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**Re: Case No.: CHC-2015-2432-HCM  
Fifth Church of Christ Scientist  
7107-7129 Hollywood Boulevard**

Dear President Barron and Commissioners:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, founded in 1952 and representing 44 resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, enthusiastically supports the nomination of the Fifth Church of Christ Scientist for Historic-Cultural Monument designation.

The Fifth Church of Christ Scientist, now commonly known as the Mosaic Church, located at the intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and La Brea Avenue is both the literal and figurative gateway to residential Hollywood. It's windowless curved façade turns its back on the glitz and glamor of Hollywood Boulevard and opens up its fan-shaped building to the residential community to the west that it serves. The fan-shaped theme continues into the amphitheater auditorium with its accordion pleated ceiling.

Architect Howard George Elwell's modern design was quite a leap of faith for the generally conservative architecture favored by the church. In a nod to history Elwell preserved the 1916 Reading Room designed by architect Frank Meline and incorporated it into his modern design. While the building itself is thoroughly modern, Elwell continued the church's tradition of a domed sanctuary. The church is a satisfying blend of modern and traditional.

For many years the Fifth Church of Christ Scientist has been a landmark in Hollywood although not a formally designated one. More than a religious center, the church hosts numerous community activities.

The Federation urges the Commission to declare the Fifth Church of Christ Scientist an Historic-Cultural Monument.

Sincerely,

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