

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/11/2026 10:48 AM

Council File No: 25-1518

Comments for Public Posting: 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. The project before your consideration will demolish a designated HCM solely to clear the property for a vacant dirt lot, with no replacement project proposed. Such action incentivizes property owners of other HCMs to pursue similar outcomes, as well as encouraging and rewarding intentional demolition by neglect of a designated historic place. Should the City of Los Angeles approve the proposed demolition of this HCM without a replacement project, it will severely erode protections upheld by the City's long-held historic preservation program, and 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.

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Name: Jeff QUALEY

Date Submitted: 04/11/2026 12:50 PM

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Name: Christina

Date Submitted: 04/11/2026 02:35 PM

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Name: Joel J. Rane

Date Submitted: 04/11/2026 09:37 PM

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Name: Shawn Mimbs

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing today as a resident of West Hollywood, who spends a lot of time in the area of the Barry building. I've long admired it, and it is still beautiful, even in its current dilapidated state. This building is an excellent representation of the mid-century modern courtyard style living that Southern California made famous. These buildings are undoubtedly national treasures. I cannot stress this enough: Once demolished, these buildings cannot be built again. Today's code does not allow it. Once they're gone, they're gone. Further, this building easily has another century of life in it, if rehabilitated. Demolishing it is extremely wasteful. I implore the developer to understand that this unique style is an asset for this property, and if managed correctly, can become a very profitable attraction. Please consider saving this beautiful building for generations to come to enjoy and admire.