

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Steven Luftman

**Date Submitted:** 12/05/2021 04:06 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0246

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, The preservation of this fine example of Programmatic style architecture requires your support. Please support the HCM as passed by the Cultural Heritage Commission—do NOT acquiesce to the wishes of greedy developers. A well designed housing project can be built on the site and the historic Chili Bowl can be preserved. As you know the Los Angeles's Historic Cultural Monument ordinance allows for changes and dialog. Thank you for helping save our city's unique history. Steven Luftman Los Angeles, California

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carol Cetrone

**Date Submitted:** 12/06/2021 09:43 AM

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December 6, 2021

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Keith Nakata

**Date Submitted:** 12/06/2021 11:34 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** PLUM Committee Members, Please support, as i do, the designation of the Chili Bowl at 12244-122248 West Pico Blvd. in CD11 as a Historic Cultural Monument. The Cultural Heritage Commission voted to recommend the Chili Bowl for HCM designation because it is "an excellent and rare example of Programmatic Architecture in Los Angeles" and was also identified in Survey LA for the same reasons. The Chili Bowl is one of the few remaining examples of Programmatic Architecture by how it mimics as chili bowl reflecting the food that was once served inside and the shape would be visible from the street as one would drive by during the beginnings of widespread automobile use in Los Angeles. This structure could be easily reused and the land surrounding it could also still be built on. This type of development has already been accomplished in other nearby cities as well as Los Angeles and could lead to a win-win solution. The building also reflects the architectural creativity that makes Los Angeles the tourist hub that it is.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hanna

**Date Submitted:** 12/06/2021 02:05 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0246

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support Chile Bowl HCM nomination! It is an important example of a specific architectural type and it's nomination will enrich the city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexander King  
**Date Submitted:** 12/06/2021 11:59 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** The last remaining Chili Bowl restaurant building has been a fixture and visual navigation landmark on Pico Boulevard in west Los Angeles for generations. It is one of the few remaining buildings of the type of programmatic architecture that was once common in Los Angeles. Losing or obscuring the structure would be a great loss to the City and another personal loss to me and others who have lived in the City for half-a-century or more. The current needs for housing or a developers' itch for something shiny and new can well include the preservation and re-use of such a distinctive piece of our City's past with modest effort. Please support its designation as a Historic-Cultural Monument and encourage a design review process that will meet new expectations without destroying the old.