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We are writing in support of the proposed 24-unit residential apartment project at [12244-12248 West Pico Boulevard](#). Furthermore, we would like to express our strong opposition to the proposal to include the current structure at the Cultural Monuments.

The greater Los Angeles region is facing a severe housing shortage and affordability crisis, which is being made worse by a lack of new housing production. This is especially true on the Westside, where restrictive zoning and high high and fast-increasing rents.

With this in mind, it is disappointing that the City is considering landmarking the existing structure on this site, which would prevent 24 homes within walking distance of the Expo / Bundy Metro station from being built. While it is ap profound historic or architectural significance, this structure does not come close to meeting that standard. The structure is no longer used for its original purpose (it was once a fast-food chili restaurant, but is today a sushi restaur restaurant buildings exist in other parts of Los Angeles. Furthermore, the building's owners are opposed to the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination.

Abundant Housing LA steadfastly opposes the abuse of historical designations; we are aware that residents who oppose new development frequently use the historical designations process as a way to prevent new housing from b structure truly has historical significance. Cases like this, which involve structures whose claim to historic significance is questionable at best, harm the credibility of the entire Historic-Cultural Monuments program. The City should nominations for structures that do not meet a high standard of historic or architectural significance, especially when that nomination would act as a barrier for the production of much-needed housing.

We also wish to highlight the fact that this project is being proposed under the City's Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) program. [With over 32,000 units proposed or permitted](#) since TOC's inception, of which 20% are affordable to on its promise to provide affordable housing near transit and jobs.

TOC projects, like the one proposed at [12244-12248 West Pico Boulevard](#), are helping Los Angeles improve housing affordability, environmental quality, and mass transit usage. We urge you to support this project by preventing abu designation. Please reject this application for Historic-Cultural Monument status, and allow this housing project to move forward.

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