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City Clerk
City of Escondido
201 N. Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

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HISTORIC PROPERTY PRESERVATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the CITY OF ESCONDIDO, a municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as “the CITY”) and [**Insert Owners’ Names**] (hereinafter referred to as “the OWNERS”).

Recitals

1. WHEREAS, the OWNERS possess and own real property located within the City of Escondido, which property is more fully described in Attachment “A” to this Agreement (hereinafter “the PROPERTY”); and
2. WHEREAS, the PROPERTY is a qualified historical property in that it is privately owned, it is not exempt from property taxation, and it is listed in the Local Register of Historic Places; and
3. WHEREAS, both the CITY and the OWNERS desire to carry out the purposes of Article 12 (commencing with section 50280) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 5 of the California Government Code and Article 1.9 (commencing with section 439) of Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 1 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code; and
4. WHEREAS, both the CITY and the OWNERS desire to limit the use of the PROPERTY and to preserve the PROPERTY so as to retain its characteristics as a property of cultural, architectural, and historical significance.

Agreement

NOW THEREFORE, both the CITY and the OWNERS, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, and conditions contained herein and the substantial public benefits to be derived therefrom, do hereby agree as follows:

1. Applicability of Government Code and Revenue and Taxation Code. This Agreement is made pursuant to Article 12 (commencing with section 50280) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 5 of the California Government Code and Article 1.9 (commencing with section 439) of Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 1 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code and is subject to all of the provisions of these statutes.

2. Preservation/Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Property. During the term of this Agreement, the PROPERTY shall be subject to the following conditions, requirements, and restrictions:

a. The OWNERS agree to preserve/rehabilitate and maintain the cultural, historical, and architectural characteristics of the PROPERTY during the term of this Agreement as set forth in the attached schedule of improvements identified as Attachment B.

b. The OWNERS shall maintain all buildings, structures, yards, and other improvements in a manner which does not detract from the appearance of the immediate neighborhood. Prohibited property conditions include, but are not limited to:

- i. Dilapidated, deteriorating, or unrepaired structures, such as fences, roofs, doors, walls, and windows;
- ii. Scrap lumber, junk, trash, or debris;
- iii. Abandoned, discarded, or unused objects or equipment, such as automobiles, automobile parts, furniture, stoves, refrigerators, cans, containers, or similar items;
- iv. Stagnant water or excavations, including swimming pools or spas; and
- v. Any device, decoration, design, or structure, or vegetation which a reasonable person would determine to be unsightly by reason of its height, condition, or its inappropriate location.

c. All improvements and work performed on the PROPERTY shall meet, at a minimum, the rules and regulations of the Office of Historic Preservation of the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, the State Historical Building Code, and the applicable development codes of the City of Escondido.

d. If a code enforcement action has been instituted by the CITY, the CITY may request, and the OWNERS shall submit within thirty (30) days, documentation of expenditures incurred and work performed by the OWNERS within the last 24 months to accomplish items from the list of scheduled improvements for the PROPERTY as set forth in Attachment B of this Historic Property Preservation (Mills Act) Agreement. If the OWNERS perform

work on the PROPERTY, rather than contracting with a third-party, the value of their labor shall be calculated at the market rate for such work performed. The OWNERS shall be in substantial compliance with the scheduled improvements set forth in Attachment B when the expenditures incurred and work performed to accomplish the improvements are equal to or greater than the OWNERS' annual property tax savings for the last 24 months, as determined by the CITY, based upon the County Tax Assessor's valuation of the PROPERTY using the process set forth in Article 1.9 (commencing with section 439) of Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 1 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

e. OWNERS shall, within thirty (30) days after written notice from the CITY, furnish the CITY with any information the CITY shall require to enable the CITY to determine (i) the PROPERTY'S present state; (ii) the PROPERTY'S continued eligibility as a qualified historic property; and (iii) whether the OWNERS are in compliance with this Agreement.

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3. Inspections. The OWNERS agree to permit periodic examinations/inspections of the interior and exterior of the PROPERTY by the CITY, the County Assessor, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the State Board of Equalization as may be necessary to determine the OWNERS' compliance with this Agreement.

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4. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be effective and shall commence on January 1st of the year following the successful recordation of this document by the County Recorder's Office and shall remain in effect for a period of ten (10) years thereafter.

5. Automatic Renewal. On the tenth (10th) anniversary of this Agreement and on each successive anniversary date (hereinafter referred to as "the RENEWAL DATE"), one (1) year shall automatically be added to the initial term of this Agreement unless notice of nonrenewal is given as provided in Paragraph 6 below.

6. Notice of Nonrenewal. If, in any year, either the CITY or the OWNERS desire not to renew this Agreement, that party shall serve a written notice of nonrenewal on the other party. If the OWNERS elect to serve a notice of nonrenewal, the notice must be served on the CITY at least ninety (90) days prior to the RENEWAL DATE, otherwise one (1) additional year shall automatically be added to the term of this Agreement. Conversely, if the CITY elects to serve a notice of nonrenewal, the notice must be served on the OWNERS at least sixty (60) days prior to the RENEWAL DATE, otherwise one (1)

additional year shall automatically be added to the term of this Agreement. The CITY may issue a notice of nonrenewal if the CITY determines improvements, maintenance, rehabilitation, renovation, and/or restoration of the PROPERTY is required for the PROPERTY'S continued eligibility as a qualified historic property. Upon receipt by the OWNERS of a notice of nonrenewal from the CITY, the OWNERS may make a written protest of the nonrenewal. The CITY may, at any time prior to the RENEWAL DATE, withdraw its notice of nonrenewal.

7. Effect of Notice of Nonrenewal. If, in any year, either party serves a notice of nonrenewal as provided in Paragraph 6 above, this Agreement shall remain in effect for: (1) the balance of the period remaining under the initial term of this Agreement; or (2) the balance of the period remaining since the last automatic renewal, whichever the case may be.

8. Cancellation. The CITY may cancel this Agreement if the CITY determines the OWNERS: (a) have breached any of the conditions or covenants of this Agreement; (b) have allowed the PROPERTY to deteriorate to the point that it no longer meets the standards of a qualified historical property as defined in California Government Code section 50280.1; or (c) if the OWNERS have failed to restore or rehabilitate the PROPERTY in the manner specified in Paragraph 2 of this Agreement.

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9. Notice of Cancellation. Notwithstanding the above, this Agreement cannot be cancelled until after the CITY has given notice and has held a public hearing as required by California Government Code section 50285.

10. Cancellation Fee. If the CITY cancels this Agreement in accordance with Paragraph 8, the OWNERS shall pay those cancellation fees set forth in California Government Code sections 50280 et seq., described herein. Upon cancellation, the OWNERS shall pay a cancellation fee of twelve and one-half percent (12-1/2%) of the current fair market value of the PROPERTY, which is to be determined by the County Assessor as though the PROPERTY were free and clear of any of the restrictions pursuant to this Agreement. The cancellation fee shall be paid to the County Auditor at the time and in the manner that the County Auditor shall prescribe and shall be allocated by the County Auditor to each jurisdiction in the tax rate area in which the PROPERTY is located in the same manner as the County Auditor allocates the annual tax increment in that tax area that fiscal year.

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11. No Compensation. The OWNERS shall not receive any payment from the CITY in consideration for the obligations imposed under this Agreement. The parties recognize and agree that the consideration for the execution of this Agreement is the substantial public benefit to be derived therefrom and the advantage that will accrue to the OWNERS as a result of assessed value of the PROPERTY because of the restrictions this Agreement imposes on the use and preservation of the PROPERTY.

12. Enforcement of Agreement. As an alternative to cancellation of the Agreement for breach of any condition as provided in Paragraph 8, the CITY may, in its sole discretion, specifically enforce, or enjoin the breach of the terms of this Agreement. In the event of a default, under the provisions of this Agreement by the OWNERS, the City shall give written notice to the OWNERS by registered or certified mail. If such violation is not corrected to the reasonable satisfaction of CITY within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of notice of violation, or within such reasonable time as may be required to cure the violation (provided the acts to cure the violation are commenced within thirty (30) calendar days and thereafter diligently pursued to completion), the CITY may, without further notice, declare the OWNERS to be in breach under the terms of this Agreement, and may bring any action necessary to specifically enforce the obligations of the OWNERS growing out of the terms of this Agreement or apply for such other relief as may be appropriate under local, state, or federal law.

13. Indemnification. OWNERS shall indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably acceptable to CITY) and hold harmless the City of Escondido, and all of its boards, commissions, departments, agencies, agents, officers, and employees from and against any and all actions, causes of actions, liabilities, losses, costs, claims, judgments, settlements, damages, liens, fines, penalties and expenses (collectively the "Claims") incurred in connection with or arising in whole or in part from this Agreement, including without limitations:

- a. any accident, injury to or death of a person, loss of or damage to property incurring in or about the PROPERTY;
- b. the use or occupancy of the PROPERTY by the OWNERS,
their agents or invitees;
- c. the condition of the PROPERTY;
- d. any construction or other work undertaken by the OWNERS of the PROPERTY.

This indemnification shall include, without limitation, reasonable fees for attorneys, consultants, experts and the CITY'S cost for investigating any Claims. The OWNERS shall defend the CITY and all of its boards, commissions, departments, agencies, agents, officers, and employees from any and all Claims

even if such Claim is groundless, fraudulent, or false. The OWNERS' obligations under this Paragraph shall survive termination of this Agreement.

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14. Remedy If Agreement Not An Enforceable Restriction. In the event it is finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that this Agreement does not constitute an enforceable restriction within the meaning of the applicable provisions of the California Government Code and the California Revenue and Taxation Code, except for an unenforceability arising from the cancellation or nonrenewal of this Agreement, for any tax year during the life of this Agreement, then this Agreement shall be null and void and without further effect and the PROPERTY shall from that time forward be free from any restriction whatsoever under this Agreement without any payment or further act by the parties.

15. Condemnation Proceedings. If condemnation proceedings are filed against the PROPERTY, or if the PROPERTY is acquired by a public agency in lieu of condemnation proceedings, this Agreement shall be null and void. If the condemnation proceedings are subsequently abandoned or the acquisition rescinded, this Agreement shall be reactivated retroactively and shall be in full force and effect without the need for any further act by the parties.

16. Destruction of Property; Eminent Domain. If the PROPERTY is destroyed by fire or other natural disaster such that in the opinion of the CITY the historic value of the structure has been lost and a majority of the structure must be replaced, this Agreement will be cancelled. If the PROPERTY is acquired in whole or in part by eminent domain or other acquisition by an entity authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain, and the acquisition is determined by the CITY to frustrate the purpose of the Agreement, this Agreement shall be cancelled. No cancellation fee as set forth in Paragraph 10 above and pursuant to California Government Code sections 50280 et seq. shall be imposed if the Agreement is cancelled pursuant to this Paragraph.

17. Entire Agreement. This instrument and its attachments constitute the entire agreement between the parties. The parties shall not be bound by any terms, conditions, statements, or representations, oral or written, not contained in this Agreement. Each party hereby acknowledges that in executing this Agreement, the party has not been induced, persuaded, or motivated by any promise or representation made by the other parties, unless expressly set forth in this Agreement. All previous negotiations, statements, and preliminary instruments by the parties or their representatives are merged in this instrument and are of no force and effect.

18. Attorney's Fees. In the event legal proceedings are brought by any party or parties hereto, to enforce or restrain a violation of any of the covenants,

reservations, or restrictions contained herein, or to determine the rights and duties of any party hereunder, the prevailing party in such proceeding may recover its reasonable attorney's fees in addition to court costs and other relief ordered by the court.

19. Modification. No modification of this Agreement shall be valid or binding unless the modification is in writing, signed by all parties, and recorded with the County Recorder for the County of San Diego.

20. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of all parties herein, their heirs, successors-in-interest, legal representatives, assigns and all persons acquiring any part or portion of the PROPERTY, whether by operation of law or otherwise, and that any such person(s) shall have the same rights and obligations under this Agreement.

21. Choice of Law and Forum. This Agreement and the legal relations between the parties shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any action or proceeding to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall be brought in the San Diego Superior Court, North County Division.

22. Sale. If the PROPERTY is sold, the OWNERS shall notify the CITY of the sale and present to the CITY a signed statement from the new owners indicating that a copy of this Agreement, the list of scheduled improvements for the PROPERTY as set forth in Attachment B of this Agreement, and any amendments to this Agreement were provided to them.

23. Headings. The headings of the paragraphs of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only. They do not constitute part of this Agreement and shall not be used in its construction.

24. Waiver. The waiver by any party to this Agreement of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a continuing waiver or a waiver of any subsequent breach of that or any other provision of this Agreement.

25. Severability. The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement will not void or affect the validity of any other provisions of this Agreement.

26. Notices. Any notice, delivery or other communication pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given to:

CITY: City Clerk
City of Escondido
201 N. Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

OWNERS: [Insert Owners' Names & Mailing Addresses]

Any party may change his/her/its address by giving written notice to the other parties in the manner provided in this paragraph. Any notice, delivery, or other communication shall be effective and shall be deemed to be received by the other parties within five (5) business days after the notice has been deposited in the United States mail, duly registered or certified, with postage prepaid, and addressed as set forth above.

27. Notice to Office of Historic Preservation. The OWNERS or an agent of the OWNERS shall provide written notice of this Agreement to the Office of Historic Preservation within six months of entering into this Agreement. A copy of this notice shall also be provided to the CITY.

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28. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts or by facsimile transmission, each of which will be deemed an original with the same effect as if all signatures were on the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the CITY and the OWNERS have executed this Agreement as of the date set forth below.

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

Dated: _____

By: _____
Sam Abed, Mayor
(This signature must be notarized.)

Dated: _____

By: _____
Diane Halverson, City Clerk
(This signature must be notarized.)

OWNERS

Dated: _____

By: _____
[Insert Owner's Name]
(This signature must be notarized.)

Dated: _____

By: _____
[Insert Owner's Name]
(This signature must be notarized.)

Dated: _____

By: _____
[Insert Owner's Name]
(This signature must be notarized.)

Dated: _____

By: _____
[Insert Owner's Name]
(This signature must be notarized.)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
JEFFREY R. EPP, City Attorney

By: _____