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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 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.

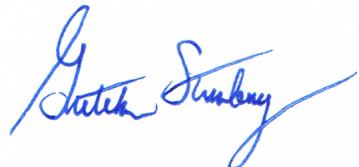
We fully concur with the analyses and conclusions in the City of Sacramento's Preservation office evaluation. Your report clearly identifies the building's qualifying features, integrity, and context; and accurately applies eligibility criteria for evaluating a Mid-Century Modern Googie historic resource.

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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,



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*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.