

Communication from Public

Name: Ken delAlcazar

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 02:53 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is an iconic important part of Los Angeles LGBT History. It has great history for many generations and is personally important to me. It was one of the few LGBT bars in LA that I felt very at home in when I came out and became a place that my partner and I would go to with our friends (pic attached). While I have come to enjoy some of the other LGBT hangouts in LA, this is one of the few that could potentially meet any burden of being conserved.



Communication from Public

Name: Dan Monick

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 03:16 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Please register my support to add the property known as Oil Can Harry's (11506 West Ventura Boulevard), in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments. So much of what makes Los Angeles so special is being erased. Oil Can Harry's not only has architectural significance but deep cultural significance as well. Thank you Dan Monick Constituent in District 13

Communication from Public

Name: Brian King

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 03:25 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: i support Oil Can Harry's becoming an historical cultural monument. Oil Can Harry's is an important piece of LGBT history. it must be preserved as a history cultural monument for all future members of the LGBT community

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Berlant

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 03:41 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: The devastation of losing a place like Oil Can Harry's cannot be overstated. What is Los Angeles, what is our attempt at culture if we aren't moved to protect such sacred spaces? I am by no means a regular or a vital part of it's vast history; I'm just a fan who would be heartbroken to see it vanish. I remember filming a scene of Miguel Arteta's Duck Butter there; I remember watching my friend with his weekly line dancing group. I've spent many nights there. There are some places that cannot be replicated. Places that are defined by their endurance. Please save Oil Can Harry's.

Communication from Public

Name: Samuel Rosen

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 03:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: At the very least Oil Can Harry's is a historic gay bar. It was also a still-thriving community gathering place that reached across generations and brought disparate groups together from wildly different backgrounds, classes, ethnicities, orientations. I am so grateful for the time I got to spend there, it's the place that I first felt I could call home in Los Angeles. I was devastated to hear that that history would be erased by new owners with no intention of maintaining that beautiful legacy but I still have hope that there's hope for this place. It would be a tragic loss for the community if it simply disappeared .

Communication from Public

Name: Josh Crampsey

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 03:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is far and away the best bar in LA and losing it would be a devastating loss for the queer community. The Saturday disco-themed nights comprise so many of my very favorite LA memories. There's truly nothing like it. The city needs Oil Can Harry's.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Ellis
Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 03:53 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is an iconic and history establishment and needs to continue existing for folx all over Los Angeles, but specifically the San Fernando Valley.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Galvin
Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 03:57 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Save oil can harrys

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel McGovern

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 04:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is a grossly underrated icon of the LBGTQ community and a safe haven. A major blow to the whole community at large if this landmark and business is lost. A younger generation has found themselves a home at Oil Can Harry's. Which was yanked away from them during COVID and now possibly forever. Do not let Oil Can Harry's close!!

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Alie

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 04:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is an important part of the community and especially the LGBTQ community. It's been a beautiful safe space where all types of people have been able to come together and celebrate. I've had many birthdays there and have loved seeing the joy it provides for people. Please consider preserving it. This was a great loss to us all.

Communication from Public

Name: Phoebe Neidhardt

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 04:11 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern, I am writing in support of the motion to designate Oil Can Harry's as a Historic-Cultural Monument. This site deserves to be formally recognized for its many years of providing safety and service (and fun!) to the LGBTQ+ community and the community at large.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Panic

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 04:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I love this place, it is a special bar that is truly an important part of LA and gay culture, it would be a shame to shut it down

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 04:22 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: This building is an important part of LA's LGBTQIA+ heritage and we need to preserve it!

Communication from Public

Name: Krysten Kabzenell

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 04:23 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I have been a patron of Oil Can Harry's for many years. I was born and raised in Van Nuys, CA and I now reside in Sherman Oaks. I've had many birthday parties at the establishment as well as normal / casual hangs and dance nights. I am a member of the LGBT community and have been completely saddened by the knowledge of OCH's closure due to the pandemic. I urge you to please do what you can to help such a historic establishment for the valley and members of the LGBT community survive. Thank you, Krysten

Communication from Public

Name: Monica Verheggen

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 04:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Kindly consider adding the property known as Oil Can Harry's (11506 West Ventura Boulevard), to the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments. For much of my adult life, this venue supported and provided a safe haven of entertainment to a unique portion of our community that I'm proud to say are my friends. Los Angeles is diverse and deserves to have places of meaning protected and preserved. Our city has changed too much and is becoming unrecognizable to those of us who grew up here. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Avalon
Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 04:28 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is a very precious and historical place that needs to be protected by the city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 04:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is a place where dreams come true. It is one of the most important establishments in Los Angeles, let alone the world. I will bend over backwards to save this place, and shake my maraca until I die.

Communication from Public

Name: Jess Doss

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 04:45 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, This is a letter of support in designating Oil Can Harry's as a historical landmark for Los Angeles. As a trans and queer person, this bar has been an important safe space for our community. Entering its doors showed people of all ages coming together to dance and celebrate life. No other bar in the city can fulfill what OCH provided as an intergenerational gathering space. This extension of chosen family is important to our community, as many folks don't have supportive families or people that understand the struggles that come along with being queer. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Bage

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 05:05 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I support the Motion to consider Oil Can Harry's in the list of Historical-Cultural Monuments. This establishment is vital to the fabric of our Los Angeles community and has a rich history that has created a safe space which fosters inclusion above all else.

Communication from Public

Name: Grace

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 05:27 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Harry's should be designated as a historic place. It's a valuable part of LA history and too many of such places are being torn down.

Communication from Public

Name: Gracie Hadland
Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 05:36 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: This is space is a vital part of the queer community in Los Angeles. The building should be protected and should continue to operate as a queer bar/club. Its been consistently affordable and drawn a diverse crowd for years, that is rare and must be preserved!

Communication from Public

Name: Grace
Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 05:40 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Oil can Harry's is historically significant for the lgbtq+ community. Would love to see this location honored as a landmark in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Charlie

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 05:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please preserve oil can Harry's!!! It was the first gay bar I ever went to in LA and it immediately made me feel at home. There is such an incredible committed community there that looks out for each other and welcomes new people!! I was crushed to hear it was closing, it was the one place I was worried about most in covid. Please save it!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Matt Risch

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 05:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I will never forget the first safe space I visited in LA as a member of the lgbtqia+ Community. Oil Can Harry's holds more importance, stature and magic for our community than maybe any other queer bar in the greater Los Angeles area. It is an institution and upon hearing of its closing, broke countless hearts across the nation. To arrive at the space and hear of people traveling from Arizona, Texas, regulars who would drive hours and hours just to come and line dance as a gay person should say it all. Please please PLEASE do not close this extremely important bar. It is one of the few safe spaces we have left. Thank you. Matthew Risch

Communication from Public

Name: Tyler B

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 06:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm writing to express my strong support for making Oil Can Harry's a HCM site. It has huge importance and historical significance in the LGBTQ+ community as a safe space for expression and queer joy. The building itself holds so many dear memories to me and many generations of people who have been lucky enough to experience the magic of this space. Especially in the valley where there are not many queer bars, it is especially important to protect this iconic space. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra sachs
Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 06:37 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's represents so much to the LGBTQ+ community and all others who have ever been there. This space is a piece of history in Los Angeles and one of the many losses that is erasing the city we know and love. This space is truly irreplaceable.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 06:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please save Oil Can Harry's!! This place is too special and important to our city!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 06:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is an important landmark that should be preserved and celebrated/ acknowledged for being a safe place for LGBTQ+ people during its 52 years.

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Blye

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 07:37 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is an LA staple. It has provided a safe space for people to be who they want to be, and live life the way they enjoy. There is no other place like this in all of Los Angeles, and it's importance needs to be honored and cherished.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Olshin
Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 07:50 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's was one of the most welcoming egalitarian places in all of LA. People from all walks of life would boogie in on a Saturday night to celebrate the weekend, their community, and living a proud life. It has been an institution for more than 50 years, and is one of the most tragic commercial casualties of the pandemic. Save Oil Can Harry's

Communication from Public

Name: Hailey Chavez

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 08:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm an LA native. My mom grew up in LA too and we have the unique experience of both of us having fond memories at Oil Can Harry's despite our different generations. OCH was truly on my list of places that I couldn't wait to go back to post-pandemic. This place is a home to so many, including me, a queer 28 year old Angeleno. Please keep this place a part of LA's history.

Communication from Public

Name: Kyle Roll

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 08:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please save Oil Can Harry's, it is a treasure in the community.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 08:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a former resident of council district 2. I am submitting comment to urge city council to conserve this piece of LGBTQIA+ history. Not only was this bar a safe haven for the community while I lived in the district but had been for many, many years prior. If I'm not mistaken, Oil Can Harry's was one of the oldest standing gay bars (opened in 1968) in Los Angeles before it closed. The red siren lights in the bar were used to warn patrons of police raids and signal same-sex dance partners to switch to opposite-sex partners to protect themselves. The bar holds a lot of history and is well deserved to be conserved.

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Name: Annalise
Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 08:49 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Save Oil Can Harry's!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Grant Stivers

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 08:51 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I support adding the property known as Oil Can Harry's (11506 West Ventura Boulevard) to the list of LA Historic-Cultural Monuments. Oil Can Harry's was for many LGBTQIA+ Angelenos like myself a safe Third Place and a second home for many years. Losing this establishment and queer community due the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown feels like I have lost a friend. In a city that all too regularly sweeps its history under the rug in favor of the newer and shinier, I urge this council to protect this dear landmark from being erased permanently. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Carlotta
Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 09:15 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is an Los Angeles icon. The city wouldn't be the same without it. It should ABSOLUTELY be saved!

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Cook

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 09:22 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I support making Oil Can Harry's a dedicated landmark. Thanks!

Communication from Public

Name: Conor Hagan

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 09:37 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting in support of Councilmember Paul Krekorian's motion to initiate Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) designation of Oil Can Harry's. It is a monument of the LGBTQ+ Community. Please protect it. Thanks

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 10:33 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Save oil can Harry's! Vital and historic!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 10:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harrys is a beloved institution. It remains a los angeles landmark not only for its iconic architecture, but for its rich history and place in our hearts. for these reasons and infinitely more, i support the movement for it to become a historic monument.

Communication from Public

Name: Kae Whalen

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 10:48 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is a landmark for the LGBT+ community and LA at large — it's painful and deflating to see it go the way of so many gay bars and institutions since and long before the pandemic. I support Councilmember Paul Krekorian's motion to initiate Historic-Cultural Monument designation for Oil Can Harry's.

Communication from Public

Name: robert m. wolfe
Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 11:01 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's has every last making of a Historical-Cultural Monument. I support council member Paul Krekorian's motion to designate it as such. endlessly & all over again.

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan Davis

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 01:00 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: This place is incredibly important to me, as someone who is both a native Los Angeleno as well as someone who grew up in the San Fernando Valley. Please consider making this site a historic piece of this city so it has the opportunity to continue running and spread additional light, love, and community throughout the city and the Valley.

Communication from Public

Name: Grant Reed
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 07:04 AM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Please save Oil Can Harry's! It was a safe space for everyone with a one-of-a-kind atmosphere. I'm already missing Saturday disco night.

Communication from Public

Name: Darrell R.

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 07:19 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: As a Two-Spirit elder and Studio City resident since 1986, Oil Can Harry's nightclub in Studio City should be designated as a Cultural and Historic Monument. This establishment has been a safe haven for the LGBTQIA community for 52 years. Please save our history for future generations.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley DiGiacomo

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 07:27 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: To be writing this message is heartbreaking. To know I can never return to the place that made me feel comfortable in my own skin, accepting of my own identity, and welcomed by my brothers and sisters, is truly a personal tragedy. I walked in the door a closeted, miserable gay woman. I walked out with confidence and joy. I met lifelong friends here (my best friend met his husband here!) and made some of my most treasured memories on that dance floor and on that karaoke stage. I know countless others who share the same sentiments and had the same experiences. People who had been enjoying blissful freedom at OCH for decades, before I was even born. I know that by writing this, I cannot bring it back. But I hope to contribute in some small measure to the preservation of its legacy. This place meant so much to so many people and deserves to be recognized.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Sturgis
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 07:38 AM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: I would like to express my support in making Oil Can Harry's a preserved monument of Los Angeles. It is not only a bar, but the conduit for some of this city's most authentic culture. There is simply no where comparable in LA. Supporting this institution would be in the greatest interest of our city. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Eleanore langknecht

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 07:49 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of granting Oil Can Harry's the status of a historical monument. It's one of the longest running LGBTQ bars in the country, many of which have shut their doors in the past year. These important community spaces deserve recognition and support, and to be able to keep their doors open to offer a sense of safety and place. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Wetton

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 07:50 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's was an establishment that fostered community for the LGBTQIA+ community and allies in Los Angeles for 52 years. Important history was made at this place and we cannot let another LGBT institution of this significance close. Oil Can Harry's deserves to be designated a historical landmark.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 08:17 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I know for a fact that it is very important that LGBT+ history is just as much kept alive for everyone to see and learn about. It is vital to save Oil Can Harry's as a historical monument. It has been so supportive of the LGBT+ community, a community that has been beaten down by society just because of who they are. I say it is vital because for our society to grow even more respectful, healthy, and well-rounded, privileged authority figures need to stop silencing LGBT+ voices from history and the present. Therefore, whisking away this LGBT+ sanctuary as if it never happened would be entirely counterintuitive.

Communication from Public

Name: James Wyatt

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 08:40 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Hello everyone! Thankyou so much for taking the time to consider saving this important piece of history. As a queer man in LA Oil Can Harry's was the closest thing I've experienced to a living breathing museum on queerness. Patrons of all ages (above 21) would come every night and dance like it was 1972 and AIDS was miles away. It was a spot so special that every time a friend would come to town that would be the first stop on our nightlife train. This institution is too beautiful, too memorable to lose. Please- so much of queer history has been erased. Either by death and destruction or lack of funds. I would love for this to be a place that people could enjoy from now and far into the future. It's decor and 70s music will always be a reminder of a generation that was overwhelmingly lost. And a generation I would've loved to meet. Much love to the queer elders and all of you for taking the time to consider this important place. Thanks again have a great day!

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Name: Marie Burns
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 08:44 AM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Please restore this establishment!

Communication from Public

Name: William O'Neill
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 09:06 AM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: In a city that is constantly changing, demolishing and rebuilding, it's easy to lose our history. And when our history fades, so does our identity. Let's keep Oil Can as apart of who we are.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 09:06 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Save Oil Can Harry's! A defining, historic Los Angeles institution

Communication from Public

Name: Marcus Francis
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 09:27 AM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Oil can Harry's is an LA institution for the LGBTQIA community and the straight community as well. There's nothing like it in the entire Southern California area and should continue to stay open, survive the pandemic as many of us have done so personally, and without a fraction of as many devoted fans. To have another cookie cutter business would be a travesty and nothing the city or Ventura blvd needs.

Communication from Public

Name: Dominique Pruitt
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 09:27 AM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is LA history! Please consider its designation as a historical landmark.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 10:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: If you were to ask me a year ago or six months ago what I wanted to do when the pandemic lockdown ended and it was safe to go out again, my answer would have been the same any day you asked me: spend a Saturday night at Oil Can Harry's dancing to disco tunes with my closest friends. When I learned that the new property owners wanted to close Oil Can Harry's to open up a different venue, I was devastated. After a year of so much loss, I couldn't believe we had to lose the legacy of Oil Can Harry's as well. A friend told me a few months ago that when they drove by the property, construction crews were gutting the space. That information was a hard pill to swallow. So when I learned last night that there was a campaign to initiate HCM designation for the site, I was overjoyed. If there is still time to save Oil Can Harry's, I beg and implore you to preserve this iconic bar. Oil Can Harry's is freedom, love, community, togetherness, and acceptance. Please don't take it away from us.

Communication from Public

Name: alex

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 10:18 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is such an important landmark for the lgbt community in los angeles. generations of angelenos have found refuge within these walls and it should be recognized for that. there are plenty of other places for other businesses; let's honor the beauty this space helped create.

Communication from Public

Name: Benjamin Stagg
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 10:32 AM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is an extremely important location to the LGBT+ community in Southern California. Its rich history and cultural relevance alone should qualify it for Historic-Cultural Monument status, but I would like to talk about the establishment on a more personal level. It was a bar for the marginalized people in an already marginalized community. It was a place where age, race, gender presentation, and monetary status did not matter. Many spaces in the gay community, especially in LA, cater to white, young, and wealthy crowds. Oil Can Harry's was a respite for everyone. The hours and hours I spent there in my mid-to-late 20s were peopled with some of the most unique, fascinating, and generous individuals I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. I can't tell you how invaluable it was for me at a time in my life when I was still unsure of where I fit into my community. Please consider granting Historic-Cultural Monument status to this legendary space. Thank You, Ben Stagg

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Fritz

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 11:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This site was critical to my cultural understanding and appreciation of being in the LGBT+ community. I moved to LA in 2014 and Oil Can Harry's quickly became my "Cheers" bar. When I would have a Friday night off and would want to relax and turn off my code switching for the straight majority, Oil Can Harry's was my comfortable place filled with interesting people just like me. And knowing that it's the oldest gay bar west of the Mississippi was both fantastic feeling apart of that history and devastating to see it may disappear. Please make it a historical cultural site for future generations to at least get to experience the history as well.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted:

07/09/2021 11:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please preserve this location in our community. It serves as a landmark for those who are marginalized, and a safe space to come together as a community.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Mosqueda

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 11:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My partner and I have been going to oil can Harry's for over 40 years. We had a daughter with another lesbian couple and when she turned 21 we went as a family and danced to disco on a Saturday night . It was how queer families celebrate our lineage . It would be a great joy to see this incredible and humble building be designated as a historical place . I thank you for your time .

Communication from Public

Name: Alexander Pack
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 12:02 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's holds cultural and historical significance for the whole of the LGBTQIA+ community. The city of Los Angeles is a longtime harbinger of safety for queer men and women, Oil Can Harry's at the center of that space. It'd be a tragic loss to let this place go.

Communication from Public

Name: Jose Escobar

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 12:08 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I would like to support the nomination of Oil Can Harry's as a HCM that is significant for the LGBTQ community. We should preserve places like these to understand where we came from and remind us of how far we've come. Thank you, Jose

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Name:

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 12:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: save OCH!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Borin

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 12:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is a historical and important place for members of the Los Angeles LGBTQ+ community. Having been born and raised only a few miles from this institution, I know better than anyone what this place meant to a young queer kid growing up in the valley. It deserves to be recognized

Communication from Public

Name: Holly Wertman

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 12:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As someone born and raised in Los Angeles, Oil Can Harry's- more than anywhere else- has provided a link to the larger LA LGBT community and history that I haven't been able to find anywhere else. It is the only LGBT institution that encourages intergenerational mixing and support. Their dance classes have allowed me to mix with other queer people, young and old, creating a living legacy of LAs queer history. OCH has taken it upon themselves to uphold and extend the lgbt history of Los Angeles, and I hope that the LA conservancy can provide that same support in return and finally cement LA's lgbt legacy.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 01:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Protect oil can Harry's! For the lgbt community of la and beyond
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Communication from Public

Name: Samara Davis

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 01:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is one of the rare institutions that makes this city special. It has been an incredible host to so many Angelenos and those visiting from out of town. Enjoying a night dancing with others from all walks of life is truly something we cannot afford to miss.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelly Bush Novak
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 01:58 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's needs to be an Historical-Cultural Monument.
It's been a safe haven since 1968.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 02:25 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil can Harry's is one of the few spaces in Los Angeles where I can have an amazing night on the dance floor in a safe environment. And I'm a straight woman.. I cannot imagine the "at home" feeling it has given the queer community over the past several decades. Getting rid of this kitsch institution would be a shame. This place should be one of the hottest tourist attractions in the city!

Communication from Public

Name: K Reardon

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 02:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I support the protection of the landmark institution.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Zaretsky
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 03:04 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Oil can Harry's should be a historic landmark because of its cultural significance. I support this happening.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Bejines

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 03:41 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Businesses with such historic backgrounds should be protected at all costs. Oil Can Harry's is a staple in the community and should be preserved. I fully support Councilmember Paul Krekorian's introduced motion to initiate Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) designation for Oil Can Harry's.

Communication from Public

Name: Alisha

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 03:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's was a staple of the LGBTQ Community. A safe place, and a reminder of the community's joy in the face of the AIDS pandemic. It should be uplifted as a historic cultural monument.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 03:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is a symbol of the LGBTQ community's existence and presence in Los Angeles. It is as deserving as any landmark of such a designation, and would speak volumes about a city that claims to be a progressive safe-haven for all communities that have struggled for acceptance.

Communication from Public

Name: Mara Fisher

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 04:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I join the L.A. Conservancy in supporting L.A. City Councilmember Paul Krekorian's motion to initiate Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) designation for Oil Can Harry's. Oil Can Harry's is an important part of L.A.'s LGBTQ+ heritage and holds deep historic significance as a protector of members of the LGBTQ+ community during the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Jared Eng

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 04:04 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: It's a travesty they Oil Can Harry's has closed down. It needs to be saved and preserved at all costs! It has been a beacon for joy and hope to so many for so many years!

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Hughes
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 04:07 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Save Oil Can Harry's!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Stumme
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 04:55 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Please help preserve this important cultural landmark! It has been a haven for the LGBTQ+ community for so long.

Communication from Public

Name: Marshall

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 05:14 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: In Los Angeles and the Valley, people felt freer and safer frequenting a gay space not located in an out-of-the-way industrial area or down a dark alley and hidden behind a nondescript door. This institution was a community and should be recognized as a landmark and for its history. Please preserve it.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 05:27 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I support creating a Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) designation for Oil Can Harry's to preserve its memory as an important part of L.A.'s LGBTQ+ heritage.

Communication from Public

Name: Don-Martin Nielsen
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 05:47 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Please approve Oil Can Harry's HCM. It has indeed earned it's place in Los Angeles LGBT history! Thanks.

Communication from Public

Name: Tyler McLaughlin

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 05:48 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is an extremely important venue for my community. The legacy of Oil Can Harry's is far more powerful than your average bar. This was and still is a safe haven for queer people. It is an iconic nightlife institution that protects us and brings us together to celebrate life, love, and music. Please save Oil Can Harry's!

Communication from Public

Name: John Walker
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 06:51 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: I fully support this designation. It was the Nightclub of the Valley
- especially Studio City (Gay or Straight)

Communication from Public

Name: Math

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 07:32 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is a major part of LGBTQ+ history in Los Angeles and it's a safe and supportive modern venue for queer people to gather and dance. Please save this iconic part of LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Marc Antony Melocchi

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 08:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Unlike many gay bars and clubs in West Hollywood, Oil Can Harry's did not discriminate as all persons regardless of gender or background were always welcome. I remember how supportive the late owner was in the 80s when many staff members were afflicted with AIDS. Oil Can Harry's even has a place in my family's history as back in the 80s my mother told me that she and my father took my uncle Italo to a burlesque show there in the 50s when my uncle was about to ship out to Korea. There should be no doubt regarding Oil Can Harry's status as a historic cultural landmark in our city. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Kim D

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 08:48 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Please save Oil Can Harry's! It's a staple in our community and one of the oldest gay bars in LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Gartner

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 09:16 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Please do your diligence to preserve and protect this and other establishments that have played an essential role in the history of los angeles, particularly of fading subcultures and communities. This is a special place, architecturally as well as historically as a haven for marginalized people.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Lewis

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 09:32 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I'm an La resident who grew up here. It took me 27 years to find a bar where I could be myself and be surrounded by people who felt the same. Every night I spent dancing to disco music here was a godsend. More than anything I'd like to come here with my friends again and again as long as I live in LA. Please save this spot for us!

Communication from Public

Name: kelly evans

Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 09:37 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support Oil Can Harry's becoming an Historic cultural monument.

Communication from Public

Name: Hadley Hendon
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 09:53 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is a refuge for folks to be themselves in a city that rarely allows space for all to be welcome. Please, save this establishment!!

Communication from Public

Name: Dan Molad
Date Submitted: 07/09/2021 10:20 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: This is an LA institution, a historic pillar of our LGBTQ community! Let it remain! Let it thrive! Give it support!

Communication from Public

Name: Jonan Plueger

Date Submitted: 07/10/2021 08:56 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Don't allow historic monuments to LGBTQ freedom go destroyed and usurped by corporations who only care about money! Please support the conservation of the longest continuously running gay bar in LA. We should learn from history, not forget it.

Communication from Public

Name: Martin Zimmerman

Date Submitted: 07/10/2021 09:24 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is a vital LA historical and cultural institution deeply significant in my life and countless others LGBTQ+ community. I started going to OCH in the mid 1970s, when it offered me a safe and welcoming respite from taunts, judgements and rejections suffered as a gay man during those years. It offered hope and support during the worst of the AIDS Crisis and was an active agent in supporting medical/emotional care research. When my partner of 20+ years died, OCH was a place to be among others who understood and lift my spirits. Throughout all, it has been friendly, supportive, non-judgmental, and endlessly festive and joyous. As an institution of over 50 years, it clearly deserves designation and protection as a Historic-Cultural Monument.

Communication from Public

Name: Bryce Fallon

Date Submitted: 07/10/2021 10:00 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Please give Oil Can Harry's Historic-Cultural Monument designation! As we all work to continue to increase safety, comfort, and visibility for the queer community, have protected and honored spaces like Oil Can Harry's that have been doing that work for the community for years is essential.

Communication from Public

Name: Jasmyne Peck

Date Submitted: 07/10/2021 11:29 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: 1968 was a tumultuous year in a world that was rocked by the persistence of injustice. In the late 60s of Los Angeles, not dissimilar to places around the country, Queer people struggled to find places where they could exist amongst themselves beyond the reach of persecution. Then -like today- LGBT individuals faces the threat of losing their jobs, their families, their lives at the price of simply being themselves. Gay bars were getting raided. It wasn't a measure of personal safety to go one, let alone open one. And yet, Oil Can Harry's opened anyway. For more than fifty years, Oil Can Harry's has offered a safe space where LGBT patrons can go and live their lives whether it be the continuance of an unfettered lifestyle or a moment of respite from an otherwise closeted life. When you step into Harry's today, you step into a shared story. The customers span the decades. And while there are plenty of 20-somethings who would miss cavorting at Harry's, the loss would hit no one more than the patrons I could count on when I went. The folks who were at Harry's on a slow night beneath the discoball just as they were when it was thick with young Queers and tourists spinning on the wood paneled dance floor. There's nowhere else in Los Angeles (maybe nowhere else period) where there is a consistent multi-generational gathering of LGBT people just purely having fun. The older generations of LGBT people has been ravaged by social neglect, ostracism, the fight against AIDS, and now a new pandemic which most threatens the vulnerable population that has called Harry's home for the half-century of its existence. For people that often have to establish their own families, their own communities, the destruction of Harry's would be the dimming of a light over the last act of one of the strongest, most influential Queer generations. When I went to Harry's with my beloved friends, I always looked out for the regulars. The two that came head to toe in leather, the woman who had the same fringed outfit in every color and knew how to work it, the extremely tall gentleman that had one dance move who parked himself in the middle of the floor beneath the disco ball- in a world all his own, and countless others. I can't help but wonder what depriving these people of Harry's might do to them. Last year, the friend that introduced me to Harry's passed away suddenly. When I heard the news that Harry's was going to close, it was like losing a part of him again. I realized that I had

thought Harry's would always be there as, more than anything else, a monument to my friend who was as fun, as beautiful, and as glorious as that place and how it made us feel when we went there. For the time that Harry's has existed, I know that I can't be the only person who has lost somewhere dear to them with whom they shared Harry's as a place to rely on. Please save this place. For the shelter it provides. For the memories it creates. For the patrons who have grown up there and the new generations who need to see that being Queer, growing older and being happy are not mutually exclusive ideals. Save Oil Can Harry's for its fantastic atmosphere. For its disco nights. For its karaoke. For its line-dancing. Save Harry's for its magnificent, top-hatted, dandy mascot. Save Harry's for yourself, if you haven't been, I strongly suggest you swing by. Thank you for the time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: John Dotto

Date Submitted: 07/10/2021 11:54 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) designation for Oil Can Harry's. Earlier this year, one of the longest continuously operated gay bars in the country closed its doors. Oil Can Harry's in Studio City, while humble on the outside, is an important part of L.A.'s LGBTQ+ heritage. As a longtime San Fernando Valley dance club that allowed people to be themselves, Oil Can Harry's also protected its patrons during police raids and provided crucial community support and assistance during the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexander Modiano

Date Submitted: 07/10/2021 11:56 AM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is an extremely important Los Angeles establishment for the LGBT community. It was a space that transcended age and time, creating community for people ranging from 21 to 81. Please preserve this sacred place. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Ale

Date Submitted: 07/10/2021 02:24 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: As a member of the LGBTQ+ community and a person who was born and raised in the SFV, Oil Can Harry's stood as a glimmering example of the vibrancy and history that most overlook in the valley. This cultural institution served not only myself and countless others as a queer haven and go to club, but served countless generations like myself. Shuttering such a landmark and converting it to something that bastardizes it's history is not only wrong, but in line with the cities dedication to erasing its own cultural history in the name of... a tacky jazz bar that no one wanted? For too long landlords have had the majority stake in deciding the fabric of the city and have systematically worked to dismantle and displace community across the city. Saving Oil Can Harry's would be a step in the right direction for not only acknowledging the rich culture of the SFV, but moving away from bulldozing over the cities past in the name of real estate speculation and luxury development without so much as an acknowledgment to what stood there before.

Communication from Public

Name: Haley

Date Submitted: 07/10/2021 02:48 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's is a vital establishment to LA and its surrounding cities and it is absolutely imperative that it be protected. Oil Can has been a safe space for the LGBTQIA+ communities and its allies for years and years and losing it will forever alter the ways in which this local community moves and thrives. The first time I walked in I immediately felt welcome and safe in a way that I don't feel at a lot of other bars in this city. I felt held by the history of all of the people before me who had visited and helped to make Oil Can the place that it is. It would be a horrible shame if no one else gets to experience this feeling and connect to the history of their community like this. At a time when anti LGBTQIA+ legislation keeps getting pushed through the courts in different parts of the country it is even more important than before to protect places that have welcomed and protected this community for so long. The city has all of the power to save Oil Can and refusing to do so would be an injustice to the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Red Garcia Ortiz
Date Submitted: 07/10/2021 10:03 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Protect LGBTQ+ history! Stop trying to erase us!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra Chase
Date Submitted: 07/10/2021 11:11 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's should be given a historic monument designation!! Please protect LGBTQ history and our spaces!

Communication from Public

Name: Carolynn LaRocca

Date Submitted: 07/11/2021 12:18 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I'm submitting these comments as a very strong supporter of Councilmember Paul Krekorian's motion to initiate Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) designation to Oil Can Harry's. This longtime San Fernando Valley dance club, which up until its recent, sad closure, was one of the longest continuously operated gay bars in the country, is truly an icon. Not just to the LGBTQ community (as it surely is) but to everyone who felt the welcoming, all inclusive environment this establishment curated throughout its history. In addition to allowing people to celebrate and hold community space, Oil Can Harry's protected its patrons during police raids and provided crucial community support and assistance during the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s. It was a personal haven for me as a performer. Some of my happiest memories over the decades come from the feeling of family and inclusion that Oil Can Harry's provided. As a proud lesbian and Angeleno, I urge the L.A. City Council to firmly and unanimously support this HCM designation.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Masterson
Date Submitted: 07/11/2021 02:37 PM
Council File No: 21-0438
Comments for Public Posting: I fully support designating Oil Can Harry's as an Historic-Cultural Monument. It has been an important part of the city's LGBTQ heritage for decades and should be recognized as such.

Communication from Public

Name: Chuck Stewart

Date Submitted: 07/11/2021 04:22 PM

Council File No: 21-0438

Comments for Public Posting: I write this letter in support of declaring Oil Can Harry's a Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) at 11502 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. I have regularly attended OCH since about 1975. It has been my primary social outlet all these years, and most of my long-time friends are patrons of OCH. These friends are indeed my family. OCH provided a sense of family when many of us have experienced being rejected by our biological families for being gay. Besides dancing at OCH, I taught dance classes there for years and have probably taught most of the people there. OCH provided a safe place to learn to dance in same-sex couples. That is important because, until recently, we couldn't dance in each other's arms in straight places without censor or worse. I am an academic who has written eighteen books and references, ten of those on LGBTQ subjects. I work as an editor/writer for ABC-CLIO, Praeger, Greenwood, and SAGE publishing houses. I bring this up because this property has so much history important not only to the LGBTQ community but also to the African American community. OCH took over the lease of this building in 1968. Before that, it was the Zomba Café in the 1940s, '50s, and '60s bringing "A Bit of Africa" entertainment. Many actors and movie stars from the nearby studios were known to frequent the Zomba Room. I know many of the people who were active in running OCH. I also have contact with the last owners of the Zomba Cafe. Unfortunately, many of us are elderly and dying off. The history is fast becoming lost—what a shame. I propose that besides the property obtaining HCM status, we reach out to those interested in preserving the history. For example, USC hosts the world's most extensive LGBTQ library and archive at the ONE Institute IGLA on West Adams Blvd. It is one of the affiliated libraries of the university's library system. The colleges and universities in the area—UCLA, CSUN, CSULA, Valley College— all have departments of anthropology, LGBTQ studies, and African American studies, besides student groups interested in reclaiming their histories. It would be great to put together a team of professors and students to conduct a thorough review of historical documents and artifacts before it is all lost. I've spoken with some of these groups, and they are excited to find out more. Of course, this requires funding. Perhaps the city can be of help. I appreciate the opportunity to express my hope to preserve the

histories of Oil Can Harry's and the Zomba Room. Chuck
Stewart, Ph.D. ckstewar@sbcglobal.net 310-838-6247
www.StewartEducationServices.com (to review all the books I
have written) Attached are photos of the Zomba Room

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