

Communication from Public

Name: Alan Swyer

Date Submitted: 02/21/2026 04:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: No way should the Barry building be demolished so that landlords pull a fast one. It'll be bad for traffic, bad for the environment, and will exchange a great building for an eyesore.

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Name: Pooja Goel

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been a resident of Brentwood for 15+ years, and live 2 blocks from the building and walk by it every week. I oppose the appeal and support demolition of the Barry Building. Stop listening to non-residents and people who don't experience how this property impacts their daily lives... it's an eyesore and is a major safety problem. Please keep the local residents safe, and help improve our lives and community. This property and the building is UNSAFE as it is. This area has a high amount of walking and has even increased after the Palisades fire, so this building is a major SAFETY issue. The property and building is a major FIRE, EARTHQUAKE and Safety and risk to the community and must be torn down now. As it sits in shambles, the building is a FIRE waiting to happen and can cause ANOTHER major fire in the area. I don't want to have to go through a fire again, so please protect the community. It can't even pass a basic structural inspection.. it's an earthquake risk. Look at our community..... the space has already allowed squatters that bring needles that litter the area. Making it unsafe for me to walk my 2 year old and also animals. The building is UNSAFE, it can't be fixed, it is beyond repair. The Barry building needs to go, the community needs to be improved and not dragged down by an old building that is falling apart and a MASSIVE safety risk to the community. Keep our community safe.. let the building go let new life bloom in our community.

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Name: Ronak Patel

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the appeal and support demolition of the Barry Building. This property has been an eyesore for decades, and the building is UNSAFE as it is. That is building is a major FIRE, EARTHQUAKE and Safety and risk to the community and must be torn down now. It's a tinder box waiting to happen and can cause ANOTHER major fire in the area, and we have already dealt with a massive fire that decimated our homes already. We don't need to have another disaster. Be honest here.. it's a dangerous space and attracts lots of problems to our beautiful community. We have already had to deal with homeless encampments, drug paraphernalia and the attraction of raccoons, and other feral animals. The building is UNSAFE, it can't be saved or retrofitted. It has been left to the elements, and can't pass the required retrofit standards for the type of building. It's time for the building to go, and for the property to have a new life and help provide something more than eyesore and a MASSIVE safety risk to the community. People continuing to try and BLOCK its demolition and not upgrade to the street is petty. It cannot be used period, it is a liability to anyone who walks on and even near the property. This is a very walkable community, and we all know how much of a SAFETY issue this building is, and it impacts our lives and community to where we all have to stay away from the property for our own safety. It is unsafe period, and should be removed and a new USEABLE space available to the community. Please keep us safe, so we do not have to experience another fire or disaster which will impact our lives again.

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Name: Chris Casady

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Comments for Public Posting: The Barry building makes a statement of contrasts. The admittedly severe, unadorned boxy exterior contrasts, and even makes possible, the inviting, calming, verdant courtyard interior. When properly landscaped it is a tropical sanctuary, a place to come off the street and enjoy a peaceful respite surrounded by ground floor shops, a bookstore and a watch repairman. The sweeping modernist staircases emerging from lush greenery invite you up to the mezzanine of private offices. When I first saw this place in 1958 the courtyard was utterly lush in tropical plants, philodendrons, bird of paradise, and banana trees making a nurturing space you wanted to stay in, you felt welcome having lunch or a casual meeting on the benches. The curving pedestrian walkways emerging from flowerbeds, made for an enchanting Shangri-La sanctuary, where you could have your mood improved before reaching the office or store you were headed to. In this way, the modernists were showing there could be tranquil natural oasis within the contrasting boxy perimeter of the building's shell.