

Communication from Public

Name: Maria R D'Orsogna

Date Submitted: 04/10/2026 05:33 PM

Council File No: 25-1518

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Clerk, my name is Maria D'Orsogna, I am a math professor and I am writing to express my strongest opposition to the proposed demolition of the Barry Building, designated as Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) #887. I would also respectfully urge you to grant the appeal filed by Angelenos for Historic Preservation. The Barry Building is not just another structure: it is part of Los Angeles' cultural and architectural history. Allowing its demolition, especially in the absence of any proposed replacement, sends a troubling message that designated historic resources can be removed without meaningful justification or public benefit. This is particularly concerning given the City's long-standing commitment to preserving its heritage. Approving this demolition risks setting a dangerous precedent. It would signal to property owners that even protected landmarks may be cleared simply to create vacant land, potentially encouraging neglect or deliberate deterioration of historic properties. Over time, this could undermine the integrity of Los Angeles' entire historic preservation program and place many of the City's more than 1,300 designated Historic-Cultural Monuments at risk. Moreover, moving forward without a replacement project raises serious concerns about compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and suggests a piecemeal approach that weakens the intent of environmental and cultural protections. For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you:

- 1.Reverse the demolition approval (LOD);
- 2.Rescind the certification of the EIR, the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring Program;
- 3.Deny the demolition permit application.
- 4.Save and LOVE Los Angeles.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to protecting Los Angeles' historic resources. Sincerely, Maria

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Name: Kim Fay

Date Submitted: 04/13/2026 05:42 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing to oppose the proposed demolition of the Barry Building, Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) #887, and ask that you grant Angelenos for Historic Preservation's appeal. If the appeal is denied, this demolition would set a dangerous and harmful precedent for the City's historic preservation program and threaten the future of more than 1,300 designated HCM's. For me personally, as someone who treasures the architectural history of this city, the destruction of this building would be an incredible loss. Los Angeles is a city of architectural layers, making it one of the most unique cities in the world. The variety of our architectural styles reflect the variety of our population, and the Barry Building is a prime example of this. As developers turn the look of L.A. more and more homogenous, it's more crucial than ever that we preserve these treasures. This is not simply about sentimentality. It is about our maintaining our city's history for future generations. There is no replacement project proposed for this property, and no indication that a new building will respect the surroundings. If this demolition project is approved, it will severely erode protections upheld by the City's long-held historic preservation program, not to mention result in a clear circumvention and piecemeal approach of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). For these reasons, I ask you to: Reverse the demolition approval (LOD). Rescind the certification of the EIR, the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring Program. Deny the demolition permit application. Respectfully yours, Kim Fay