Nathan Ballard's statement to Mission Local on Nov. 6, 2026:

"I applied for it. I am honored that I was chosen, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve. I have lived in California for 55 of my 57 years and I am keenly aware of the tension between our urgent need for housing and our duty to protect the places we love that define California's history. Every single nomination, and everyone it affects, deserves a fair hearing before commissioners who keep an open mind and decide each matter on the record and the law alone. That's what I aim to do. I look forward to working with my fellow commissioners, the State Historic Preservation Officer, and the staff of the Office of Historic Preservation."