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Comments for Public Posting: Please include attached 2026-04-22_Barry Building - Supplemental Objection to March 5, 2026 Letter This is being submitted prior to the NOD.

TO: Los Angeles City Clerk; PLUM Committee (Council File 25-1518, Barry Building Demolition)

FROM: Angelenos for Historic Preservation (AHP)

DATE: April 22, 2026

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL OBJECTION: Correction of Factual Errors and Coached Testimony - Barry Building (HCM #887)

To the Los Angeles City Council and City Clerk:

Disclaimer and Reservation of Rights: Nothing in this letter, or in Appellant's continued participation, should be construed as a waiver of any argument, objection, or right, including without limitation any right to judicial review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq., the Code of Civil Procedure, or any other applicable law. Appellant expressly preserves and reserves all such rights.

Angelenos for Historic Preservation (AHP) submits this supplemental objection to the administrative record prior to the filing of the Notice of Determination (NOD). AHP demonstrates that the City Council's 10-0-5 consent vote on April 21, 2026, was based on a fundamental misidentification of the building's physical state and a reliance on scripted narrative.

I. Demonstration of Factual Error Regarding Windows (Ref: 03/05/2026 Filing, Exhibit 5)

In the March 5, 2026, letter from Alston & Bird, Exhibit 5 contains an email exchange where the applicant's counsel asserts in Item #3 that the transoms referenced by AHP are merely "small canopy windows associated with the women's bathroom" and were "closed a number of years ago." Maintenance manager Robert Harden affirms this as "true and factual."

This is a demonstrable factual error. Photographic evidence already submitted to the Council file clearly shows that the open windows are a building-wide feature and are significantly larger than a bathroom canopy window. Furthermore, photos already submitted to the Council file prove these windows

remained open throughout 2025 and were still open in April 2026. The City has accepted an evidentiary record that is physically impossible and directly contradicted by the visual evidence already in the Council File.

II. Use of Coached Narrative as "Substantial Evidence"

The record in Exhibit 5 confirms that Mr. Harden's statements, including the claim in Item #2 that he "personally" inspects the property weekly, were not independent declarations but were affirmations of a pre-written script provided by counsel.

AHP wishes to clarify that this is not a personal criticism of Mr. Harden. However, the City's reliance on coached, non-expert responses that ignore photographic reality constitutes a prejudicial abuse of discretion. As established by the attached evidence, Mr. Harden's professional background is as a handyman and a professional actor. His role in this proceeding has been to affirm a narrative drafted by counsel rather than providing an accurate technical assessment of the site. A professional actor following a lawyer's leading questions does not constitute the independent "substantial evidence" required to justify the demolition of a Historic-Cultural Monument.

III. Record Inclusion

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167.6(e), AHP requests that this communication and the attached evidence be included in the official Administrative Record.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Blue

On behalf of Angelenos for Historic Preservation (AHP)

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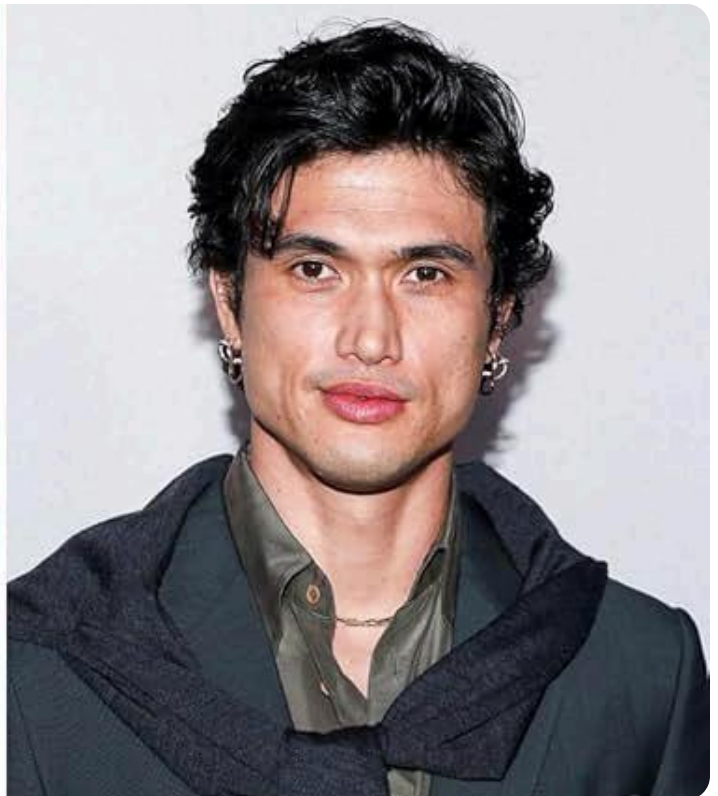


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