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Comments:

Please deny the Planning and Land Use Report and requested actions and vote to approve the Appeal.

City needs to follow the law.

Charter and its codes do not change and are written for Departments and Commissions.

The Cultural Heritage Commission is a function of Planning Department as is the Area Planning Commission and are tasked to perform those functions with appointees who

***shall** have a demonstrated interest, competence or knowledge of historic preservation.* (Los Angeles Charter and Administrative Code

Chapter 9, Article 1 City Planning Department, Cultural Heritage Commission and Section 552, Area Planning Commissions Department)

Board of Building and Safety Commissioners do not have those requirements to make such a decision on historic preservation.

Declaration of Local Emergency and any subsequent orders and directives have altered the normal process of planning determinations.

Also required is timely attestation of those Declarations of Local Emergency by City Council and the termination, accordingly..

Governance

ARTICLE 3

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Sec. 8.27. Powers of Mayor and Council.

The Mayor is hereby empowered to declare the existence of a local emergency or disaster when the Mayor finds that any of the circumstances described in Section [8.22](#) hereof exist, or at any time a disaster or local emergency is declared by the President of the United States or the Governor of California. Said declaration by the Mayor shall be in writing and shall take effect immediately upon

its issuance. The Mayor shall cause widespread publicity and notice to be given of such declaration through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the City.

Whenever a local emergency is declared by the Mayor, the General Manager of the Emergency Management Department shall prepare, with the assistance of the City Attorney, a resolution ratifying the existence of a local emergency and the need for continuing the state of local emergency. The resolution shall be submitted by the Mayor to the City Clerk for presentation to the Council. The Council shall approve or disapprove the resolution within seven days from the date of the original declaration by the Mayor and at least every ten regular Council meeting days, but no longer than 30 calendar days, thereafter unless the state of local emergency is terminated sooner.

Sec. 8.31. Termination of Local Emergency.

Emergency.

The Mayor shall keep the Council fully advised as to the status of the emergency. The Council shall declare and publicize the termination of such local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant. Upon the announcement by the Council of the City of Los Angeles of the termination of the existence of the local emergency by operation of law, such rules, regulations, orders and directives shall terminate and be of no further force or effect.

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Communication from Public

Name: Bob Blue

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Comments for Public Posting: This is being submitted in support of Appeal.

Correspondence to the Los Angeles City Council

Council File No. 25-1518: Proposed Demolition of the Barry Building (HCM #887)

Submitted: March 4, 2026 (Prior to the start of the Regular City Council Meeting)

To the Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

Regarding the Department of City Planning (DCP) report dated February 19, 2026, specifically the findings on Page 3 of 18, the following points address the fundamental flaws in the current assessment of economic feasibility and project alternatives:

3. Economic Feasibility and Preservation Integration

The assertion that demolition is required to "enable an economically feasible improvement" ignores the standard practice of adaptive reuse. Maintaining the Barry Building intact does not preclude development; rather, it allows the structure to be incorporated into a larger, modern project. By preserving the historic fabric, the City can incentivize a design that balances heritage with new commercial or residential utility.

Furthermore, a comprehensive analysis must look beyond the single parcel. The City should evaluate the systemic potential of all surrounding parcels owned by 11973 San Vicente, LLC and 11991 San Vicente, LLC. A unified site plan could easily accommodate the Barry Building while achieving the density desired by the owner. Recent trends in the Los Angeles market demonstrate that integrating existing structures into housing developments is not only viable but a growing standard for urban revitalization (See: ["Thousands of apartments set to sprout in old office buildings," Los Angeles Times, February 11, 2026](#)).

4. Foreseeable Projects and Housing Goals

The claim that creating a "vacant site" is necessary to accommodate housing or commercially viable development reveals a

foreseeable project that has been pointedly ignored in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The goal of creating housing is not mutually exclusive with historic preservation. Utilizing adaptive reuse or incorporating the Barry Building into a surrounding development achieves the City's housing and policy goals without the irreversible loss of a Designated Historic-Cultural Monument.

5. Local Job Generation: Demolition vs. Rehabilitation

The report's suggestion that demolition is a significant generator of local construction jobs is mathematically unsound. Based on recent cost estimates prepared by Hill International, the labor hours required for a rehabilitation or integrated construction project are an order of magnitude greater than those generated by simple demolition with no immediate replacement project.

Furthermore, while demolition offers only a temporary, one-time spike in low-skill labor, the preservation and adaptive reuse of the Barry Building ensures long-term job creation. A fully operational building provides sustained employment through the various services, retail, and professional offices housed throughout the structure. These permanent positions contribute to the local economy far more effectively than the singular act of clearing a site.

Submitted by:

Bob Blue

Communication from Public

Name: BRIAN BUTLER

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council member Park, Thank you for seconding the motion to reconsider the decision regarding the Barry Building. I truly appreciate your willingness to ensure that this issue receives the full attention it deserves. I am writing because it is difficult to understand how our city can rally to save something like the The Brady Bunch house, while allowing a remarkable Mid-Century building like the Barry Building to be threatened with demolition. This building is not only architecturally significant, it is part of the cultural and visual fabric of Los Angeles. It carries history, character, and a sense of place that cannot be replicated once it is gone. It's my understanding that the public testimony at the February 24 PLUM meeting was unfortunately marred by a lack of quorum. Many people took the time to speak and participate, yet the process did not unfold in the way it should have. This Friday presents an opportunity for the Council to ensure procedural fairness and to give the matter the thoughtful consideration it deserves. The Barry Building is officially designated as Historic-Cultural Monument #887. That designation should mean something. If the City does not honor its own landmark protections, it risks undermining the entire preservation framework that safeguards important architecture throughout Los Angeles. Allowing the destruction of a designated HCM, especially one that represents such an important chapter of Mid-Century Modern design, would set a deeply troubling precedent across the city. Los Angeles has always been defined by its architectural diversity and history. Buildings like the Barry Building contribute enormously to the character of our neighborhoods and the identity of the city itself. By saving the Barry Building, we are building on Los Angeles's incredible architectural legacy. Part of architecture and its importance in the community is how it actually functions. The Barry Building was an incredible success until the current owners decided to systematically dismantle its relationship to the community by vacating its tenants and leaving it to rot. For these reasons, I strongly urge the Council to grant the appeal this Friday and protect this important landmark. Thank you for your time and for your consideration of this matter. Sincerely, Brian Butler