

My name is Sharon Jennings, and I serve as President of the South Natomas Improvement Association.

I would like to offer my strong support for landmark designation of the former Orbit gas station at 2240 Northgate Boulevard.

When I first moved to South Natomas about ten years ago, this structure immediately stood out to me. I remember seeing it and thinking that it must be a piece of vintage Sacramento. Its striking mid-century canopy and distinctive design made it clear that it came from another era of the city's history.

Today we know that it is indeed one of the very few remaining examples of this type of architecture in the Sacramento region. At one time there were many Orbit stations built during the optimistic, forward-looking years of the 1960s, but today only a handful remain.

The Northgate station sits along an important gateway into North Sacramento and the Natomas community. For many residents who drive past it every day, its dramatic roofline has become a recognizable part of the landscape.

Landmark designation would allow Sacramento to protect an important piece of its architectural heritage while opening the door to thoughtful new uses that could serve the community.

Cities are defined not only by what they build, but by what they choose to preserve. By protecting this structure, we preserve a small but meaningful piece of Sacramento's story—and ensure that future generations can recognize it as part of the city's character and history.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge support for landmark designation.