

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/13/2026 06:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Shame on PLUM committee members and L.A. city council if you decide to demo the Barry Building, an Historic Cultural Monument! HCMs are this city's 'historic resources'. A lot of work goes into preserving HCMs and for good reasons. City Council should have a duty to help save and and courageously preserve this city 's historic resources, NOT irresponsibly cow tow to, and allow developers to boarder them up, allow them to sit and rot, in order to do a sleazy 'Demolition by Neglect, destroying them. If you allow this, nothing historically designated is really protected and nothing will ever be guaranteed historic preservation. And shame on all of you if you allow this, and if you care so little about our city's history, you do not deserve your councilmember salary and should find another job.

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Comments for Public Posting: Hollywood Center Motel Preservation... The property owner must restore the neon letters reading HOLLYWOOD CENTER MOTEL that were stolen after the fire, and the surviving 1922 rent controlled bungalow court units and the kidney shaped pool where the Buffalo Springfield, Captain Beefheart, Janis Joplin and Paul Revere & the Raiders swam must be part of the landmark. After the house burned and was demolished by LAFD, there is plenty of empty space if the owner wants to propose a new development. We want the history that is still there to be preserved, and the housing units to be cleaned up and rented to locals, or made available for tourists to experience something unique and wonderful in the heart of Hollywood, as so much of it is coming down and disappearing before our eyes, many saying "Hollywood is over!" Let's try to keep what's left of it. And there should be consequences for property owners who leave properties unsecured, especially those properties that are about to be historically designated and preserved and for developers who shut down and border up historic properties/HCMs allowing them to deteriorate and rot so they can use the 'Demo by Neglect' to destroy them. This must be stopped. And any councilmember and city leader with a conscience will do something to stop it. It's hard to believe that this Hollywood Center Motel tragedy was just an accidental, random event.

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Name: Ben Park

Date Submitted: 04/13/2026 09:10 PM

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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. Sincerely, Ben Park

Communication from Public

Name: Filippo D'Orsogna

Date Submitted: 04/11/2026 11:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable Members of the City Council I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed demolition of the Barry Building (Historic-Cultural Monument #887) and urge you to grant the appeal filed by Angelenos for Historic Preservation. If this appeal is denied, the demolition will set a dangerous precedent for the City's historic preservation program, potentially threatening the future of more than 1,300 designated HCMs. The project under consideration seeks to demolish a designated monument solely to create a vacant lot, with no replacement project proposed. Approving this action would: Incentivize "Demolition by Neglect": Rewarding owners who allow historic sites to deteriorate. Erode Legal Protections: Undermine the integrity of the City's preservation ordinances. Circumvent CEQA: Create a piecemeal approach to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by bypassing environmental reviews typically tied to new development. For these reasons, I respectfully request that you: Reverse the Letter of Determination (LOD) approving the demolition. Rescind the certification of the EIR, the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring Program. Deny the demolition permit application. Sincerely, Phil D'Orsogna

Communication from Public

Name: Keith Nakata

Date Submitted: 04/13/2026 03:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: PLUM Committee, As a historic preservationist interested in preserving the heritage and culture of Los Angeles, I support the appeal by the Angelenos for Historic Preservation for the Historic Cultural Monument (HCM) also known as the Barry Building. The thought that the owners of this HCM would consider demolishing this for a VACANT DIRT LOT without a replacement project is unsettling as well as precedent setting for any existing or future HCM. This will severely erode protections upheld by the City's long-held historic preservation program and result in a clear circumvention of the piecemeal approach of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). I have personal experience witnessing a HCM at 8150 Sunset Blvd @ Crescent Heights, a mid century modern bank, be demolished that is currently a vacant muddy dirt lot for sale. It is disappointing to see elected decision-makers sacrificing our history and heritage to the highest bidders and undermining our historic protective ordinances by handing out Statements of Overriding Considerations (SOC) for the creation of dirt lots. I call on you to:
-Reverse the demolition approval -Rescind the certification of the EIR, the Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigating Monitoring Program -Deny the demolition application Thank you.