

Friends of the Bracewell Observatory Association

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Building Inspection Office
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Re: Appeal of Stanford's Demolition Permit at 3185 Alpine Rd. (APN #14215007)

Dear Tom,

Stanford University has applied for a demolition permit for the five 60-foot dish antennas at the Bracewell Observatory, located at 3185 Alpine Road in Menlo Park (Assessor Parcel No. 14215007).

We have been informed that the County views this demolition permit as a ministerial permit and that it is exempt from CEQA review. The Friends of the Bracewell Observatory Association disagrees. The demolition has potentially significant impacts upon an historic resource of national importance. The County's demolition permit application forms indicate its understanding that resources may be historic regardless of whether there has been time to secure formal designation.

We hereby appeal the demolition permit, based on impacts to historic resources and the lack of CEQA review, as allowed by County ordinances and Public Resources Code section 21151 c.

Please let us know if any fees or appeal forms are required to perfect the appeal process.

Sincerely,



Bob Lash, M.D.
President

cc: Kathy Berry, Deputy County Attorney
Beverly Sumcad, Office of the Clerk – Board of Supervisors
Marina Rush, County of Santa Clara Planning Office
Dana Peak, County of Santa Clara Historical Heritage Commission
Susan Brandt-Hawley