



(By Electronic Transmission)

January 4, 2012

Historical Advisory Board  
City of Alameda Community Development Department  
2263 Santa Clara Avenue  
Alameda, California 94501

**Subject: Proposed alterations to 1518 Park Street in regards to the Certificate of Approval PLN11-0272**

Dear Boardmembers:

The Alameda Architectural Preservation Society (AAPS) has the following comments since our letter submitted October 4, 2011.

Upon reflection, we believe that this original corner entry storefront should remain intact.

The Park Street Historic District retains several examples of businesses with corner entries, most being an alteration to 19th century structures. 1518 Park Street has one of the few remaining early 20th century storefronts with a recessed corner entry that still exists.

AAPS considers elements of the corner entry; polychrome tile, wood paneled ceiling, early 20th century bronze-plated steel storefront window system, presumed marble bulkheads, and the wood entry door to be historic materials contributing to the historic character of the property and should be retained. If the paint were removed from the bulkheads and storefront sash, the corner bay would be one of the best preserved historic storefronts in the district.

We appreciate the commitment to preserving the polychrome tile at the entry, but question its historical integrity if the surrounding structural contribution is removed.

While being in support of the project objective for outdoor seating, AAPS asks for further consideration incorporating the original entrance of 1518 Park Street into the plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me at 510-523-0411 or cbuckleyaicp@att.net if you have questions or would like to discuss these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CBuckley", written over a horizontal line.

Christopher Buckley, Chair Preservation Action Committee  
Alameda Architectural Preservation Society

*cc: (By electronic transmission) AAPS Board and Preservation Action Committee members; Lori Taylor, Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, Sue Russell, Community Development Dept.; Italo Calpestri, AIA; Park Street Business Association.*