

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Jack

Date Submitted: 06/17/2026 04:36 PM

Council File No: 25-1518

Comments for Public Posting: To All Concerned: Protect the Barry Building! Allowing an LA City Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) to be "demolished by neglect" by a wealthy owner/developer, only to have the lot sit empty, is unconscionable. It sets a dangerous precedent, signaling that HCMs are worthless, not worthy of protecting after all. If that's the case, all of you on the Cultural Heritage Commission, PLUM, etc., can all go home. Why are we all wasting our energy fighting to preserve LA's treasures, only have to have them turned to rubble and empty lots? Many people on the west side of Los Angeles love this mid-century gem and want to see it brought back to its original state for all to use and enjoy. The City far too often lets wealthy owners/developers off the hook for maintaining their historic holdings, allowing them to sit empty and blight our neighborhoods. Don't allow that to happen here. People care about the beautiful and unique Barry Building. Grant the stay of demolition and allow interested parties time to come to an agreement on how to save this HCM. Thank you. Sincerely, Mary Jack Venice, CA

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Name: Sarah Locke

Date Submitted: 06/17/2026 10:47 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear members of the Cultural Heritage Commission, I strongly urge the CHC to impose 180-day stay of demolition for the Barry building, a designated historic-cultural monument. The current path toward demolition undermines the very purpose of our city's historic preservation program. We have seen that when given sufficient time and mandate, developers and preservations can often find common ground—but that requires a pause in the current demolition timeline. Please provide this 180-day window to allow for a serious exploration of alternatives that would integrate this landmark into a successful future project rather than destroying it. Thank you for your continued dedication to the historic resources of Los Angeles. Sincerely, Sarah Locke

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Name: D. Dunlop

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Comments for Public Posting: This case reflects a broad concern across Los Angeles re. the City preservation policy. When historic places are intentionally left vacant to deteriorate, demolition is too often presented as the only viable solution. It is NOT and our living history is being erased due to these shortsighted choices. I hereby strongly urge the Cultural Heritage Commission to grant a 180-day stay of demolition for the Barry Building. As a 7 decades-long Angeleno, I expect stronger safeguards for the city's historic places. Demolition by neglect should not be rewarded, as developers move to destroy not only our historic buildings (and enrich themselves), but all the character of the City I have loved for so long. Stop this downward slide now. Act with principle and power.

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Name: Josh Stephens

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Comments for Public Posting: The Barry Building was a vibrant space. It is now beyond repair. It is an eyesore and a hazard. It was an architectural curiosity and an example of its era, but it is not inherently important. It should be replaced by The L.A. Conservancy has zero credibility and should not be respected in this instance. They have had many years to help find an entity to buy and restore the building, per their purported wishes. They have, as far as I know, made zero effort and had zero success. Their advocacy for this property is superficial and disingenuous.

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Name: Debra Kraus

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the Cultural Heritage Commission to grant the 180-day stay of demolition for Historic-Cultural Monument #887, the Barry Building. Please grant time to seek a better solution. Please help save the Barry Building. City Councils' recent unanimous vote to demolish the Barry Building sets precedent for other owner/developers, sending a message that "benign neglect" is the best way to rid the City of historic properties. PLEASE DON'T SEND THIS MESSAGE.

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Name: Russell Kehl

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Comments for Public Posting: Designed in 1951 by renowned architect Milton H. Caughey, the Barry Building is a rare surviving commercial masterpiece of California Modern architecture, featuring floating second-story pilotis, cantilevering curved staircases, and a central garden courtyard. The landmark is deeply tied to Brentwood's identity; its developer, David Barry, Jr., personally championed and planted the designated historic Coral Trees lining the San Vicente median (HCM # 148). I strongly urge the Cultural Heritage Commission to grant a 180-day stay of demolition for the Barry Building. The building was designated Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument #887 for a reason. That should mean something.