

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Rudick

Date Submitted: 04/05/2023 03:44 PM

Council File No: 23-0007-S12

Comments for Public Posting: Over 800 days after an attempted coup against the United States, and months after the January 6th Committee presented its findings to the public, the City of Los Angeles remains the only city honoring the leader of that deadly assault on our democracy, in brass and marble, on our city's sidewalk. If any other nation acted similarly, we'd likely view their complacency and tolerance of extremism as the demarcation of a declining nation. Just a few months ago, city officials learned of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce circumventing city rules pertaining to this public monument, outlined in CF78-3949. Thank you to those who intervened. I urge this Council to amend this item, to change the proposed location of a Walk of Fame star for Carrie Fisher, to the existing location of the star honoring Donald Trump (listed in council file 06-3258). There's nothing preventing this Council from doing so, and deaccessioning of any name(s) on this public monument/landmark is entirely within the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles and has no impact whatsoever on the National Historic Preservation Act, according to Caroline Hayes, a preservation officer at the U.S. Department of the Interior, and Supervisor Jay Correia from the State Office of Historic Preservation. It should be noted as well that the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce installed Donald Trump's name on 1/16/07, prior to L.A. City approval on 2/9/07, breaking city requirements. Carrie Fisher's colleague, Mark Hamill, previously called for this Walk of Fame action and received generous support from the community, but the idea at the time was falsely dismissed as impossible by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce—an organization that holds no legislative authority over this public monument. I support Mr. Hamill's recommendation, which was, and is, the right thing to do. The formidable Carrie Fisher, who never officially expressed interest in this public honor, according to Ana Martinez of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, didn't hesitate to express her thoughts on Donald Trump. If she could lend her voice today, I don't believe it would be difficult to imagine what she'd say... Carrie Fisher's brother, Todd Fisher, said this about his beloved sister, who many in the women's rights movement from 2017 and beyond, channeled as their own figurehead for change and justice: "For me, it meant carrying on Carrie's mission. She was a champion of

women, no one can deny it." It is also my hope that she will champion over hatred on Hollywood Blvd.