



Hugh Hallman
Mayor

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Dear Tempe Historic Preservation Commission members:

When the foundations of Tempe were laid 134 years ago, the Hayden Flour Mill was an integral part of our community. We have preserved our unique identity, in part, with a vibrant downtown that today is arguably the most vital, active urban core in the Valley and the State of Arizona.

Tempe has a presence, a sense of place – one that lets you know you've arrived. To this day, crossing the Salt River provides the traveler with a fleeting image of our territorial heritage. Taken together, the railroad bridge, Tempe Butte, La Casa Vieja and the historic 1918 Hayden Flour Mill provide a glimpse of our community's cultural heritage that has all but vanished from the Valley's contemporary urban landscape.

The mill and silos are a vital part of our continuing efforts to redevelop downtown. These structures and their surrounding acreage can be thought of as the "neck" connecting the "head" that is Tempe Town Lake and the "body" that is the existing downtown. We must find the best way to link Town Lake with downtown – and the right development of the mill and silos can do just that.

In recognition of the significance of these structures, the City Council has directed your commission to bring forward historic property designation and list the Hayden Flour Mill and Silos on the Historic Property Register. It is with pride that I introduce this application for Historic Property Designation and encourage your favorable consideration of listing this significant property.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hugh Hallman', written over a horizontal line.

Hugh Hallman

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