

Date: 1/13/26

**To:**

Preservation Director  
City of Sacramento – Community Development Department  
300 Richards Blvd, 3rd Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

**Re: Objection to Proposed Historic Landmark Designation – 2240 Northgate Boulevard (M25-025)**

Dear Preservation Director,

I am a co-owner of the property located at 2240 Northgate Boulevard, Sacramento, and I am writing to formally object to the proposed designation of this property as a historic landmark on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources.

While I respect the City's interest in historic preservation, I do not believe that landmark designation for this property is reasonable, appropriate, or necessary. Designation would impose substantial limitations on the use, improvement, and redevelopment of the property, placing an undue burden on the property owners without providing a proportional public benefit.

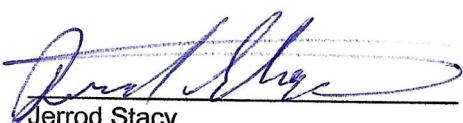
The nomination appears to be based solely on architectural style rather than association with significant historical events or persons. Architectural interest alone should not outweigh the long-term impacts to private property owners, particularly where the site has functioned primarily as a commercial property and must remain adaptable to current and future economic and land-use conditions.

Historic designation would also subject the property to additional regulatory review for future improvements or redevelopment, limiting flexibility and potentially affecting the property's economic viability. Preservation goals should be balanced with property rights and practical land-use considerations along a commercial corridor such as Northgate Boulevard.

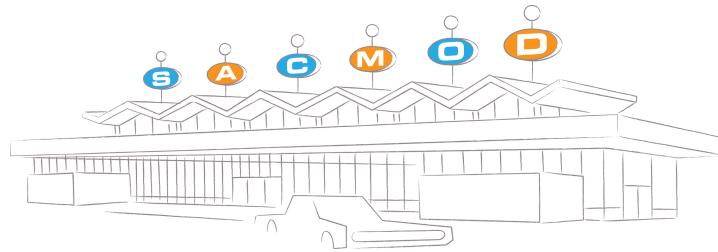
For these reasons, I respectfully request that the City decline to proceed with the historic landmark designation for 2240 Northgate Boulevard and allow the property owners to retain full control over the property's use and future development.

Thank you for your consideration. Please include this letter in the official record for Project M25-025.

Sincerely,



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January 18, 2026

Sean de Courcy, Preservation Director  
City of Sacramento Community Development Department  
300 Richards Boulevard  
Sacramento, CA 95811

**Submitted via e-mail**

**Re: Former Orbit Station, 2240 Northgate Boulevard - M25-025**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your office's evaluation; we reviewed your report with great interest. While [SacMod.org](http://SacMod.org) did share several of our key documents with your office in 2025, we also conducted a separate and full review — and reached the same conclusions. Our research included cross-referencing vintage ephemera, newspaper articles, magazines/journals, permits, phone books, and aerials.

As you know, Sacramento Modern (SacMod) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2010; we are dedicated to preserving modern art, architecture, and design in the Sacramento region. We co-sponsored and partnered on the 2017 Sacramento Mid-Century Modern Historic Survey and Context Statement.\*

The Mid-Century Modern former gas station at 2240 Northgate Boulevard was specifically identified in our collaborative 2017 Survey, and meets the criteria to qualify it as an eligible historic resource. It is a distinctive (and rare) structure that has stood in District 3 for over 62 years. There is much hope that the building can be rehabilitated or adaptively reused and remain as an example of Googie architecture that has a particularly exuberant and eye-catching style designed to capture the attention of passing motorists.

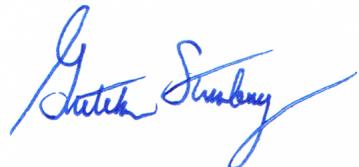
We fully concur with the analyses and conclusions in the City of Sacramento's Preservation office evaluation. Your report clearly identifies the building's qualifying features, integrity, and context; and accurately applies eligibility criteria for evaluating a Mid-Century Modern Googie historic resource.

**A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, preserving and protecting modern art, architecture and design in the Sacramento region.**

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SacMod.org supports listing the property as a historic resource and urges you to pursue historic status. There is sufficient evidence that Criterion C/3/a.iii has been met and that the former Orbit Station retains sufficient integrity and original features to include it on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources.

Respectfully submitted,



Gretchen Steinberg  
President, [SacMod.org](http://SacMod.org)

\*For those unfamiliar with the Sacramento Mid-Century Modern Survey and Context Statement, it can be found here:

<https://www.cityofsacramento.gov/community-development/planning/preservation/mid-century-modern>

The survey/context statement was made possible from over \$66,000 in grant funding, with support from the California Office of Historic Preservation and matching funds from SacMod.org. The one-year project was overseen in partnership with the City of Sacramento's Preservation Office within the Community Development Department. A historical consulting team led by GEI Consulting with Mead & Hunt conducted extensive evaluations of five properties and wrote the final report that included information from SacMod's research files. The survey was conducted by community volunteers. The project was intended as a starting point to identify mid-20th century modern historical resources and define styles for future historical evaluations. Rather than being a definitive and all-inclusive encyclopedia, it was intended to be a catalyst to identify and protect Mid-Century Modern resources within the City of Sacramento.

**From:** [Debra Banes](#)  
**To:** [Sean deCourcy](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor](#); [District 1](#); [District 2](#); [District 3](#); [District 4](#); [District 5](#); [Eric Guerra](#); [Rick Jennings](#); [District 8](#)  
**Subject:** Project M25-025 (Orbit Station)  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2026 6:44:47 PM

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Dear Sean deCourcy,

I am writing to express my strong support for the listing of 2240 Northgate Boulevard (Orbit Station) as a Landmark on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources. Please refer to Project M25-025 regarding this matter.

Orbit Station is an incredible community icon that beautifully represents the modern era in our city. I believe it is a vital part of our local heritage and deserves this formal recognition.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Debra "Red" Banes

**From:** [Caru Bowns](#)  
**To:** [Sean deCourcy](#)  
**Cc:** [District 3](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Landmark Listing Of 2240 Northgate Boulevard (Orbit gas station)  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2026 6:36:02 PM

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Happy New Year Sean! Hope you are well and happily engaged with work and family.

This email is in support of listing the Orbit gas station as a landmark in the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources.

Thank you,  
Caru Bowns

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**From:** [Emily Edmond](#)  
**To:** [Sean deCourcy](#)  
**Cc:** [District 3](#)  
**Subject:** 2240 St Northgate Boulevard (Orbit Station)  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2026 9:20:57 PM

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The city should list the Orbit Station building as a landmark on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources, as part of Project M25-025. We need culture and beauty now more than ever, especially on Northgate Boulevard.

Thanks,  
Emily Edmond



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January 15, 2026

Sean deCourcy, Preservation Director  
Community Development Department  
300 Richards Boulevard, Third Floor,  
Sacramento, CA 95811

**RE: Ordinance Listing 2240 Northgate Boulevard (Orbit Station) as a Landmark on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources (M25-025)**

The Board of Directors of Preservation Sacramento wishes to express our support for listing the Orbit Station at 2240 Northgate Boulevard as a landmark in the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources.

This property represents a locally significant example of Googie architecture, meeting Criterion iii of the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources, as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction—specifically, a hyperbolic paraboloid.

We did note that the report notes in some sections that the property “retains a high degree of historic integrity in all six aspects” in some sections, but in other sections, correctly notes that “the property retains a high degree of historic integrity in all *seven* (emphasis added) aspects of integrity.” The missing aspect of integrity where six aspects are referenced, *feeling*, is an aspect of historic integrity that is intangible, but essential to understanding this building. The space-age, eye-catching design *feels fast, modern, and space age*. It reflects the optimism and energy of its era, and still looks futuristic and energetic, despite being over 60 years old.

Finally, we wish to note that listing as a landmark does not prohibit use of the building for purposes other than as a gas station or other automotive use—gas stations of this era have been converted to restaurants, flower shops, or, in the case of an Albert Frey designed gas station in Palm Springs, a visitor center. May this historic Orbit station welcome visitors to Northgate Boulevard for many decades to come—a landmark in a neighborhood whose history deserves sharing, and protection, by the City of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

William Burg  
President, Preservation Sacramento

**From:** [Daphne Reimer](#)  
**To:** [Sean deCourcy](#)  
**Cc:** [District 3](#)  
**Subject:** 2240 Northgate Boulevard (Orbit Station)  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2026 11:10:05 AM

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Dear Mr. deCourcy:

I'm advocating for the preservation of the Orbit Station at 2240 Northgate Boulevard. Specifically, I would like to see it preserved as a Landmark on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources (Project M25-025). While I support infill and the development of more housing, I don't support the razing of buildings of architectural distinction such as the Orbit Station. So much of the new building in and around Sacramento lacks character. Mid-century gems such as the Orbit Station not only serve as reminders (and connections) to our architectural history, they add pizzazz to what otherwise can be bland commercial areas. Let's keep Sacramento cool.

Sincerely,

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