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PLUM mtg 10/25/16- 8150 Sunset Items #12,13 and 14 (Council files: 16-101 1, 16-1011-S1, 16-1074)

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Tue, Oct 25, 2016 at 1:43 PM

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Dear honorable members of the PLUM committee,

In the words of Ada Louise Huxtable, a venerable architecture critic and journalist:

"We will probably be judged not by the monuments we build, but by those we have destroyed."

Huxtable was a staunch advocate for the preservation of New York City's beloved original Penn station- an architectural gem that fell prey to the development boom of the 1960s-and the loss of which continues to be mourned to the present day, and which gave rise to the architectural preservation movement and local and national landmarking laws which we have to identify and protect our architectural and cultural landmarks.

Los Angeles finds itself at the epicenter of another development boom. And we, citizenry and elected officials, must recognize that we have a responsibility to future generations of Angelenos, as we are the stewards and the protectors of this city's architectural legacy. We must look at the decisions we make now through the lens of what people 100 years from now would say about those decisions.

It is in that spirit that I ask you to give great consideration to the architectural and cultural significance of the Lytton Savings bank designed by renown architect, Kurt Meyer- the designation of which is before you today. I ask you to please recognize its significance, as it has been well documented in its application and by the testimony of the public and comments made by the Cultural Heritage Commissioners, when they unanimously voted in favor of historical designation. I ask you to consider this designation, independently of the proposed project for the site, because the clout of the developers and architect behind that project should not obfuscate the merit of this historical designation.

As we move into the future, it is critical that we do not pit new against old in a continual either/or scenario, but rather, that we recognize the opportunity for historical structures to be adapted into new development projects. According to the EIR for the proposed project at 8150 Sunset, there were two proposals that would allow for inclusion of the historic Lytton Savings structure into the new development that were not fully investigated. The architectural value that this accordion-shaped modern structure already holds in present day is significant...what will future generations say when they find out that there could have been a way to preserve the building and incorporate it into a new development, but that we simply chose not to?

This is a compelling example of the possibility that exists when there is good will. "Where there is will, there is a way". We already know there is a way. Now we just need the political will. I ask the members of this

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committee to add your support to that of Councilmember Ryu, and please vote in favor of the historical designation of Lytton Savings bank at 8150 Sunset and recommend that the project applicant and planning department work to put forward a proposal that incorporates and protects this architectural gem for future generations to appreciate.

Respectfully,
Sylvie Shain



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1 message

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Tue, Oct 25, 2016 at 9:00 AM

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to you to in support of the pending Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of the Lytton Savings bank at 8150 Sunset Blvd. The City of Los Angeles has long had an unfortunate history and reputation for tearing old buildings down in favor of the new even at this very site. We are currently in a period of such exciting growth in our city and we should do everything we can to support new exciting projects, but not at the expensive of our diverse existing city fabric. In a city that is largely built on the strength of Arts and Culture it is astounding that we do not also recognize the value of important works of Architecture.

As you are well aware, Lytton Savings is historic and meets the HCM designation criteria. Two distinct preservation alternatives have been evaluated, but no substantial evidence or analysis has been provided by the City or applicant to demonstrate why adaptive reuse of Lytton Savings would be infeasible or inviable. The preservation alternatives would meet the majority of the proposed project's objectives, as well as reduce environmental impacts. A win-win outcome that would retain the building is possible; it would allow a substantially similar project that would not violate the California Environmental Protection Act (CEQA) to move forward.

I urge you to please support monument status of this building and to help us stop the tradition in Los Angeles of tearing everything down! We can still build amazing new buildings all over the city while preserving our incredible and important resources at the same time!

Morgan Sykes Jaybush, LEED AP



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Dear Plum Committee ,

I urge you to confirm the HCM nomination of 1960 Modernist Lytton Savings (currently Chase Bank) and save the property. Lytton Savings is historic and meets the HCM designation criteria. The property is an important as a significant example of postwar-era bank design in Los Angeles. It should be preserved and not demolished.

- Lytton Savings is historic and meets the HCM designation criteria
- Two distinct preservation alternatives have been evaluated, but no substantial evidence or analysis has been provided by the City or applicant to demonstrate why adaptive reuse of Lytton Savings would be infeasible or in viable
- The preservation alternatives would meet the majority of the proposed project's objectives, as well as reduce environmental impacts
- A win-win outcome that would retain the building is possible; it would allow a substantially similar project that would not violate the California Environmental Protection Act (CEQA) to move forward

Los Angeles is losing too many cultural monuments. Once these structures are lost they cannot be replaced. This frenzy to demolition and build new is ruining the fabric of our city. Billions of dollars are spent on tourism in Europe each year, so people can visit its rich culture. We are a young country, but will never achieve any sense of history if we do not preserve what we have today.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jill Croce

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Dear members of the Plum Committee and Planner Lamborn,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the preservation of the Lytton Savings/Chase Bank at 8150 Sunset Blvd. This is a wonderful and important example of the mid-century architecture Los Angeles is known for; and the vote by the Cultural Heritage Commission last month to nominate the building as a Historic Cultural Monument only confirms this further. Since there is a clear path for the preservation of the bank that would not disrupt Townscape Partners plans for the redevelopment of the site, I can think of no reason other than negligence why this building should not be saved. I urge you to protect the distinctive architecture that makes Los Angeles a special place to live and a significant city to visit both by scholars and tourists alike. We should not let new development erase the distinctive landscape of the city, especially when there is a clear alternative that makes room for both.

The sad irony is that, as Los Angeles now is written about almost daily in our national newspapers as desirable place to live and visit, the very buildings that make it unique seem to be threatened more than ever. Please protect our cultural heritage and do not allow for the demolition of this building.

Best Regards,
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Dear PLUM committee and other parties,

I'm writing today to request your consideration in preserving the Lytton Savings/Chase Bank currently under threat of demolition and an item on today's PLUM meeting agenda. The best way to lend your support is voting to nominate it an Historic Cultural Monument (HCM) to ensure proper procedures are followed for development at this site. I am not opposed to development at the location, but I strongly object to the needless demolition of a historic building when clear preservation alternatives are available. These alternatives show how the building could otherwise be integrated and reused as part of the overall design. I would like to see everyone - developer, committee, LA Conservancy representatives - work together to achieve a win-win solution for the site. So again, please consider the overwhelming HCM designation criteria displayed and help save this iconic example of 1960s Modernism. Once it's gone, it's gone for good.

Thank you.

Best regards,
Danny Heller



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1 message

Jesús Hermosillo <chuy90023@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 25, 2016 at 3:21 PM

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Cc: sharon.dickinson@lacity .org, Adrian Fine <afine@laconservancy.org>, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Dear Councilmen:

Please save the old Lytton Savings bank building! Please help us break with LA's unfortunate record of ignoring the historic and cultural value of our built environment in the name of uncritical development. Responsible, profitable development in our dynamic, growing city is completely possible while also meeting the broader goals of a diverse, multifaceted urban society, such as securing good jobs, affordable housing and the preservation of our cultural patrimony

The Lytton Savings building---which meets our city's criteria for HCM designation---represents a great example of how multiple goals can be reached at once, including minimizing the project's ecological footprint (which is always smaller when we choose to preserve and reuse over destroying and rebuilding).

I regret not being able to attend today's hearing but, as a proud Angeleno excited to witness his city's building boom, I'm also hoping to see our maturation into a world-class city proud of its history while embracing the future.

Sincerely,

Jesus Hermosillo
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Los Angeles CA 90004



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1 message

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The Lytton Savings bank building is an important part of Los Angeles history and should be preserved and incorporated into the new development.

Like countless elementary school students in the 1960s and '70s, I went on vividly memorable field-trips to the Lytton Science Center that was housed in the building's bottom story. The architecture and impression of the place engendered the possibilities and expansiveness that lay ahead of us and Los Angeles.

I additionally agree with the L.A. Conservancy and others that :

- Lytton Savings is historic and meets the HCM designation criteria.
- Two distinct preservation alternatives have been evaluated, but no substantial evidence or analysis has been provided by the City or applicant to demonstrate why adaptive reuse of Lytton Savings would be infeasible or inviable.
- The preservation alternatives would meet the majority of the proposed project objectives, as well as reduce environmental impacts.
- A win-win outcome that would retain the building is possible; it would allow a substantially similar project that would not violate the California Environmental Protection Act (CEQA) to move forward.

--Alexander King

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Date: October 25, 2016 at 10:49:00 AM PDT

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Cc: Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>, Julia Duncan <julia.dunc>

Subject: Council File 16-1011 / 8150 SUNSET

Ms Armstrong,

I am writing to let you know that a family matter prohibits me from attending hearings on 8150 Sunset, but that I completely support Council member Ryu positions of Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council and all of the other r stand in opposition to this development due to the scale, traffic and public sa will have our on community.

It's my understanding that calls and emails are also going into Council Memb sure that all of those calls and emails all make it into the record from our Lau

Regards,
Kristen Stavola
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Date: October 25, 2016 at 12:55:37 PM PDT

To: "Etta.armstrong@lacity.org" <Etta.armstrong@lacity.org>

Subject: 8150 Sunset Blvd project

I am a resident of Laurel Canyon north of Sunset and Crescent Heights and I live past the intersection of the 8150 Sunset Blvd project. The intersection is during the rush hours and this project will only make traffic matters worse. I oppose this project.

Thank you,
Andrew Robinson
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Edwin Grover <edwin.grover@lacity.org>

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From: John Hegelmeyer <jh90046@gmail.com>
Date: October 25, 2016 at 2:21:57 PM PDT
To: Etta.armstrong@lacity.org
Subject: 8150 Sunset Blvd

Ms Armstrong,

I am writing to let you know that a my job permits me from attending today's PLUM committee hearings on 8150 Sunset, but that I completely support Council member Ryu's position as well as the positions of Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council and all of the other neighborhood organizations that stand in opposition to this development due to the scale, traffic and public safety impacts this development will have our on community.

Thank you for listening to our neighborhood concerns!

John Hegelmeyer
Laurel Canyon Resident



Edwin Grover <edwin.grover@lacity.org>

Fwd: Regarding Council File 16-1011

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Date: October 25, 2016 at 2:02:37 PM PDT
To: Etta.armstrong@lacity.org
Subject: Regarding Council File 16-1011

Hello. I am a resident of Laurel Canyon, residing at 8689 Lookout Mountain Ave. I am emailing you because I could not be at the hearing today, as I am at work. I support Councilman Ryu's position on this project!!!
Melanie

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Etta Armstrong <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>
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Fwd: Council File 16-1011

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Subject: Council File 16-1011

I am a resident of Laurel Canyon above Sunset & Crescent Heights. I am unable to attend today's committee hearing regarding the above referenced project at 8150 Sunset Blvd. I wanted to register my support of Councilman Ryu's position.

Thank you,

Douglas Baily

Etta Armstrong <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>
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Date: October 25, 2016 at 1:58:09 PM PDT
To: Etta.armstrong@lacity.org
Subject: Council File 16-1011

Hello Etta Armstrong,

I want to add my voice in favor of Councilman Ryu's Council File 16-1011.

I believe that the project was misrepresented regarding impact to traffic and scale.

Thank You,
wendel meldrum