka warehouses, and outside and out of state developers who are looking to make a buck at the expense of the quality of life for the local citizenry, find quite a soft target in the City of Riverside. Now, in addition to those rapacious entities, we have buildings with character, charm and historical significance being razed by our own city government.

Riverside has a choice: Become another Albuquerque, NM or San Jose, CA, OR becoming the car wash capital of the USA, OR making it a community where the neighbors are proud of their city, and where the young want to stay be a part of the city where they grew up.

I urge Councilman Philip Falcone to continue the good fight to keep these historical buildings intact, and hope the rest of the city government to follow his lead. I also urge both of them to make Riverside a place where people want to live and work and thrive, and that it not be just a stopping point until they decide to move to the beach.

Sincerely,

Anita K Gorder

“A country without a past has the emptiness of a barren continent; and a city without old buildings is like a man without a memory.”
Graeme Shankland

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Sandra Boops <sandraboops29@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 4:48 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Demolition at Orange st.

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I pray this Historical house will be saved.
Councilman Falcone.

Changes are happening..
I will continue to follow you mails..as to where all this may happen.
Best Regards

Ms Sandra Montes
Resident

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Curt Wyrick <curtwyrick@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 4:47 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Demolishing older homes

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Sent from my iPadplease stop tearing down older homes. Please stop creating more paved areas, thus making riverside hotter. Please stop. Thank you

Maldonado, Matthew

From: Alana A <alanaatencio1997@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 12:15 PM
To: Ward1
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 1908 Victorian house on Orange Street

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I'm a long-time resident of Riverside, born and raised here, and I'll be brief. Regarding the demolition of a 1908 Victorian home for a parking structure, I'm astonished that the city would consider such a move. It's outrageous to prioritize parking over preserving historic buildings. My concerns are that we're losing the beauty that makes Riverside unique.

Sincerely
Alana R Atencio
Resident since 1973