

Communication from Public

Name: Brian Butler

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing yet again to lend my unyielding support in protection of the Barry Building in Brentwood, California (Historic-Cultural Monument #887). The Barry Building is at 11973 San Vicente Boulevard and the project/case numbers CHC-2007-1585-HCM and ENV-2019-6645-EIR. It was commissioned by its owner David Barry and designed by architect Milton Caughey (1911-1958) and completed in 1951. It is one of the few mid-century modern commercial buildings to gain such status. It was identified by the Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission as being a well-preserved and notable example of the California-style modern design until the current owner has purposefully done everything in their power to neglect and thus damage this important part of Los Angeles cultural heritage. The Barry Building is a Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) and it needs to be vehemently protected. You need to protect and support one of the few historical buildings we have on the westside of Los Angeles. The dubious owners have used demolition by neglect ever since evicting the tenants to circumvent historic preservation protections. There are viable preservation alternatives to demolition that must be fully required to not only preserve but now should be sensitively restored to its glory. If demolition is approved, the city will have awarded the owners for their bad behavior and set a precedent for future developers in the city. This kind of business practice is already happening around the city, and it needs to be stopped. You hold the cards here, let's not let ill-intentioned behavior win out. We need to send a message that the history of the city matters and that it is possible to have development and historical buildings at the same time. Saving this building will make Brentwood and other communities with historic buildings more interesting places to live in and visit. We have plenty of brand-new shopping developments, what we need is more education around why these buildings matter and how they will add to a sense of place. Please don't let this building be destroyed! Why do we save the Brady Bunch house which is about pop culture but not the Barry Building which has HCM standing but we don't hold the owner to respect the law? I'm saying this all again because once the building is demolished it will not be there to save, to admire, to enjoy by the community. There will be an empty lot, an eyesore, a

place for homeless encampment, for crime. A restored building would again be the gem it was for the community! Do not allow demolition! Do not set a precedent! Thank you!

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Name: Rory Cunningham

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Comments for Public Posting: Why do you keep extending this filing notice? It's seems shady at the least and criminal at worst. This property is a LA - HCM and the developer has no concrete plan (publicly released anyway). To allow this handsome and important building to be torn down without an approved plan that would truly benefit the City of Los Angeles, is stupid, short sided and, possibly criminal! Especially since the City needs stable rent controlled apartments. It's embarrassing that the City is twisting itself in knots to appease a developer while keeping affordable housing from its citizens.

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Name: Karen Meyer-Roux

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Comments for Public Posting: A city's strength depends on its ability to honor its history and value its roots. It cannot remain vibrant and resilient if it continuously erases its past and cultural heritage. Compared with many cities around the world, Los Angeles has a relatively limited architectural legacy to protect and celebrate, which makes the preservation of what remains all the more important. The Barry Building's central open courtyard is remarkably beautiful and serves as an exceptional example of how indoor and outdoor spaces can be harmoniously integrated within a commercial setting. It is easy to imagine this building enjoying a meaningful second life, following its many years as the home of Dutton's Bookstore. I strongly urge you to consider preserving this important architectural and cultural site.