

Community Development Department



December 21, 2011

Margaret E Pottenger
434 El Camino Real
Tustin, CA 92780

SUBJECT: FIRE DAMAGE AT 434 EL CAMINO REAL

Dear Ms. Pottenger:

First and foremost, we are sorry for your loss in the fire incident on December 15, 2011, at 434 El Camino Real. I attempted to call you on the phone, but was unable to reach you. This letter is intended to assist you through the restoration and reconstruction of your damaged property.

Following the Orange County Fire Authority's (OCFA) determination that the fire at the site had been completely extinguished, the OCFA Incident Commander requested that the City assess and inspect the property to determine if the structure was safe for occupancy. Based upon the inspection, the City found extensive damage to the front structure. The City posted the front structure as unsafe for occupancy in its current condition due to the fire damage. The structure at the rear of the property was not damaged, and is safe for occupancy. The front of the damaged structure and the front room can be repaired and reconstructed.

I wanted to ensure that you understood the City's position as to the value and integrity of this significant resource. We are here to assist you with the the process of restoration and/or reconstruction when you are ready. City staff can meet with you, your professional consultants, and/or contractor either at City Hall or on-site.

If you should have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 714-573-3031 or via email at ebinsack@tustinca.org.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Binsack
Community Development Director

C: Tustin Area Historical Society, Attn: Sindi Corwin, President & Bill Finkin, Museum Site Manager
Tustin Preservation Foundation, Attn: Linda Jennings