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Attention: PLUM Committee

Dear Honorable Members:

HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE, COUNCIL FILE 21-0934

The Cultural Heritage Commission is sending this communication to express its views on the proposed Hollywood Community Plan Update as presented to the Commission by City Planning staff on May 6, 2021. While it does include regulations that seek to protect historic resources, we feel that additional protections should be incorporated to strengthen the updated plan. As such, we recommend that the City Council adopt the following amendments:

1. Include the identified individually eligible (5S3 status code) historic properties in the Community Plan Implementation Overlay's (CPIO) definition of Eligible Historic Resources as included in the former Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) plan.
2. Lower the proposed base and bonus FARs on Hollywood Boulevard, within and adjacent to the Hollywood Boulevard Commercial and Entertainment National Register Historic District (District), to further protect the District, and sites such as Grauman's Chinese Theater and smaller scale commercial courtyards. Additional FAR and density can be accommodated along Sunset Boulevard without impacting the District.
3. Provide further protections for contributing historic resources in the National Register Historic District by applying the demolition review provisions of the Draft Downtown CPIO (Chapter V) to Hollywood. Additionally, on non-contributing properties in the District, require within the Hollywood CPIO that new infill development not conforming with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards) be approved by the Director of Planning; infill development that does conform with the Standards would receive administrative, ministerial approval.
4. In order to address the bungalow court as a building type worthy of special consideration when demolition is proposed, utilize the 2010 and 2020 Hollywood Redevelopment Project Area historic resource surveys to identify bungalow courts that should receive additional preservation review, and extend the Hollywood CPIO into the Station Neighborhood Area

Plan and East Hollywood to further protect bungalow courts and other identified historic properties in these areas.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Barron', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Richard Barron, President
Cultural Heritage Commission