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Comments for Public Posting: Oppose the Appeal and Support Demolition Council File #25-1518

Planning and Land Use Management Committee
LA City Hall - 200 N. Spring St., Room 340, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attn: Candy Rosales – PLUM Legislative Assistant (clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org)
Cc: Traci Park, Councilwoman, Los Angeles Council District 11 (traci.park@lacity.org)

RE: Oppose the Appeal and Support Demolition

Council File #25-1518.

Opposition to CEQA Appeal - Barry Building Demolition - 11973–11975 West San Vicente Boulevard

Honorable Members of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

On behalf of the Board and members of the Brentwood Association (BGA), a community that represents between 400 and 500 homeowners and renters, we write to strongly oppose the CEQA appeal related to the demolition of the Barry Building and to urge you to deny the appeal and uphold the City's prior approvals.

The Barry Building has been vacant for years and has been officially designated by the City as seismically unsafe. It does not meet current earthquake safety standards and is subject to the City's Soft-Story Ordinance. Leaving this building standing endangers nearby residents, pedestrians, and businesses in the event of an earthquake. Its vacancy has also created ongoing public safety concerns, including vandalism, theft, trespassing, and fire risks. These are daily, real-world concerns for our community.

From a community perspective, this appeal does not present new facts. The issues raised have already been studied, analyzed, and addressed through the EIR process and prior City decisions. Continued delay only prolongs the presence of an unsafe, vacant building in the heart of our neighborhood.

After more than a decade, our community needs resolution. The City has already determined that demolition is necessary to eliminate a known safety hazard. BGA respectfully requests that the Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

1. Deny the CEQA appeal;
2. Allow the demolition approval to move forward.

Thank you for your consideration and for prioritizing the safety of the South Brentwood community.

Sincerely,

Cori Solomon

President
Brentwood Glen Association

Cc:

- Councilmember Traci Park, Council District 11 (councilmember.park@lacity.org)
- Craig Bullock, Planning Director – Council District 11 (craig.bullock@lacity.org)

Communication from Public

Name: Ron Radziner

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Comments for Public Posting: See attached letter regarding the 11973-11975 West San Vicente Boulevard project.

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Planning and Land Use Management Committee
c/o Office of the City Clerk
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: 11973-11975 West San Vicente Boulevard, Council File No. 25-1518

Dear Members of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

I am an architect who has worked to restore numerous mid-century modern buildings and designed many new ones as well.

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Ron Radziner FAIA
Design Partner

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The Barry Building was constructed in 1951 by Dave Barry. What is often overlooked in discussions about the fate of this building is that Dave Barry was Nancy Barry's father. Nancy Barry was married to Charles Munger until her death in 2010. In other words, the Barry Building has always remained in the ownership of the original family that built it.

What deeply concerns me is the precedent that would be set if the City of Los Angeles were to prevent the owners from demolishing a building they themselves created. It suggests a world in which property owners must be cautious not to commission architecture that turns out to be *too good*, significant, or beloved that they later lose the right to make decisions about their own property.

This creates a troubling incentive for architects and owners alike: If a building is too successful, too meaningful, or too well designed, it may become a liability rather than an asset. The perverse conclusion is that owners are

better off building something mediocre—something no one cares about—
simply to preserve their future rights.

I believe the same flawed logic applies to the history of leasing in this building. Because Dave Barry leased space to a remarkable tenant that was deeply loved by the Brentwood community, Dutton's Books, the family may now be prevented from redeveloping their own property because the building has become a cultural memorial to that tenant. Again, this sets a dangerous precedent: Owners may feel compelled to lease only to forgettable or mediocre businesses, out of fear that a beloved tenant could later restrict their rights.

We need to be clear about our priorities. We should be encouraging owners to create and maintain the best buildings and places possible for their communities. And if, at some point in the future, they choose to redevelop their property for a different use, they should retain the right to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a 'W' and a period.

Ron Radziner, FAIA
Design Partner

Communication from Public

Name: Mandi Dillin

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Comments for Public Posting: SAVE THE BARRY BUILDING! Look around you. What do you see? All over Los Angeles City and LA County, historic buildings are demolished for 'development' to make way for new buildings. These are new apartment buildings that stand half empty for years. These are poorly built apartment buildings that are quickly built, made of non sustainable cheap materials and are hideous to look at. You also see the blight of strip malls and 'live/work' retail spaces that also stand vacant for decades. Nobody wants new empty buildings taking up space in Los Angeles. Nobody wants politicians from City Council Members to the Mayor herself to remain in the pockets of developers. Look around and see what you are doing to this city. You are pockmarking it, stripping it of all history and character, creating vacant spaces for homeless to move into and people to graffiti and are making ZERO CONTRIBUTIONS to our city. We are Los Angeles because of our history. We are Los Angeles because of the wide variety of historic architecture available to use. It's what makes us unique and what sets us apart from the rest of the country. Destroying historic buildings, both in LA and the rest of America will make the country homogenous. A strip mall in LA looks like a strip mall in Kansas. An abandoned city street in Detroit looks just like Old Town Pasadena due to blight, corruption and lack of balls from City Council and other elected officials. Do the right thing here.