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La Mesa Historic Preservation Commission
La Mesa City Hall
8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, CA 91942

Re: March 1st agenda, Item 5.2 - 9190 Brier Road

Commissioners,

Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) supports a historic designation nomination report being submitted for 9190 Brier Road, the Stanley and Virginia Scott house. Potentially significant under Criteria B and C, this resource is associated with Stanley Scott, a notable builder and developer during the post-war period within the San Diego region, and appears to be a good example of the Custom Ranch style.

Stanley Scott was a partner in Jackson and Scott Builders, who contributed to San Diego housing development in the post WWII period, and personally contributed to several San Diego organizations. Notable tracts located across the county include Del Cerro, Pamela Park in South Park, Woodland Terrace in Point Loma, Farms Club Estates in La Jolla and Oak Park. Further, Jackson and Scott Builders worked with Master Architect Lloyd Ruocco during the 1940s. Stanley Scott also contributed to the community as a member of various San Diego organizations including the Building Industry Association of San Diego County, the Construction Industry Federation, and the Construction Industry Advancement Fund as well as the California Building Industry Association. These contributions and achievements demonstrate his potential historical significance under Criterion B and should be included and analyzed within a historic designation nomination report.

In addition, renderings of the building's exterior demonstrate the original design appears to be intact and reflect the Custom Ranch style. Notable features include the single-story horizontal massing oriented to the street, a low-pitch gable roof clad in wood shingles with deep overhangs, brick and vertical wood siding exterior, large brick chimney, attached garage, and a high level of craftsmanship. These character defining features illustrate this resource is a good candidate for designation under Criterion C and further supports the preparation of a designation report.

SOHO recommends a historic designation report be prepared for 9190 Brier Road and reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission, which appears significant under multiple criteria.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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