

From: [Jane Wair](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 231216 planning code Landmark Designation- Westwood Park Entrance Gates and Pillars.
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 1:11:08 PM

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Dear Board,
Please hear our voices and approve the West Wood Park entrance pillars historic landmark status.
Thank you,
Jane and Rocky Wair
264 Colon Ave
Sf 94112

From: [ravi.krishnaswamy](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 231216 - Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gateways and Pillars
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I am a resident of Westwood park, and have been living here since 2008. One of the main appeals to me was the unique character of the neighborhood that was reflected in the arts and craft style bungalows that were built with attention to detail and aesthetic. This is what makes San Francisco such a unique city. It was brought to my attention that the pillars have the opportunity to be preserved as a reflection of the rich history of the city.

Please approve historic landmark status for the Westwood Park entrance pillars. They were designed by acclaimed architect Louis C. Mullgardt who had special ties with San Francisco.

The Westwood Park neighborhood was created as a residential park over 100 years ago and remains a peaceful corner of San Francisco. For its unique bungalows, sloping terrain, and front yard greenery, Westwood Park has the honor of being the only Residential Neighborhood Character District of San Francisco.

Designating the entrance gateways and pillars to Westwood Park with historic landmark status would acknowledge its special place in San Francisco and District 7 history.

Please vote yes on this!

Sincerely
Ravi Krishnaswamy
695 Miramar Avenue

From: [Emmet Monahan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fw: Landmarking Our WP Historic Gates
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 1:42:22 PM

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Please support landmark status for the entrance pillars in Westwood Park.

Thank you,
Emmet Monahan

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From: Kathleen Beitiks <kobeitiks@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 at 11:28:41 AM PST
Subject: Landmarking Our WP Historic Gates

Hi Neighbors!

You have probably heard that the Westwood Park Association is in the process of requesting the SF Board of Supervisors (BOS) to approve the landmarking of our Entrance Gates on Miramar Avenue @ Monterey Boulevard, along with the four existing, original pillars in the neighborhood.

On **Tuesday, January 23**, the BOS will hold the first vote on the proposal. We need WP residents to send them a brief letter of support for the landmark designation.

Just to refresh your memory, the Entrance Gates were designed in 1916 by Louis Christian Mulgardt, a prominent architect in the early 1900s. Among other things, Mulgardt designed the home of the president of Stanford University, the redesign of the DeYoung Museum and the Infant Shelter at 19th & Ortega - which is now a French school, and SF Landmark #242.

Matching Entrance Gates on Miramar Avenue @ Ocean Avenue were built at the same time (1916), but are no longer in existence. We don't want to lose the remaining historic Entrance Gates and pillars, but to protect them with a landmark designation.

Supervisor Myrna Melgar's office is leading the charge to support landmarking, especially because there are very few official SF Landmarks in the western part of the City.

Below you will find a short "sample" letter to send to the Supervisors. You can edit it or write your own letter, then email it to:

[**board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org**](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)

Many thanks to all of you for your support! Please feel free to contact me (or any WPA Board Member) if you have any questions.

-Kathy Beitiks
[**kobeitiks@gmail.com**](mailto:kobeitiks@gmail.com)

P.S. I have been told that these support letters need to be sent right away - like today, tomorrow or Sunday! Sorry for the last-minute rush...but your "support" email can be short (2-3 sentences) and sweet....Spread the word to any other of our neighbors!

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SAMPLE

To: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org
Cc:

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Please vote yes on this!

From: [Greg Clinton](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 231216 - Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gateways and Pillars
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 2:33:59 PM

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Please vote yes on this!

Sincerely,
Gregory Clinton

From: razzora175@gmail.com
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 231216 - Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Westwood Park
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 2:38:48 PM

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January 19, 2024

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Subject: File No. 231216 - Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gateways and Pillars

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Please approve historic landmark status for the Westwood Park entrance pillars. They were designed by acclaimed architect Louis C. Mullgardt who had special ties with San Francisco.

Over 100 years ago, The Westwood Park neighborhood was created as a residential park and is known for its unique Mediterranean style bungalows, sloping terrain, and front yard greenery. Westwood Park has the historic distinction of being the only Residential Neighborhood Character District in San Francisco.

Designating the Westwood Park entrance gateways and pillars with landmark status would acknowledge their historic architectural significance in Westwood Park, District 7 and San Francisco.

Please vote yes on this! Many thanks and best regards.

Oro en Paz, Fierro en Guerra!

Robert Razzo / Elizabeth Valadez
175 Eastwood Drive
San Francisco, CA 94112

From: [Greg Morris](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Greg Morris](#)
Subject: File No. 231216 - Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gateways and Pillars
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 3:33:16 PM

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Dear Supervisors:

It has been brought to my attention that at your Tuesday January 24th meeting you will be considering landmark status for the historic entrance gates to the Westwood Park neighborhood. Please vote to support this designation for these gates.

As you may be aware, Westwood Park is San Francisco's first planned residential neighborhood, dating to 1916. Designed by noted architect [Louis Christian Mullgardt](#), the striking entrance gates were among the first structures built in Westwood Park. They are striking landmarks that add to the character of not only Westwood Park but also the well-traveled Monterey Boulevard and Ocean Avenue thoroughfares.

Your vote to ensure landmark status for Westwood Park's gates is an important step in preserving the character of Westwood Park, thus honoring on behalf of all of San Francisco the neighborhood's distinguished status as a Residential Character District. Moreover, my understanding is that, apart from Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach/Lands End, San Francisco has relatively few official landmarks west of Twin Peaks and Diamond Heights.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Best wishes,

Greg Morris
District 7 Resident (Westwood Park)

From: [Gargi Talukder](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Subject: File No. 231216 - Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gateways and Pillars
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 3:44:51 PM

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Please vote yes on this!

From: [Bob Hermann](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Dan Joraanstad](#)
Subject: Subject: File No. 231216 - Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gateways and Pillars
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 9:42:03 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a long time resident of San Francisco since 1991 and resident of Westwood Park since 2002, we (Dan and I) kindly ask that you approve historic landmark status for the Westwood Park Entrance pillars. Westwood Park is one of those gems in our great city that has a rich history of craftsman style bungalows and our entrances to our neighborhood designed by acclaimed architect Louis C. Mullgardt are renown. We have the distinction now of being the only residential character district in San Francisco and it is our sincerest hope that you help in the preservation of these landmark pillars.

Without the wisdom of our leaders paving the way in keeping some of our wonderful history, we would be a different place.

We would ask your consideration as you vote for a "YES" on this item.

Greatly appreciated,
Bob Hermann & Dan Joraanstad

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January 20, 2024

Via Electronic Mail to: San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Connie Chan, Matt Dorsey, Joel Engardio, Rafael Mandelman, Myrna Melgar, Aaron Peskin, Dean Preston, Hillary Ronen, Asha Safai, Catherine Stefani, Shamann Walton

Re: Item No. 20, Case No. 231216 – Landmarking Westwood Park Pillars

Dear Supervisors:

At the Land Use Committee hearing considering this application, a supervisor expressed uneasiness over landmarking the Westwood Park (“WPA”) pillars because of the exclusionary language routinely written into CC&R's by developers in the early 1900's.

In 1992 Westwood Park residents shared that uneasiness and did something about it by refileing our CC&R's with the offensive covenant deleted. Each and every Westwood Park resident was notified and offered a copy of the refiled CC&R's. (See attached 1992 article from the WPA newsletter)

By approving the current application for approval of landmark status for the pillars, the Board of Supervisors has the opportunity to incent other planned unit developments to do the same.

I have been a Westwood Park resident for 40 years and both a member or President of the WPA Board of Directors for some 30 years. I also served as a San Francisco Planning Commissioner from 1996-2001 and have experience in the issues raised by landmarking.

My family and I purchased our home in 1983.

We were drawn to Westwood Park because of its affordability, access to public schools and sense of community. My husband and I, as first generation Americans and children of working- class families growing up in diverse New York City neighborhoods, felt at home in this working- class neighborhood.

That sense of community also led me to run for and serve (except for my time on the SF Planning Commission) on the WPA Board for some 30 years.

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While serving on the WPA Board, I dealt with many issues impacting our community.

One was the maintenance and renovation of the pillars leading into Westwood Park.

Another, and much more personal, was the refileing of our CC&R's to eliminate the racist covenant routinely written into CC&R's back when Westwood Park was developed.

Little did I know that those two very separate issues would converge.

Based on my experience as a planning commissioner, from a land use perspective, landmarking the pillars is noncontroversial. This is reflected not only by the unanimous recommendation of the SF Landmarks Board but also the fact that when the pillars were in need of renovation, WPA made the case to SF Beautiful for their preservation and received a grant to restore and renovate them. (See attached WPA newsletter article Spring 2001)

That said, I appreciate the concern expressed that something should be done to acknowledge the racist covenant. At the same time, it should be acknowledged that Westwood Park deleted it.

Eliminating the offensive covenant was done in 1992 after Norman Yee - long before he became a supervisor - raised it at the first annual meeting he attended after he had purchased his home. He described the pain of reading it as part of the purchase process.

We realized that even though that covenant was no longer enforceable, that did not address the issue Norman had raised. Without the means to hire a lawyer (our dues were \$ 60 per year with the bulk going to maintenance of common areas and trees) a committee was formed and volunteers did research into eliminating the covenant entirely. We redrafted the CC&R's to delete that covenant and I personally filed them with the San Francisco Recorder.

It is my understanding that we are the only subdivision to have done so.

It is important to note that this step was beyond what was legally required of us since Civil Code Sections 53 and 782 only required a cover page to the CC&R's stating that covenant was no longer enforceable.

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The law clearly supports the landmarking of the pillars. The Landmarking Commission got it right.

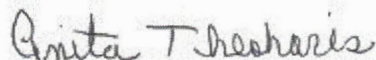
As for the discomfort of landmarking the pillars, we concede that while Westwood Park could erase that foul language, we couldn't erase that history.

But we could and did take a positive step to shape the future.

Approval of this motion presents a similar opportunity for the Board. Approving the motion because it BOTH meets the relevant architectural standards AND because WPA took steps to delete that offensive language of its CC&R's will incent other subdivisions to do the same.

That would be a constructive resolution of this sensitive issue and one that will inure to the benefit of folks like Norman Yee who would no longer be subject to the indignity of reading it.

Respectfully submitted,



Anita Theoharis

Cc: Pauline Jue, President, Westwood Park Association
Norman Yee

Attachments: as noted.

OF CONCERN:
"DEAD" CARS

For several years, residents have unsuccessfully tried to rid Westwood Park of "dead" cars parked on homeowners' lawns. They are unsightly and present health and safety hazards. After seeing several of these automobiles during a walking tour of Westwood Park, Ms. Eric Henri, Neighborhood Liaison to Mayor Frank Jordan's office, offered her assistance. The mayor's office was advised of this long-term problem and the city sent an inspector who cited the owners of these cars. If they are not removed in a reasonable length of time, the city will either tow or dismantle the cited cars. Many thanks to Erica Henri and Mayor Jordan for their intervention.

WEEDING OUT FIRE
HAZARDS

Summer is here and so are the weeds. Just a reminder that unsightly weeds are also a fire hazard — especially given that we are in a drought. Please take the time to mow your lawn.

CC&R REVISION UPDATE

After more than a year of research and effort, the Board is happy to report that Article XIII (Limitation of Ownership) has been deleted from the Westwood Park Association's CC&R's (Declaration of Easements, Restrictions, Conditions, Covenants and Agreements).

The CC&Rs were re-filed at San Francisco City Hall on April 13, 1992.

Our thanks to Westwood Park residents Stephen Theoharis and Norman Yee for their time and effort in researching the CC&Rs and working through the process of having them re-filed, a process that officially omits the illegal language that was offensive to our residents. Copies of the revised CC&Rs are available to all homeowners. Call the Association office at 333-1125.

VOLUNTEERISM: ALIVE AND WELL IN WESTWOOD PARK

Working together as a community, we can keep Westwood Park a beautiful and safe place to live. In addition to the Board members who have volunteered their time, several residents have pitched in to help achieve our goals throughout the year. We give our thanks to the following residents who volunteered their services to the Association. We hope the list will keep growing and encourage you to contact the Association if you are interested in volunteering to help out. Just think what we can accomplish if every Westwood Park resident gave just a little of their time?

Many thanks to:

- Karen Goodman, who co-ordinates Westwood Park's Children's Playgroup
- Norman Yee, who worked on the CC&R committee responsible for working to remove Article XIII, Residence Restriction.
- Adrian Menefee and Rande Spiegelman, who painted over graffiti on Miramar Gates
- Connie Guglielmo, who edits the newsletter.
- John McCormick, who redesigned the newsletter and is responsible for the layout of each issue.
- Lou Mendieta, former Board President who has been readily available to give advice as to Board procedures, corporate status, etc.
- Stephen Theoharis, our unofficial legal advisor.

FINANCIAL REPORT: WESTWOOD PARK ASSOCIATION

Fiscal Year: March 1, 1991 - Feb. 29, 1992

Balance Forward:		19,865.25
Dues Collected:	19,254.81	
Interest Income:	956.20	
Insurance Rate Adjustment Refund:	<u>413.60</u>	20,624.61
Expenses:		
Accrued p/R Taxes	(44.00)	
Ballot Printing (1991 elections)	185.00	
Dues — West of Twin Peaks Council	135.00	
Equipment (copier/file cabinet)	819.09	
Fees — State of California	70.00	
Gardener	6,780.00	
Halloween Prizes	20.00	
Insurance (general)	1,750.40	
Insurance (equipment)	254.00	
Liens — filing fees	175.00	
Miscellaneous	170.15	
Printing — Design Guidelines	134.98	
Printing - Newsletter	813.77	
Office Supplies (stationery, etc.)	835.10	
Pacific Bell	240.11	
P.C.&E.	1,394.58	
Payroll Taxes	402.44	
P.O. Box rental	84.00	
Postage	702.25	
Secretary (salary)	3,010.00	
Tree Pruning	<u>150.00</u>	
		18,081.87
Ending Balance: 2/29/92		22,411.99

WESTWOOD PARK ASSOCIATION

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GATE RESTORATION TO BEGIN SOON!

San Francisco Beautiful Grant Awarded to Westwood Park

Over the last few years an effort to plan and pay for the much-needed restoration of the Monterey/Miramar entrance gates to Westwood Park has finally come to fruition. Anita Theoharis was instrumental in securing a \$5,000 grant for the restoration from San Francisco Beautiful, an organization dedicated to creating, enhancing and protecting civic beauty. We are truly grateful to them for recognizing the aesthetic beauty and historic significance of this neighborhood landmark.

Park resident Jane Meinhart, an architect, has graciously volunteered her time to this project for several years and will now oversee the actual work which is due to begin

sometime this summer. Jane is currently ironing out the details with the proposed contractors who will restore the wrought iron as well as the cement that holds it in place. We are indebted to Jane for her expertise and willingness to drive this project.

The more than 80-year-old gates have been showing their age and the results of our foggy ocean climate for some time. It is important to restore them now

before they deteriorate completely and the cost to rebuild them becomes prohibitive. The WPA Board will allocate funds saved over several years from homeowner's dues, along with resident's donations, garage sale fees, and the SF Beautiful Grant to pay for the restoration project. This project will not affect the annual operating costs to maintain the common green areas.

Design our Westwood Park T-shirt!

Why do you love Westwood Park? Is it the beautiful old homes? Your friendly neighbors? The lovely trees and green areas? The views? Translate your ideas into a work of art, and your masterpiece could be chosen as the design for the official Westwood Park T-shirt! All residents are encouraged to enter.

Here's how to enter: submit your design on a piece of paper, write your name, address and phone number on the back of the paper and mail it to Westwood Park Association, P.O. Box 27901 No.77, San Francisco, CA 94127. Your work must be received by AUGUST 1 in order to be considered. (Sorry, artwork will not be returned.)

At our annual meeting on September 29, we will unveil the winners and the new t-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

2ND ANNUAL GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS

After expenses, we made \$233.52 for the Gate Restoration Fund, a 34% increase over last year. We appreciate the support of neighborhood participants and hope you had some success of your own. Mark your calendars in May 2002 for the 3rd Annual Garage Sale (details to appear in future newsletters).

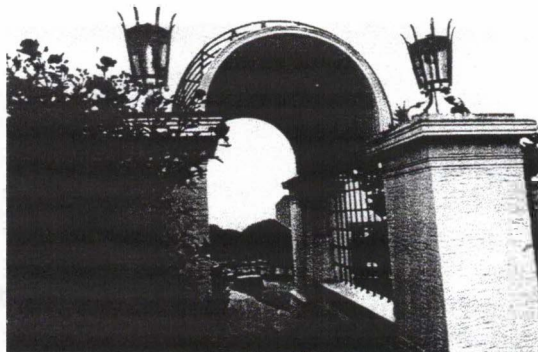
Volunteer Spotlight on...

The Renters of Westwood Park

The special community that is Westwood Park is made up of a wide variety of people; it's one of the things that gives the neighborhood such character. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank a particular breed in the Park: our resident renters who volunteer their time and energy to make this a better place to live. The list includes Cynthia Elliott, who attended a Board meeting to inform us about the sorry state of some of our sprinklers, and ended up heading the sprinkler brigade; Kurt Johnson, who lends his plumbing expertise to those same sorry sprinklers; and Ron Willis, our tireless NERT Coordinator.

We appreciate you!

If you have a neighbor who does good deeds around the Park, let us know for future Spotlights. Contact us at board@westwoodpark.com or leave a message at 415-333-1125.



From: [Pauline Jue](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board](#); [Kathleen Beitiks](#)
Subject: File No. 231216 - Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gateways and Pillars
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 3:08:46 PM

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I believe the pillars at Miramar/Ocean and Miramar/Monterey are deserving of SF historic landmark designation. We have previously submitted letters of support for this designation.

Supervisor Preston has again raised the issue of the stricken discriminatory and exclusionary language in the original CC&Rs. This language was removed from the CC&Rs decades ago. I believe raising the concern about this 100-year-old language, instead of recognizing how the demographics of Westwood Park have changed, is not beneficial in today's world.

As a native San Franciscan and Chinese American, I was appalled at this discriminatory language when I moved here in 1986. I was relieved and comforted that this language was removed. I am very proud to be a resident of Westwood Park.

Please recognize the pillars for their special place in San Francisco's history and architect Louis Christian Mullgardt. Do not let the wrongs of the past color the future of Westwood Park and San Francisco. We must look beyond the past 100 years and into the future 100 years.

Pauline Jue
President, Westwood Park Assn

From: [Michelle ODriscoll](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Westwood Park Board](#); [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 231216 - Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gateways and Pillars
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Dear SF Board of Supervisors,

Happy New Year. I'm writing this letter of support for the Westwood Park entrance gates and pillars to be named historic landmarks.

My husband, children and I have lived in Westwood Park since 1995. As a fourth generation San Franciscan raised in the Sunset District, I was surprised to find this quaint neighborhood of detached bungalow homes in a garden-like setting. Westwood Park truly is a hidden gem in an urban area.

My neighbors are diverse, friendly, care about each other and about San Francisco. Our Craftsman home is turning 100 years old this year and we enjoy learning about neighborhood history. We were pleased to hear about the famous architect Louis Christian Mullgardt who designed WPA's historic gates and pillars.

Westwood Park's entrance gates on Miramar Avenue & Monterey Boulevard serve as a welcoming beacon, and are not exclusionary. Neighbors walk our circular streets and actually say hello to each other and talk. The Westwood Park Association hosts an annual meeting and picnic, sponsors a Halloween house decorating contest, and homes are festive during the holidays. Westwood Park is a model of San Francisco at its finest.

My late father Ron Gaggero has a gym named after him at Marina Middle School, recognizing his 38 years as an exemplary teacher. My grandfather Joe Gaggero, a semi-pro umpire and coach, has a field named after him at Palega Park. I am immensely proud of them, and understand the importance of official recognition by our beloved City.

The gates at Miramar & Ocean were destroyed to put in infrastructure and only the pillars remain. By designating our decorative gates at Miramar & Monterey as historic landmarks, it would add one layer of protection from further desecration.

District 7 has many charming attractions, but few landmarks. I implore you to approve

the Westwood Park entrance gates and pillars as historic landmarks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Michelle O'Driscoll
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From: [r and k](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 231216 - Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gateways and Pillars
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 6:41:29 PM

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I am writing to enthusiastically support initiating landmark designation – Westwood Park entrance gates located at Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard, and Miramar Avenue and Ocean Avenue.

Designed by the well-known architect Louis Christian Mullgardt, the gates have stood the test of time and retain their original elegance, historical importance and architectural significance.

Equally important, the gates retain their relevance in the community and represent and act as graceful and welcoming entrances to Westwood Park and important gateways to our surrounding neighborhoods thus helping to bring our diverse communities together. A factor I particularly appreciate as a long-term San Francisco resident active in the Westwood Park (President, Westwood Park Association 2009-2016), Ocean Avenue, Oceanview, Merced, Ingleside (OMI), Lakeside, and Excelsior communities.

I urge the Land Use Committee to approve Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code of the Westwood Park Entrance Gates, located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard and the Westwood Park Entrance Pillars located at the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Ocean Avenue.

Kate Favetti

From: [Kathleen Beitiks](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 231216 - Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Westwood Park Entrance Gateways and Pillars
Date: Friday, January 19, 2024 10:42:14 AM

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors -

My family has resided in Westwood Park for the past 40 years. My paternal ancestors were lured to California during the days of the Gold Rush, but eventually settled in San Francisco.

At that time, the neighborhood of Westwood Park was just a dream. The 1906 earthquake shook the City, and residents left in droves. In an attempt to bring them back, the City fathers and developers realized that homes needed to be built for middle class residents. Westwood Park was one of those neighborhoods. In 1917, the first home in Westwood Park was finished. Today, the majority of our more than 650 homes are 100-years-old.

Louis Christian Mulghart, a prominent architect of the era, was hired by the developer in 1916 to design two Entrance Gates: Miramar Avenue @ Ocean Avenue and Miramar Avenue @ Monterey Boulevard. Sadly, the Miramar Avenue @ Ocean Avenue Gates no longer exist - a victim of "progress."

In order to protect the 108-year-old remaining, historic Entrance Gates and pillars in Westwood Park, I am urging you to approve our landmarking application.

Please vote "Yes" on the Landmark Designation!

Sincerely,
Kathleen O. Beitiks

WESTWOOD PARK



January 8, 2024

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Westwood Park Homeowners Association wholeheartedly supports the designation of the entrance pillars at Miramar/Ocean, Miramar/Monterey, and Flood/Frida Kahlo as San Francisco historic landmarks.

Our entrance pillars were designed by the renowned architect Louis Christian Mullgardt. Among the notable contributions to San Francisco, Mullgardt designed the 1912 Pan-Pacific International Exposition's Court of Ages and the redesigned former DeYoung Memorial Museum. Welcoming San Franciscans to a new master-planned residence park neighborhood after the completion of the West Portal tunnel, the pillars have stood for over a century.

In 1996, the City of San Francisco officially designated Westwood Park as a Residential Character District, acknowledging its unique architectural and topographic features.

Today, Westwood Park is one of the largest homeowners' associations in San Francisco with 685 homes, populated by race/ethnicity that is very reflective of the Citywide population (according to the 2020 Census). Our neighborhood, located near City College, continues to welcome new residents every month.

The designation of the Westwood Park pillars will be a proud reminder of San Francisco's history and serve as an honored landmark in District 7.

Westwood Park Association Board