

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Debora Masterson

**Date Submitted:** 01/24/2023 03:48 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0975

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing this on the eve of the designation of Los Angeles' newest HCM. This should be a time to celebrate, but it is not. I am sad and angry and hurt. It has been a long journey to get to this final hearing. On May 6, 2021, I contacted the Office of Historic Resources about designating the historic house at 15526 Plummer Street an HCM. In August 2021, I met with the owner and presented our vision of the Plummer Street Project to restore the house, create a small museum and new park for the community. However, I am unable to celebrate because the owner, a real estate developer who doesn't live in our neighborhood, decided to sell the two properties to Brighstar. Brighstar's Valor Academy is planning on building another elementary school on the property and no one will be able to visit the HCM. It will be shut behind the school fences and the historic house will be used for offices. We have a better plan, one that we have presented to our neighborhood councils, to our councilpersons, to anyone who would listen. A plan that we call the Plummer Street Project. The North Hills community raised over \$5,000 to accomplish the designation, but we want the HCM to become a museum and the vacant land a new park for the entire community, not just the school children. We have been fighting hard to stop Valor Academy from building a new elementary school that we don't need. We already have 12 elementary schools in North Hills, but we only have one park. This is an ideal location for a park since there are no buildings to tear down. The community has offered to form a 501c3 non-profit organization to raise funds to restore the house and create the park. I have spoken to LA Parks and Recreation who would like to proceed. We want to work with our city leaders to do the right thing for the community. But it looks like our city representatives are ignoring us, in fact, shutting us out! Even though I subscribed to be notified of any hearings, and I should be notified since I am the Applicant, I was not notified of this meeting tomorrow January 25, 2023 at 10am. The only way I found out about the meeting tomorrow morning is I decided to email CD7 Monica Rodriguez's office this morning to see if there was an update on when the meeting would take place. Please I beg the City Council members to stop this Valor Academy project that we don't need and help us do the right thing. Create a park for the entire community! Let's restore the house and open it to

EVERYONE, not just a chosen few. Thank you, Debora  
Masterson North Hills Preservation Consortium

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/24/2023 05:42 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of North Hills I request the following: 1. I urge you to vote NO on the CEQA exemption because every property should have an environmental study and not be exempt. This addresses the health concerns of the community and should have an environmental study performed. 2. I urge you to vote YES that this property does conform with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Section 22.171.7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code. 3. I definitely urge you to vote YES to ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) as the findings of Council. 4. I urge you to vote YES and APPROVE the recommendations of the CHC relative to the inclusion of 15526 Plummer Street, located at 15526 West Plummer Street, to the list of Historical-Cultural Monuments. This home at 15526 is the original 1914 home of the pioneer Plummer family on Plummer Street. The home is the oldest single family home still standing in the San Fernando valley with the adjoining property which was their working farm. It is a treasure find by the North Hills Preservation Consortium and should be protected for future generations as a historical landmark as well as a green open space.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Debra Francisco  
**Date Submitted:** 01/24/2023 05:31 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a North Hills resident, I am submitting my support for the historical preservation of the Plummer Street project. Comments from those who stated this "home" and its original owner (The Plummers), are systemically racist are false. This is totally unjust, unfounded and untrue and those stating as such are the ones propagating false racism and this should have no consideration on the historic validity of this property, period. I address the items as follows 1 - I urge you to vote NO on the CEQA exemption and there should BE an environmental study performed. 2 - I urge you to vote YES that the property does conform with the definition of a Monument. 3 - I urge you to vote YES to ADOPT the findings of the Cultural Heritage Commission as the Findings of Council. 4 - I urge you to vote YES and APPROVE the recommendations of the CHC relative to the inclusion of 15526 Plummer St. located at 15526 West Plummer St. in the list of Historic Cultural Monuments. This home was built in 1914 and is the oldest home in the San Fernando Valley and this is something that all of us can share and enjoy as a Historic Cultural Monument. It would benefit school children who would be able to tour the home and grounds and get a "feel" of what it was like during the early pioneer days of the San Fernando Valley. In addition, this home is older than the Barbara Stanwyck home located on Devonshire in Chatsworth and no less worthy of the HCM designation. It is a "GEM" in our beloved San Fernando Valley and to lose it would be devastating to not only the local residents but anyone who would like to visit and see the history of California. Remember the song "Pave Paradise And Put Up A Parking Lot".....how about we do NOT pave paradise and do NOT put up that parking lot!

## Communication from Public

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