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Painted Desert Community Complex to be Recognized as a National Treasure at ‘Night of Neutra’ in Phoenix

*Sold-Out Event Celebrates Latest Addition to National Trust for Historic Preservation
Program*

Washington, D.C. (October 6, 2014) – The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service are hosting a ‘Night of Neutra’ to announce the selection of famed Modern architect Richard Neutra’s Painted Desert Community Complex as one of the National Trust’s newest National Treasures on Sunday, October 12. The event, billed as a celebration of Modern architecture in Arizona, will also offer guests the chance to explore the new Shepley Bulfinch offices in the iconic Phoenix Financial Center designed by W. A. Sarmiento.

The event will feature remarks by Field Director **Chris Morris** of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Superintendent **Brad Traver** of the National Park Service, University Architect **Edmundo Soltero** of Arizona State University, and Arizona State Rep. **Demion Clinco**. The sold-out event will take place on Sunday, October 12 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

WHAT: A celebration of the Modern architecture of Richard Neutra and Robert Alexander’s Painted Desert Community Complex, featuring a special announcement by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Park Service, Modern Phoenix, Arizona Preservation Foundation, and Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation

WHEN: Sunday, October 12, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

WHERE: Shepley Bulfinch, Phoenix Financial Center, South Rotunda, 3443 North Central Avenue, Phoenix

RSVP: To register as a media attendee, please contact Tim Mikulski, National Trust for Historic Preservation, at tmikulski@savingplaces.org or 202-588-6083. The event is ticketed and open to the public, but is currently sold out. For more information, visit <http://neutraaz.eventbrite.com>.

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About the Painted Desert Community Complex

The Painted Desert Community Complex, owned and managed by the National Park Service and designed by famed modernist architect Richard Neutra, was completed in 1965 for the Petrified Forest National Park in northern Arizona. At the time, the complex offered a new and innovative approach to providing visitor services, offices, maintenance, and employee housing, all in one location inside a National Park Service site. Located just steps from historic Route 66, preservation advocates are now working together to have this often overlooked Modern treasure preserved and revived as a focal point in the community and as a national treasure. The harsh

desert climate and decades of continuous use have taken a serious toll on these buildings. Support of the complex will go a long way to ensure this place will be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

About the National Treasures Program

National Treasures are a portfolio of highly-significant historic places throughout the country where the National Trust makes a long-term commitment to finding a preservation solution. Other National Treasures from the Modern architectural movement include the New York State Pavilion in Queens, New York and the Houston Astrodome in Houston, Texas. As the Presenting Partner of the National Treasures program, American Express has pledged \$2 million to help promote and enable the preservation of these cultural and historic places. Visit <http://savingplac.es/1ryvnko> for more information.

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