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Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2024 11:43:53 -0800

Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Re: CF 23-1407, Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles (PLUM agenda #3)

Dear PLUM Committee members and staff,

I care about the historic B'nai B'rith Lodge at 846 South Union Avenue. This is one of the most beautiful buildings in Los Angeles. The exterior is filled with many beautiful details. This building integral part of the neighborhood's & city's character. Think about all the many countless beautiful historic buildings that have been previously demolished in this city. We can't let this one go too. Please consider 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,

Brendon A.

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Dear Plum Committee -

I live in District 1 and not only care about this neighborhood but also 'historic' properties and the environment. As a city and community trying to be greener, we need to be much more sensitive about ripping down properties. Most properties ripped down that are the age of *B'nai B'rith Lodge*, at 846 South Union Ave, are not only made of from old growth materials and craftsmanship not as available today but are still capable of being kept up to last another 100+ years.

Demolishing the building will not only create more unnecessary carbon and add to our ever filling landfills but most new buildings these days will hardly last as long and will end up being demolished again before the life the original building ever was and/or could be.

Please table any discussions of a proposed demolition of this cultural and architecturally significant property.

Many Thanks.

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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.

Best,

Alison Stolpa, DTLA (90014)

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I am writing about the historic B'nai Brith lodge and its possible demolition. PLEASE do not allow it to be demolished or physically impacted until the public can contribute their comments about this priceless historically and aesthetically important structure.

Thank you for your attention to this and patience to figure out this situation before the building is demolished without concern.

Meryl Zwanger  
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Dear PLUM Committee Members and Staff,

I urge you to table item #3 on today's PLUM agenda, or to vote no on demolition.

The Historic B'Nai B'rith Lodge is a landmark for the Jewish community of Los Angeles, the Teamster Labor Union, and for the history of integration in our city.

Please hold the discussion of the potential demolition of this cultural and architectural landmark in a public forum in which concerned citizens can participate and have a voice.

Thank you,

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Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded PLUM meeting today Item 11

Good morning, I am the First Vice Chair of the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan.

**We request a postponement of Item 11 on the PLUM agenda today for the following reasons:**

1. The agenda has information which is not correct. All of the CISs oppose the current CPC decision unless the changes in the CISs are approved.
2. This information was not known until Friday, February 16. Until today, Tuesday, February 20, the City has been on a holiday weekend.
3. Many of the comments made to file 17-1071-S1, are not showing on the portal or on the Planning website, plus there was a mix up on which council file to use.
4. This is a project the PRB has been working on since 2017, so waiting a few more weeks to get all the information right should be

granted to the volunteer members of the PRB. We want the PLUM members to have all the information needed to make a decision on the issue of the PRB configuration.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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Best regards,

*Lisa Sarkin*

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Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Tuesday's PLUM Hearing—TABLE—Item 3 Council File: 23-1407 Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles

Honorable Councilmembers,

I urge to **vote no on item 3** of the PLUM agenda for Tuesday February 20th, Council File: 23-1407, Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, **or table the item for further study.**

The people of Los Angeles have no idea what is proposed in the agreement between Catholic Charities and the City, as no aspect of the settlement has been made public. I am especially concerned that the resolution of this lawsuit includes the demolition of the B'nai B'rith Lodge/AFL Teamster Hall building at 846 S. Union Avenue.

The B'nai B'rith Lodge/AFL Teamster Hall is an important and irreplaceable historic resource, identified in both the 2009 Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Area Survey and SurveyLA's citywide historic context statement for Jewish history in 2016.

The building is significant as a striking example of a Beaux Arts-style social club/meeting hall designed by the prominent Los Angeles Jewish architect S. Tilden Norton, with its dramatic arched openings, elaborate ornamental brick, and Batchelder Terra Cotta tiles.

Even more importantly, the building tells the history of the Los Angeles Jewish community, the Teamsters Union seeking a better life for its members in a notoriously anti-union city, and the struggles of African-Americans seeking to integrate the Union.

When built in 1924, it was to be the center of the Jewish cultural, educational and social opportunities as the community sought wider acceptance in Los Angeles.

From 1941 to 1978, the building was at the center of the Teamsters Union's activities in Southern California. It was here in 1962 that John T. Williams made history as the first African-American elected to a leadership position by the union in California. In 1965 Mr. Williams became the first African-American Teamster Vice President on the West Coast.

I ask you to read the complete history of this important building in the Historic Cultural Monument application, which was prohibited by Catholic Charities from being presented to the Cultural Heritage Commission in 2022: <https://bit.ly/SaveBnaiBrithBldg>.

This building is an excellent candidate for adaptive reuse within any project that Catholic Charities of Los Angeles wishes to pursue. The property includes an adjacent parking lot suitable for development that is more than twice the footprint of the subject historic resource.

**Please put a pause on this needless sacrifice of an important historic resource of our city. The public has a right to know and weigh in on the implications of this settlement before your vote on this item.**








Thank you,

Steve

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