

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Segall

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear PLUM Committee members and staff, I care about the historic B'nai B'rith Lodge at 846 South Union Avenue, a landmark for the Jewish and Labor communities where the Teamsters Union was integrated, and thank City Planning staff for refusing to grant the demolition permit. Please table any discussions of a proposed settlement between property owner Catholic Charities and the City Attorney until the agreement is made public, and hold your discussion of potential demolition of this cultural and architectural landmark that is covered in priceless Batchelder tiles in an open forum where citizens can participate. Thank you, Kevin Segall Historic JB Winston House HCM #189 1407 Carroll Ave Los Angeles, CA 90026

Communication from Public

Name: Donald Hamilton

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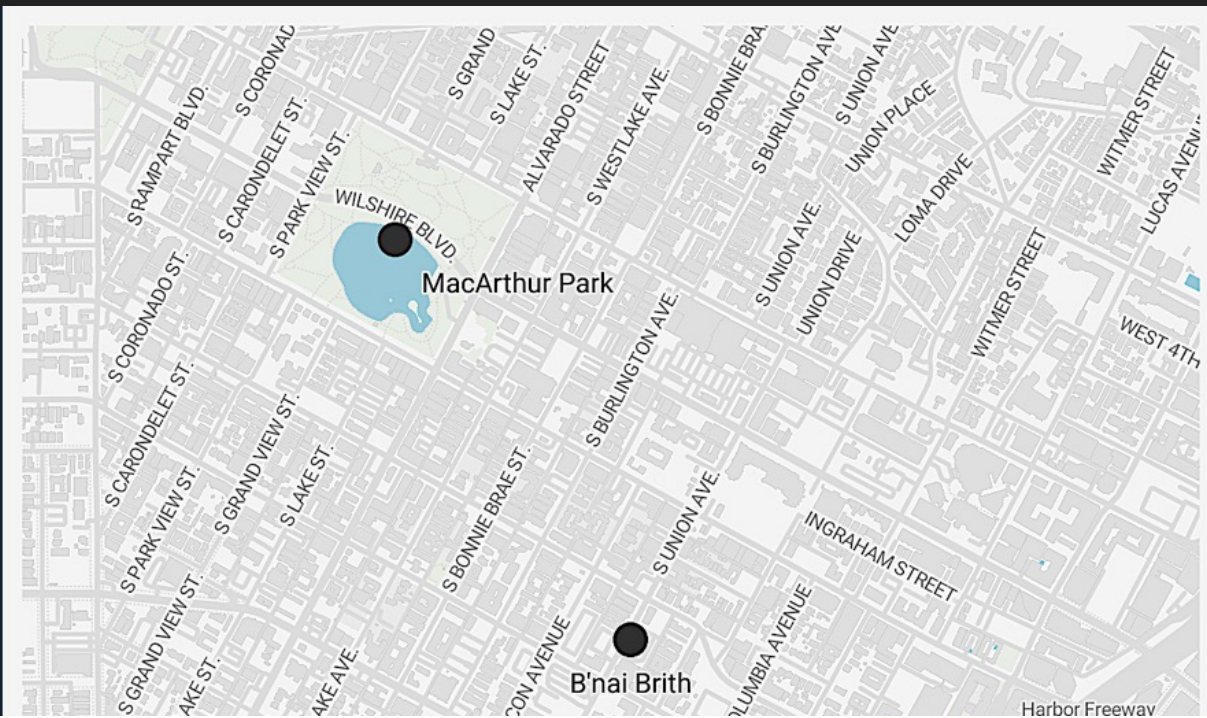
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B'NAI B'RITH LODGE

APN: 5142018007

The 58,485 square foot, 1.34 acre property is located at 830-846 South Union Avenue & James M. Wood Boulevard







1874 - The International Order of B'nai B'rith, a Jewish service organization begun in New York in 1843, founds its Los Angeles chapter

1899 - Orange Lodge No. 224 & Semi-Tropic Lodge merged to become Lodge No. 487

1904 170 members strong, they dedicate a new hall
at 521 West Pico

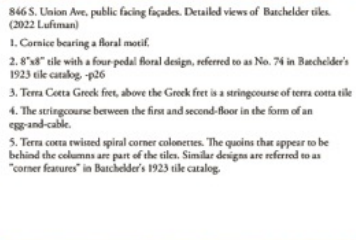
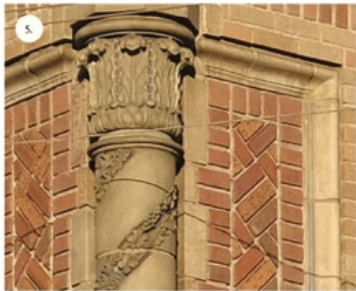
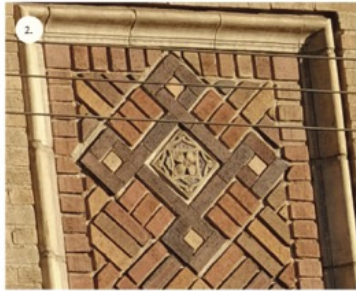
1918 move to a new lodge hall at 17th & Georgia

Jan 13, 1922 B'nai B'rith Messenger announces Lodge
No. 487's new headquarters

846 South Union Ave designed by S. Tilden Norton

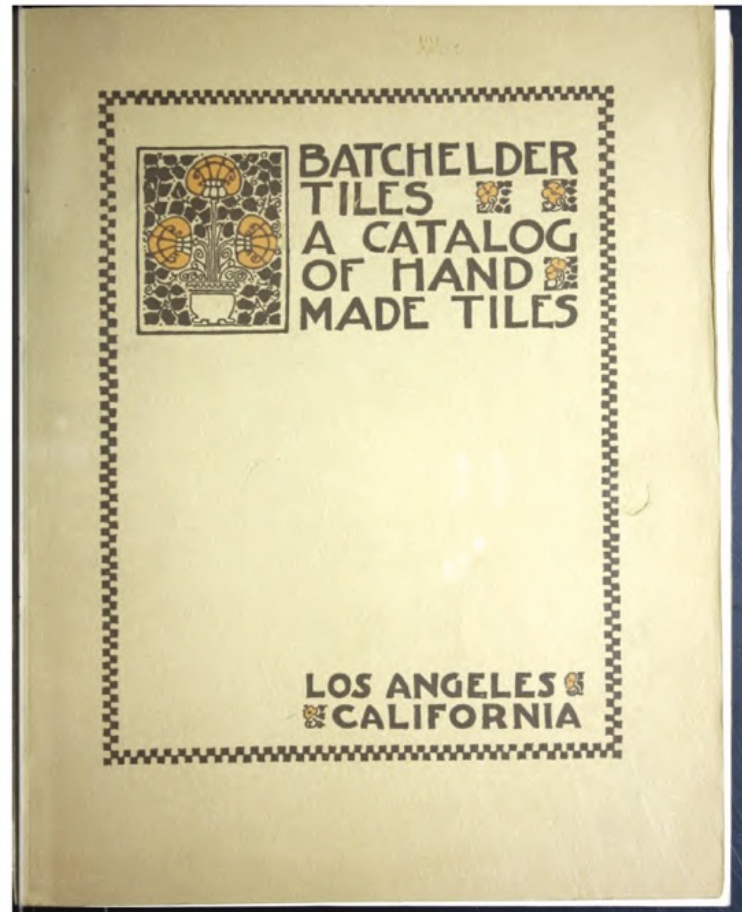
1925 S. Tilden Norton designs a sister building Mount Sinai Temple nearby at 4th & New Hampshire

Both buildings make heavy use of ceramic detailing from the Batchelder-Wilson Company



846 S. Union Ave, public facing façades. Detailed views of Batchelder tiles.
(2022 Luftman)

1. Cornice bearing a floral motif.
2. 8"x8" tile with a four-pedal floral design, referred to as No. 74 in Batchelder's 1923 tile catalog -p26
3. Terra Cotta Greek fret, above the Greek fret is a stringcourse of terra cotta tile
4. The stringcourse between the first and second-floor in the form of an egg-and-cable.
5. Terra cotta twisted spiral corner colonettes. The quoins that appear to be behind the columns are part of the tiles. Similar designs are referred to as "corner features" in Batchelder's 1923 tile catalog.



1930 B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 487 moves out

By 1938 now home to:

- Bakery Drivers 276
- Dump Truck Drivers 420
- Warehousemens 598
- Grocery Warehousemens 595
- Dairy Haulers 737
- Milk Wagon Drivers 93
- Meat and Provision Drivers 626

- Truck Drivers 208 & 403
- Hay Haulers 737
- Garage Automotive & Service Station Employees
495
- Laundry Workers 52
- Wholesale Delivery Drivers
- Salesmen 848

1945 just known as the “Teamsters Building.”

1977 Teamsters move out

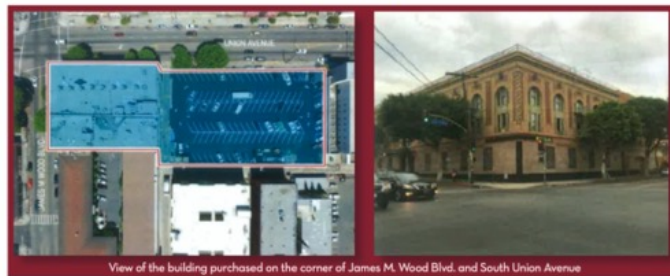
1978 B’nai B’rith becomes California International
University & Southland College

1989 The Lighthouse Mission Church purchases building

2018 The property & large adjacent parking lot purchased by Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. the social service arm of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Immediately announce their intentions to demolish the building & offer foster youth programs and services in a new structure

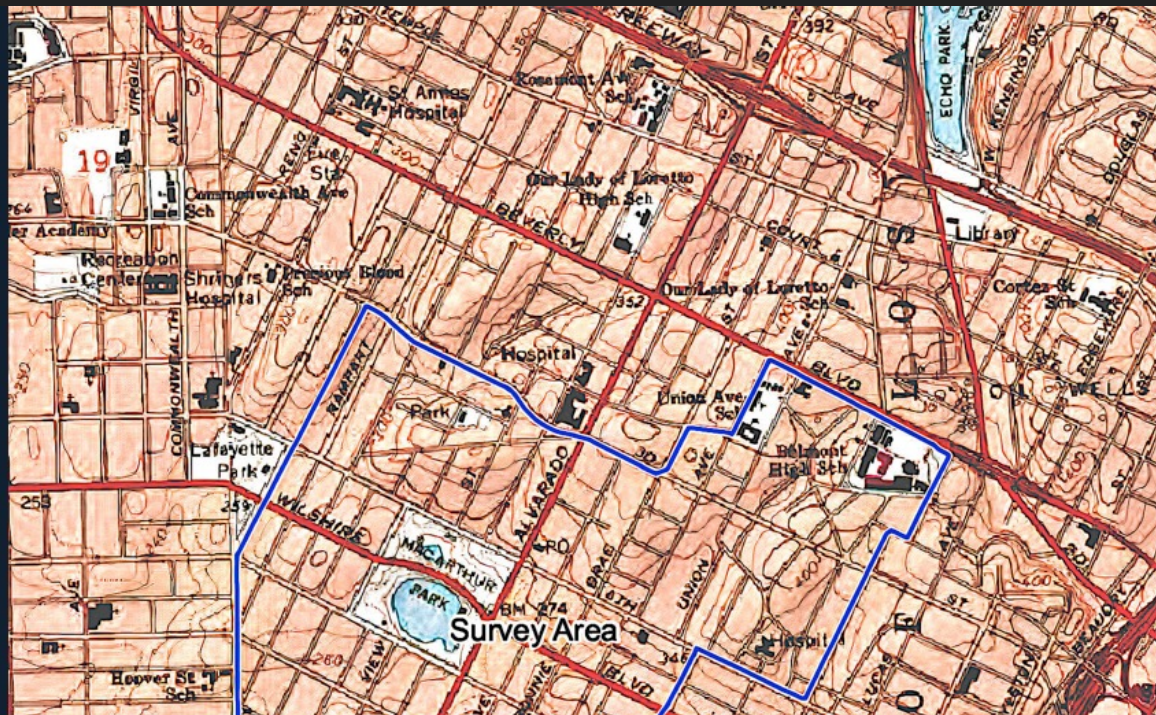
UNION AVENUE VILLAGE



View of the building purchased on the corner of James M. Wood Blvd. and South Union Avenue

- ◆ In November of 2018, Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. announced its purchase of land immediately adjacent to the corporate offices in downtown Los Angeles in order to offer additional programs and services. The 58,485 square foot, 1.34 acre property is located at 830-846 South Union Avenue and James M. Wood Boulevard.
- ◆ The existing 1924 three story, brick building will soon be demolished. The vision for the new construction is a "village" to include two critically needed programs: an Angel's Flight Shelter for homeless, runaway and at risk boys, ages 10 through 17; and also housing for Transition Age Youth (TAY), young men, ages 18 through 24, who have aged out of the foster care system. The "village" will include a gym and athletic field on the site.
- ◆ Catholic Charities founded the Angel's Flight Shelter program in 1985 in the Westlake District of Los Angeles to provide 30 days or more of emergency shelter for up to 16 runaway and homeless youth at a time. The program reunites youth with their families or refers youth to a licensed group home or foster care setting. Angel's Flight provides basic services of food, medical care, clothing and transportation, as well as educational assessment and classroom teaching (provided by the Los Angeles Unified School District), individual, family and group therapeutic counseling, case management,

2019 & 2020 Demolition permits for the parcel rejected by Dept of City Planning. Demolition permit requires discretionary review by Dept of City Planning because parcel sits inside former CRA-LA Westlake redevelopment zone



Catholic Charities of Los Angeles has never filed a project for the parcel

May 11, 2022 Dept of City Planning receives an HCM nomination for the site

May 24, 2022 Dept of City Planning sends a letter to Catholic Charities of Los Angeles stating that because property may be owned by a religious institution, City hereby provides the owner with opportunity to object to designation pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code §37361

May 27, 2022 Dept of City Planning receives a letter from the Catholic Charities of Los Angeles Inc. stating its formal objection to the proposed designation, pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code §37361

Dept of City Planning ceases processing of the
proposed designation of property as an Historic-
Cultural Monument

Jan 26, 2023 Writ of Mandate filed in Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles by Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.:

Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., a California nonprofit, public benefit corporation, is the charitable social service organization for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, an archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church.

Catholic Charities hereby petitions this Court for a writ of mandate pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1085 because the City of Los Angeles refuses to issue a ministerial demolition permit for a deteriorated, unusable building. As the City has no legitimate basis under the law for refusing to issue Catholic Charities a demolition permit, a writ must issue commanding the City to do so.

Points To Clarify:

- 846 S Union designated as "3CS" in 2009 CRA-LA Westlake Historic Survey
- "3CS" status code - eligible for California Register as an individual property
- Parcel in the Westlake Redevelopment Plan
- Plan remains in effect until May 2030
- City is empowered to undertake implementation
- Any redevelopment would trigger CEQA
- And requires discretionary review by OHR/Planning Department for site demolition permit.

RESOURCES

CRA-LA Westlake Historic Survey (2009)

Offering Memorandum 846 S Union

846 S Union Ave Property Listing 2018

Catholic Charities Annual Report 2018-19

B'nai B'rith Lodge 846 South Union HCM Application

The Bizarre B'nai B'rith Lodge Demolition Threat -
Esotouric Webinar

Catholic Charities Petition For Writ Of Mandate

Catholic Charities seeks court order allowing
demolition of building it owns (Los Angeles Daily
News 01/28/2023)

California Code, Government Code - GOV § 37361

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SAVE B'NAI B'RITH LODGE AT 846 SOUTH UNION AVENUE



In 2018, Catholic Charities (a non-profit that is not part of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles) [purchased 846 South Union Avenue](#), the historic B'nai B'rith Lodge / Teamsters Hall (S. Tilden Norton, 1923), and applied for a demolition permit,

announcing plans to build **Union Avenue Village**, a new structure to provide housing for at risk boys and foster youth.

The Los Angeles City Planning Department rejected the application, because B'nai B'rith is an historic resource located within the former CRA-LA Westlake redevelopment zone. The city also rejected a **nomination** to consider B'nai B'rith for landmark status, due to owner objection. Catholic Charities then filed a **writ of mandate**, asking the court to allow demolition—not to clear room for new housing, but simply permission to destroy the building and its priceless Batchelder tiles!

As of the most recent court date (1/9/2024), Catholic Charities and the Los Angeles City Attorney had not yet come to a settlement agreement. On Tuesday, 2/20/2024, the PLUM Committee of Los Angeles City Council is **scheduled** to hear about this confidential agreement in closed session, then vote on a matter that is of great interest to the public, but which no member of the public will be able to hear. This is **item #3** on the agenda (**Council File: 23-1407**, Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles). We are asking PLUM to table this matter until after the settlement is made public, and to hold their discussion of Catholic Charities' request to demolish this landmark of Jewish, Labor and Integration history in open, public session.

You can help save B'nai B'rith, by making public comment in person at City Hall on Tuesday, 2/20/2024 or by sending an email as soon as possible. Links and info are below.

To make public comment in person: be at Los Angeles City Hall, John Ferraro Council Chamber Room 340, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 before 2pm on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Sign up to comment on item #3 and on general public comment, and when called to the mic use your own words to tell the committee

members that you care about B'nai B'rith Lodge and want them to table their discussion and their vote until after the proposed settlement is made public.

To make public comment via email, email as soon as possible and no later than 1pm Tuesday, to all of these addresses (councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.yaroslavsky@lacity.org, councilmember.padilla@lacity.org, cd10@lacity.org, clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org, cityatty.help@lacity.org, joanne.kim@lacity.org, helen.campbell@lacity.org) with subject line "Re: CF 23-1407, Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles (PLUM agenda #3)."

Below is a sample email (which you can customize with your own words):

Dear PLUM Committee members and staff, I care about the historic B'nai B'rith Lodge at 846 South Union Avenue, a landmark for the Jewish and Labor communities where the Teamsters Union was integrated, and thank City Planning staff for refusing to grant the demolition permit. Please table any discussions of a proposed settlement between property owner Catholic Charities and the City Attorney until the agreement is made public, and hold your discussion of potential demolition of this cultural and architectural landmark that is covered in priceless Batchelder tiles in an open forum where citizens can participate. Thank you. (name, neighborhood or city)

You can also submit your email to the public record by clicking NEW and posting it to the Council File page [here](#).

LINKS ABOUT B'NAI B'RITH LODGE AND THE FIGHT TO SAVE IT

- Steven Luftman's Historic-Cultural Monument application for [B'nai B'rith Lodge](#)
- Esotouric Webinar: [The Bizarre B'nai B'rith Lodge Demolition Threat](#)
- [Slideshow](#)

- Monsignor Gregory Cox [objecting](#) to landmarking at Los Angeles City Council (6/8/2022)
- Catholic Charities [Petition](#) For Writ Of Mandate
- The Law, as it may or may not apply:
 - [DOJ statement on the Land Use Provisions of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act \(RLUIPA\)](#)
 - [California Government Code Section 37361](#)
- Nathan Marsak's R.I.P. Los Angeles blog post [Save B'nai B'rith](#)
- The Artery LA's [full dronescape](#) of B'nai B'rith and its remarkable neighbor buildings

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Communication from Public

Name: Haym Salomon

Date Submitted: 02/19/2024 04:03 PM

Council File No: 23-1407

Comments for Public Posting: Before you attract additional negative attention to our fair City by encouraging a Mexican/Catholic organization to demolish a Jewish Synagogue, please read the attachment to this message and consider some alternatives. Amend the LA Municipal Code Amend Section 51.03, Article 16, Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows: SEC. 51.03. DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED A. No person shall discriminate against another person in [REMOVE private] employment, housing, education , [ADD government] or commerce, because of that person’s actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, religion, citizenship status, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, medical condition, genetic information , [ADD lineage or casta/caste], marital status, source of income, military status, veteran status, or primary language. II. Restore Haym Salomon Day to Los Angeles Re-establish January 6 of each year as “Haym Salomon Day,” by making Boyle Heights Jewish again, beginning with an annual patriotic parade through Boyle Heights and an interfaith commemorative ceremony in Hollenbeck Park. An annual day of unity celebrating a Jewish-American Patriot would be a much better look than a destroyed Jewish synagogue in the heart of Los Angeles.



MISSING PERSON

Los Angeles Police Department
100 West 1st St Los Angeles LA 90012

January 6, 2024

DR# 20-03-1951

HAYM SALOMON Age: 78 years
Nose Broken & Eye Gouged Out by Pachucos



Male, Sephardic Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown,
Height: 12' Weight: 13 tons

**HAYM SALOMON was last known to be in the area of
ST LOUIS between 4TH and 6TH Streets at Hollenbeck Park
in the Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles on March 20, 1951**

If you have seen or have any information regarding the whereabouts of the **HAYM SALOMON** statue, please contact the Los Angeles Police Department's Missing Persons Unit at **213-996-1800**. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (877-527-3247). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call the Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org.

RESOLUTION
Annual Haym Salomon Day

A RESOLUTION TO RESTORE RECOGNITION OF HAYM SALOMON DAY IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING A PARADE AND COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY IN HOLLENBECK PARK.

WHEREAS, Haym Salomon was an American Patriot, a friend and confidant of General George Washington and the main fundraiser in America's war for liberty against the British Empire;

WHEREAS, he spent all of his energies and his fortune promoting the cause of Liberty, dying January 6, 1785 uncelebrated and penniless, despite owning hundreds of thousands of dollars of worthless Revolutionary War Bonds, which were defaulted on by the Revolutionary Army;

WHEREAS, one of the first memorials to celebrate the efforts of this Jewish immigrant was a statue placed in Hollenbeck Park in Boyle Heights on January 6, 1944 on the anniversary of his death;

WHEREAS, at that time, the Jews of East Los Angeles (including Boyle Heights, City Terrace and nearby areas) numbered between 75,000 and 95,000;

WHEREAS, placement of the Haym Salomon memorial statue was accompanied by an interfaith commemorative program in the park and a parade which began at the corner of Brooklyn Avenue and Soto Street, passing east on Brooklyn to State Street, continuing south on State to Fourth Street, and east on Fourth to Cummings Street, which was the entrance to Hollenbeck Park;

WHEREAS, Haym Salomon Day was traditionally celebrated in Boyle Heights each January with ceremonies, speeches, music and a parade;

WHEREAS, during and subsequent to World War II, the demographics of Boyle Heights changed significantly, mainly with an influx of Mexicans and a departure of Jews;

WHEREAS, many working Jewish residents of the East Side did not voluntarily abandon their neighborhood and 25 synagogues but were forced out by a combination of violence perpetrated by a few pachuco hoodlums, blockbusting activities by a Japanese realtor, defunding of social organizations by Jewish leaders on the West Side, and political deal-making which traded support for electing a Mexican, Edward Roybal, to the City Council in 1949, in return for two "Jewish" council seats on the West Side;

WHEREAS, violence toward the Jewish population manifest itself in the continuing defacement of the Haym Salomon statue in Hollenbeck Park (which was moved from that location March 20, 1951) and in attacks on Jewish children by pachucos;

WHEREAS, a Jewish population of as many as 95,000 was reduced to less than 10 men within a generation, something that had only occurred during the Spanish Inquisition in the 1400's, the Nazi extermination of Jews in the 1940's and the Muslim retaliation against the Jews following establishment of the State of Israel in 1948;

WHEREAS, celebration of the American Patriot Haym Salomon has been neglected and incidents of Anti-Semitism in Los Angeles have increased dramatically, including cyberstalking, cyber harassment and physical attacks on an immigrant Jewish businessman in Boyle Heights led by a self-professed neo-pachuco born and raised in La Mirada who was triggered by the Jew's expression of patriotism, by his attempt to make Boyle Heights Jewish again, and by the Jew's refusal to recognize a neo-pachuco as the "ritual Jewish leader" of Boyle Heights;

WHEREAS, instead of addressing the problem of universal racism and violence, the City Council, spearheaded by a racist Councilmember (Kevin Alexander Leon) in concert with a self-professed neo-pachuco now on the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (Sammy Gonzales Lamberson), focused on "White Racism" from 1943 and recently passed a resolution applauding pachucos who set off the "Zoot-Suit" riots, without acknowledging and apologizing for the racist, Anti-Semitic violence perpetrated by pachucos on many of the Jewish children of East Los Angeles over a period of several years;

WHEREAS, January 6 of 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of Haym Salomon Day in the City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, it is time to ask, "Boyle Heights, where are your Jews?" (¿Dónde están sus Judíos?) and to overcome the Anti-Americanism, Anti-Semitism, racism and violence of the past and to move into the future with respect and fellowship for all people, including Jews; and

WHEREAS, the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, the Los Angeles City Council and the City of Los Angeles must apologize for responding to these racialized attacks by evacuating working Jews to the San Fernando Valley and other Jews to the West Side rather than seeking to protect the community that was directly targeted in this brutal multi-year assault;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles City Council and the City of Los Angeles by adoption of this resolution hereby apologize to the Jewish people and communities impacted by the vandalism of the Haym Salomon statue and for the violence perpetrated by pachucos in helping to drive as many as 95,000 Jews from Boyle Heights and other parts of Jewish East Los Angeles and re-establish January 6 of each year as "Haym Salomon Day," by making Boyle Heights Jewish again, beginning with an annual patriotic parade through Boyle Heights and an interfaith commemorative ceremony in Hollenbeck Park.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 51.03 OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE, PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON AN INDIVIDUAL'S LINEAGE OR CASTE DERIVED FROM THE CASTA SYSTEM INTRODUCED BY SPANISH COLONIZERS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND MEXICO, WHICH INCLUDED THE PUEBLO DE LOS ANGELES.

WHEREAS, casta or caste is a system of racist social discrimination characterized by hereditary status, endogamy, and social barriers sanctioned by custom, law, or religion;

WHEREAS, casta or caste discrimination is based on lineage, which can include genealogy or genetic information, and occurs in the form of social segregation, physical and psychological abuse, or violence;

WHEREAS, indigenous communities refer to the original, diverse societies with their own identities that constitute an integral part of the Americas and other regions;

WHEREAS, indigenous communities have suffered from historic injustices as a result of Spanish and Mexican colonization, the casta system and the dispossession of indigenous lands, languages, territories and resources, thus preventing them from exercising their right to development in accordance with their own needs or interests;

WHEREAS, the majority of the indigenous communities in the City of Los Angeles originate from Los Angeles itself (the Gabrielino-Tongva or San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians and the Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians), Mexico (Oaxacans), the Philippines (Negrito-Dumagat, Igorot-Ifugao), the First Communities of California and other communities, including those from Guatemala or other regions of Central and South America;

WHEREAS, a racist, neo-casta political syndicate with a pattern of criminally deceptive behavior spanning years and multiple persons manifest itself a year ago in the conversations of several Mexican-Americans, some of whom were members of the Los Angeles City Council, along with a Chinese-Guatemalan-American (Kevin Alexander Leon) who self-identifies as Mexican and, despite a brief exile, has remained embedded in the City Council;

WHEREAS, the surname this person has unofficially adopted, de León, is derived from the city of León and the Spanish region called Castile and León, where in the late 1400's, the Catholic Monarchs Isabella and Ferdinand dispossessed as many as 150,000 Jews of their lands and resources through confiscatory taxation and permanent exile in order to finance the enterprises of various Spanish imperialists who colonized the Americas and maintained their power through the racist casta or caste system;

WHEREAS, the California Governor vetoed a law with a flawed definition of "ancestry" which fails to address the racist Spanish/Mexican colonial system of casta that has persisted in Los Angeles since the founding of the pueblo by two "white" Spaniards and their 42 accompanying servants of mixed race and color who were considered to be of various lower-level castas, with black-skinned people at the bottom of the hierarchy;

WHEREAS, the progressive metropolis of Fresno, California has already passed a law dealing mainly with Indian religious caste discrimination and a limited form of “indigeneity,” while its sister metropolis of Los Angeles has not considered any ordinances or amendments to law that would effectively subdue and eliminate the racist Spanish/Mexican colonial version of this manifest system of racism;

WHEREAS, instead of addressing the problem of universal racism and violence, the City Council, spearheaded by a racist Councilmember in concert with a self-professed neo-pachuco born and raised in La Mirada, now on the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (Sammy Gonzales Lamberson), focused on “White Racism” from 1943 and recently passed a resolution applauding pachucos, who set off the “Zoot-Suit” riots, without acknowledging and apologizing for the violence perpetrated by pachucos on black, white and indigenous military men and their families during World War II and on civilians in the City of Los Angeles during and after the war;

WHEREAS, a syndicate of racist Spanish/Mexican colonial casta or caste discrimination remains embedded in the City Council, and in the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, and continues to manifest itself in oppressing indigenous and black people with respect to employment, education, commerce, government and housing in Los Angeles;

NOW THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 51.03, Article 16, Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 51.03. DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED

- A. No person shall discriminate against another person in ~~private~~ employment, housing, education, **government** or commerce, because of that person’s actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, religion, citizenship status, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, medical condition, genetic information, **lineage or casta/caste**, marital status, source of income, military status, veteran status, or primary language.

Communication from Public

Name: Lawrence Fried

Date Submitted: 02/19/2024 06:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: On Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 6:01?AM Lawrence Fried wrote: PLUM Committee Members: I'm asking you to table this agenda item UNTIL AFTER the proposed settlement has been made public, and to hold AT LEAST ONE! OPEN, PUBLIC MEETING - WITH TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - ON GRANTING A DEMOLITION PERMIT (OR NOT) - BEFORE COUNCIL VOTES ON IT. Please don't vote on this matter before all parties - not least of all - CITIZENS/ CONSTITUENTS! have a chance to review any settlement - AND THEN ALSO provide the opportunity for all voices to be heard - AFTER AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW- the proposed future of this HISTORIC, IRREPLACEABLE LOS ANGELES building inventory gem. I strongly believe that creating new housing such as the proposed Union Avenue Village - does not require any historic Los Angeles building to be sacrificed by demolition; I believe an existing parking lot or a NON-HISTORIC BUILDING(S) can serve as a BETTER SITE for NEW at-risk youth housing and supportive services. It's my understanding that the 846 South Union Avenue Parcel includes a parking lot; integrating the existing building into a new development could maximize a new development there. I believe 846 South Union Avenue can be adaptively reused; ideally the CITY OF LOS ANGELES COULD LEAD THE EFFORT FOR PROPOSALS - and - at least genuinely CONSIDER - adaptive reuse options; I believe continuing to hold off for a more eloquent solution - BEFORE JUMPING TO GRANTING A DEMOLITION PERMIT - WILL YIELD A BETTER SOLUTION; THIS MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST HASN'T BEEN "AIRED OUT." Please delay ANY vote on the 846 South Union Ave site UNTIL A MUCH MORE THOROUGH PUBLIC VETTING OF POTENTIAL USES FOR THE EXISTING BUILDING IS PERFORMED HAND-IN-HAND WITH A SEARCH FOR A MORE APPROPRIATE SITE FOR AT RISK AND FOSTER YOUTH HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES SITE - and/or consideration of the existing building for adaptive reuse as all or as a part of the youth housing and support center. Thank you to the City of Los Angeles Planning Department for denying the previous request to demolish this building. I believe Los Angeles can and must do more to save historic structures such as this. We

lose respect in the broader world when we destroy buildings with unique, historic architecture. Many other cities are proud of historic buildings like this that can be adaptively reused and I believe we should be too. Please TABLE COUNCIL VOTE ON THIS MATTER UNTIL AFTER THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND AFTER AT LEAST ONE OPEN, PUBLIC MEETING ON GRANTING A DEMOLITION PERMIT (OR NOT) IS HELD. Thank you for your consideration, Lawrence Fried District 1
lawrenceonsunset@gmail.com