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Thank you for nominating the 1940 [Barnes \(Conway\) House](#) at 1203 South Ash Avenue for [Historic property designation](#) and listing in the [Tempe Historic Property Register](#). The nomination will help to initiate this application and the notarized [Waiver Form](#) will allow us to apply for [Zoning and Development processing](#) on your behalf. A project schedule will be identified once we have all nomination materials assembled. Please help us by sharing any historic photos, documents, or other research that you may have available or know of. All research leads are helpful in bringing a preliminary determination of eligibility and we would appreciate your collaboration in this regard.

The 1940 [Barnes \(Conway\) House](#) is significant for its association with the 1924 Park Tract subdivision, one of Tempe's oldest surviving subdivisions. The property is also significant for its association with Florence D. Skeels, Arthur and Wanda Meredith, Alvah and Lora Oakley, and Michael and Dottie Barnes. The house is in the top 99.5% of all Tempe properties in terms of age. Surviving with its architectural integrity substantially intact, the [Barnes \(Conway\) House](#) provides an excellent early example of Transitional or Early Ranch-style residential architecture. A careful evaluation of integrity will need to be made to inform a staff opinion and recommendation of eligibility and this will rely heavily on [National Register Bulletin 15](#) "How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation". Bulletin 15 indicates that the older or rarer the property the less integrity is required for eligibility.

The Secretary of the Interior's [Standards for Rehabilitation](#) provide a philosophical framework for the evaluation process. We are fortunate to also have [policy](#) available from the [Arizona State Historic Preservation Office](#) that addresses continued eligibility in consideration of changes in integrity over time. We look forward to the research and evaluation of the [Barnes \(Conway\) House](#) and request your assistance in this regard to further establish important precedent for other properties in the historic Park Tract subdivision. Thank you again for the nomination.

Yours Very Truly,

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