

10.19.15-15:10 **Alan Stephenson**
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RE: David & Gladys Wright House

MR. STEPHENSON: Frank Lloyd Wright was one of the most important architects in the history of Western architecture and among a handful of American architects who have forged an architecture of the American spirit. His work was, and remains, central in defining the values and vision of the Arizona School, which evolves to this day in the skilled professionals and the three schools of architecture in Arizona. One cannot imagine the character of contemporary design in our region, much less in the Phoenix area, without Mr. Wright's influence.

The David & Gladys Wright House is an important part of this legacy. It stands as one of the precious few works by Wright in our State. The recent threat to its survival rightly attracted worldwide concern, generated widespread calls for its preservation from historians, architects, and design experts, and led its owner, Mr. Rawlings, to champion its preservation. An important aspect of preserving this work for future generations, however, is the creation of a 6.1 acre HP overlay and a special use permit. These instruments are currently before the City.

As the Director of the UA School of Architecture and President of the AIA-Southern Arizona, I request on behalf of both groups that city staff support the application and that City Council approve it. This house must be understood in its proper cultural and historical perspective; it must be saved for future generations and as a cultural artifact of our State.

Thank you for your consideration.



SINCERELY: **Robert Miller, Architect**
Professor; Director, School of Architecture
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