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Dear Mr. Ordway

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is writing in response to concerns raised by Mr. Peguese at the October 19, 2011 HPC hearing regarding the identification of the Glen Park BART Station as eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources.

The station was surveyed as part of the Glen Park Community Planning effort in order to identify properties within the plan area that have special historic, cultural, or architectural significance and that could be impacted by the proposed plan. The survey found the Glen Park BART Station eligible for the California Register for its high artistic value, and as the work of master architect Ernest Born. The HPC adopted this finding at its October 19, 2011 hearing.

Generally speaking, historic resource surveys, 1) determine whether a property is significant and, 2) identify the "character-defining features" that are associated with that significance. While the survey information for the Glen Park BART Station does provide information regarding the significance of the property, it does not provide a comprehensive list of the character-defining features other than for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act.

The HPC would like to emphasize that survey information is not intended to remain static and should be revisited and updated as the built environment evolves and as more information becomes available. At any time the survey information may be amended to allow for a comprehensive understanding of this well-regarded property. In order to provide clarity for the community and decision-makers, the HPC encourages any future evaluation to identify all of the character-defining features in order to also distinguish those features that are not critical components associated with its significance.

Should you have any further questions or wish clarification, please feel free to contact Moses Corrette of the Planning Department by e-mail at Moses.Corrette@sfgov.org or by telephone at (415)558-6295.

Sincerely,

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cc: Bruno Peguese, Principal Property Development Officer, BART

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