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**TO:** Historic Landmarks Commission **FROM:** Courtney Damkroger

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** January 20, 2005

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**RESPONSE TO HLC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE GRAVES HOUSE AT  
4146 MITZI DRIVE, SAN JOSE**

**INFORMATION**

At the December 1, 2004 Historic Landmarks Commission meeting Judi Henderson, on behalf of the Preservation Action Council of San Jose, brought the house located on Mitzi Drive in Council District One to the Commissioners' attention. Henderson stated that it appears to be the Sylvester Graves' home circa 1868, and PAC SJ is concerned about potential development of the site.

The subject site is zoned R-M Multiple Residence District (25 dwelling units per acre), and the General Plan designation is High Density Residential (25-50 dwelling units per acre). Planning staff researched the site in departmental records and as of this time, there is no development application on file in Planning. The property is not listed in the Historic Resources Inventory, and other than its inclusion in the Historical Atlas Map of Santa Clara County by Thompson & West, 1876, the City has no information on the history of the site. The front façade of the building (please see attached photograph) appears to be relatively intact and given its apparent age, the building is likely to be of historic significance. In order to determine whether the building is eligible as a City Landmark or to list it in the Historic Resources Inventory and an evaluation by a qualified evaluator would be required. At the least, the evaluation should include a California Department of Parks and Recreation Primary Record and Building Structure and Object Record as well as a San Jose Evaluation Tally. Unfortunately, Planning staff is not able to conduct such an evaluation at this time.

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Historic Preservation Officer

Attachments: Photograph