



Public Comments Not Uploaded Council File 25-1518 - Barry Building Demolition Permit CEQA Appeal - Consolidated comments

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Thu, Feb 19, 2026 at 3:05 PM

Reply-To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

To: "clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>

Cc: Craig Bullock <craig.bullock@lacity.org>

Hello PLUM Committee Clerk,

Please see attached comment summary from the Applicant's representative. This summary accompanies 25 letters from Brentwood community stakeholders opposing the CEQA appeal and supporting the Barry Building demolition permit. It also includes 42 letters of support and 39 supporter cards previously submitted to the Building and Safety Commission, which approved the demolition permit. Together, these comments demonstrate broad community support for the demolition.

Thank you,

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Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee

Council File 25-1518 - Barry Building Demolition Permit CEQA Appeal

Comments opposing CEQA appeal and supporting demolition permit

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- Tom Safran, 30-year Brentwood resident & Chairman of Thomas Safran & Associates

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- Byrdie Pompan, Brentwood resident (Saltair)

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- Ann Gold, Brentwood resident

“I first sent an email in support of the demolishing the Barry Building on 10/12/24 and it’s frankly offensive that a small group of people and/or organizations have been allowed to prolong an appeal to a matter that other residents and city officials support. I oppose the appeal and support the demolition.”

- Cory Gitt, 17-year Brentwood resident



THOMAS SAFRAN & ASSOCIATES

February 2, 2026

Planning and Land Use Management Committee
LA City Hall - 200 N. Spring St., Room 340
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Candy Rosales – PLUM Legislative Assistant (clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org)

Cc: Councilmember Traci Park, Council District 11 (councilmember.park@lacity.org)
Craig Bullock, Planning Director – Council District 11 (craig.bullock@lacity.org)

Re: Support for Denial of CEQA Appeal – Barry Building (11973–11975 San Vicente Boulevard)

Dear Councilmember Blumenfield - PLUM Committee Chair and Honorable Members of the PLUM Committee,

This is the third letter I have submitted in support of issuing the demolition permit for the Barry Building, and in opposition to yet another appeal seeking to delay its removal. I write this to supplement my 2 previous statements.

I have lived and worked within a block of this building for over three decades and have spent more than 50 years developing land throughout Los Angeles - with a focus on affordable housing, public safety, and enhancing the beauty and vitality of our city. I write not as a distant observer, but as a local resident and long-term steward of this neighborhood.

At its core, this matter is about public safety.

The Barry Building has been identified by the City as structurally deficient and subject to the Soft Story Retrofit Ordinance. It does not meet current seismic safety standards. In a city defined by seismic risk, maintaining a vacant, deteriorating, non-compliant structure is not responsible governance. As a resident of Brentwood and as someone who has dedicated his career to safe and compliant development, I believe strongly that public safety must outweigh sentiment.

The building has now remained vacant for years. It has become both a visual and physical blight along San Vicente Boulevard, contributing nothing to the community while posing ongoing safety risks and liability concerns. Broken windows, rotting wood, and deterioration leave it increasingly vulnerable to seismic damage, creating unnecessary danger for the surrounding neighborhood and potential exposure for the City.

Equally important, the City has already done what CEQA requires.

An Environmental Impact Report was prepared, circulated, and responded to in full compliance with the law. Preservation alternatives were studied. Economic feasibility was evaluated by independent experts. The City made formal findings and adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations based on substantial evidence. The prior appeal was denied after careful review. This latest appeal presents no new evidence and raises no procedural deficiency - it simply disagrees with a thoroughly-supported, lawful decision.



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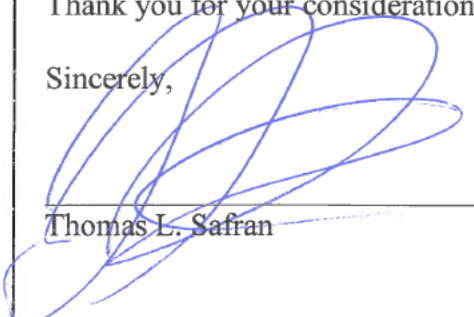
CEQA was designed to ensure transparency and environmental review, not to indefinitely delay projects that have satisfied its requirements. At some point, process must give way to progress.

Removing obsolete and infeasible structures in Los Angeles is often a necessary step toward safe, code-compliant, energy-efficient redevelopment that serves the community. We cannot declare emergencies - seismic, housing, or economic - while preserving unsafe and vacant buildings that no longer serve the public good.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the PLUM Committee to deny this appeal and allow the demolition permit to proceed without further delay.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our City.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Safran

February 12, 2026

Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Los Angeles City Council
City Hall, Room 340
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Candy Rosales, Legislative Assistant
Council File No. 25-1518

Re: Opposition to CEQA Appeal – Barry Building Demolition 11973–11975 West San Vicente Boulevard

Dear Councilmember Blumenfield and Honorable Members of the PLUM Committee:

My name is Byrdie Pompan. I live directly behind the Barry Building at 11911 Saltair Terrace. I am writing to express my deep frustration that we are once again forced to defend the demolition of this building because of a CEQA appeal.

As I previously wrote to the City regarding this property, the Barry Building has been a constant nuisance and a serious safety concern for those of us who live immediately adjacent to it. The building has been left in a deteriorated and unsecured condition. It has attracted repeated break-ins, including individuals experiencing homelessness, and there have been incidents of copper wire theft. This is not abstract. It is happening behind our homes.

The City has already issued an Order to Comply under the Soft Story Retrofit Program. The structural vulnerabilities are not speculative. In an earthquake, this building poses a very real danger. I ask you to consider what would happen if it were to collapse. The risk to life and property is unacceptable.

This appeal is frivolous. It prioritizes procedural delay over public safety. Those of us who live next to this structure are the ones bearing the consequences of that delay.

I respectfully demand that the PLUM Committee deny this CEQA appeal and allow the demolition permit to be issued without further obstruction. The Barry Building is dangerous. It is a blight on our neighborhood. It needs to come down.

Please put the safety of residents first.

Sincerely,

Byrdie Pompan
11911 Saltair Terrace
Los Angeles, CA 90049
310-991-1010

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemediala.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 10:57 AM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fw: demolition of Barry Building

From: Matthew Bombeck <mattbombeck@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 10:55 AM
To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>
Cc: traci.park@lacity.org <traci.park@lacity.org>; craig.bullock@lacity.org <craig.bullock@lacity.org>; info@southbrentwood.org <info@southbrentwood.org>
Subject: demolition of Barry Building

Hi,

As longtime community members of Brentwood (28 years) we strongly support the demolition of the Barry Building. As expressed MANY TIMES OVER, the community DOES NOT WANT this to continue and wants the building demolished. It is a blight on our community, it has NO aesthetic value and the idea that you can maintain the structure in any way and keep it earthquake safe is absurd.

You MUST listen to the people who LIVE in the community. They should have say in what are community looks like. Overwhelmingly, they support the demolition. To suggest that this building is of historical significance is ridiculous. It always was an eyesore and continues to be an eyesore. The only good thing about the building was Dutton's and that ship sailed long ago. Please let it go and focus on building something the neighborhood can be proud of and support.

Best

Matt and Jackie Bombeck

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemediala.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 1:31 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fwd: Barry Building Demolition - IN SUPPORT

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From: **Jackie Bombeck** <jbombeck@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 13, 2026, 1:18 PM
Subject: Barry Building Demolition - IN SUPPORT
To: <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>
Cc: <traci.park@lacity.org>, <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, South Brentwood Residents Association
<info@southbrentwood.org>

Hello.

Regarding: [Council File #25-1518 for 11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd, LA 90049](#)

I oppose the appeal and support demolition.

I have been in touch before, and again, would like to let you know I am in support of demolition of the Brady Building.
Enough already!

We, in the community, want this to be done. It is an eye sore and San Vicente is a beautiful walking street that could benefit from a new structure for the residents and others.

Tired of having the same discussion over and over again. The Department of Building and Safety heard us and twice ruled that a demolition permit should be issued. The building is a safety hazard for earthquakes and fires and must be torn down now.

That building is an eye sore on our community that has been sitting empty for nearly 20 years (!) since 2007. Come on! Nothing on that building warrants anything architecturally that should be "saved." We'd prefer to see neighborhood-serving retail, restaurants, and other services in this highly walkable area.

Please stop this already, the city must have more pressing things than this!

Thank you.
Jackie Bombeck (29 year resident)



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1 message

barbara roll

Sat, Feb 14, 2026 at 3:47 PM

Reply-To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

To: "clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>

Cc: "traci.park@lacity.org" <traci.park@lacity.org>, "craig.bullock@lacity.org" <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, South Brentwood Residents Association <info@southbrentwood.org>

I oppose the appeal and support demolition of the Barry Building.

As a resident of Brentwood since 1998, I have witnessed all the changes that have taken place on this property.

It's quite clear that no developer wants to take the current building, located on prime property, and try to make it work for a new use.

Issues related to environmental concerns, structural integrity, fire and potential for vagrant population haunt the very population that would support a new development better suited to today's building codes.

The City and County are losing tax revenue on a daily basis from this property sitting idle, stalled with the several appeals to the demolition.

City and County residents are denied improvements to the neighborhood, stalled with appeals to the demolition.

The number of new businesses coming to Brentwood clearly indicates there is a demand for more retail, eating establishments and services. Why are developers with sustainable plans not snapping up this property?

Again, I oppose the appeal and support the demolition of the Barry Building.

Barbara Roll



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1 message

Yvette Simpson [REDACTED]

Sat, Feb 14, 2026 at 10:08 AM

Reply-To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

Cc: craig.bullock@lacity.org, traci.park@lacity.org

- Building is a safety hazard for earthquakes and fires and must be torn down now.
- Building is a blight on our community that has been sitting empty for nearly 20 years (!!) since 2007.
- We'd prefer to see neighborhood-serving retail, restaurants, and other services in this highly walkable area.

Thank you,
Yvette Simpson
[REDACTED]



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1 message

Joanne Goldsmith [REDACTED]

Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 9:26 AM

Reply-To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

To City Council,

I live in this beautiful walking neighborhood.

I oppose the appeal and I support demolition of this property.

It is an eye-sore and has been in this condition for far too long.

I support removing it and adding either a retail area or a senior living center.

Any change would be an improvement.

Thanks

Joanne Goldsmith



Public Comments Not Uploaded Barry Building

1 message

Ann Gold

Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 10:23 AM

Reply-To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

Cc: traci.park@lacity.org, craig.bullock@lacity.org

The fact that there is yet another hearing on this demolition after almost 20 years is a ridiculous waste of time. The city has ruled in favor of the demolition of this eyesore more than once. We in the neighborhood are tired of looking at this hazardous, dilapidated blight. There must be so many good uses to which this property can be put instead of having it sit there falling apart behind a fence on a main street in an otherwise pleasantly walkable area.

Stop the repeated hearings and let the demolition take place. Allow this property to actually serve the community instead of providing an unsightly dangerous hazard.

Ann Gold



Public Comments Not Uploaded Demolish the Barry Building 11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd., 90049!!!

1 message

William Mapother [REDACTED]

Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 1:18 PM

Reply-To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

Cc: traci.park@lacity.org, craig.bullock@lacity.org, info@southbrentwood.org

Dear City Council and local Representatives,

This is in re. Council File #25-1518 for [11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd, LA 90049](#)

I oppose the appeal and support demolition of the Barry building!

It's been 20 years those of us in the neighborhood have lived with this eyesore and wasted valuable space. Please please let the space be used for something that will benefit local residents.

Thank you,
William Mapother
[REDACTED]



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1 message

Cory Gitt

Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 3:14 PM

Reply-To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

Cc: traci.park@lacity.org, craig.bullock@lacity.org, info@southbrentwood.org

All - I'm writing in regard to Council File #25-1518 for [11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd, LA 90049](#), the proposed demolition of the Barry Building in Brentwood. **I oppose the appeal and support demolition.**

I'm a resident of Brentwood who owns and lives in a condo 2 blocks from the Barry Building. I've lived in Brentwood for 6 years and for all that time the Barry Building has been an eyesore and has provided no value to the neighborhood and its residents. I attended a Brentwood land use meeting ~17 years ago—17 YEARS AGO—at which the Barry Building owner applied for approval, I believe, to demolish the building and construct apartments over retail. Ultimately, the City designated the building some sort of historical status, I believe. Since that time, nothing has happened with the site. Instead of being replaced by a building that could provide housing and/or retail to LA and Brentwood residents, it's sat vacant. I agree that we should attempt to preserve buildings of historical and aesthetic value. But when doing so creates nearly two decades of blight, then perhaps that's not the right choice. I believe the Barry Building's owner has substantial financial means and so he can afford to let the building sit vacant. And he has demonstrated that by waiting ~17 years. The time has come for the City to pursue an option or negotiation that will allow the site to be developed into a more productive use that can help address the City's housing issue and/or can provide retail amenities to nearby residents, as well as improve the beauty and desirability of San Vicente Boulevard.

I first sent an email in support of demolishing the Barry Building on 10/12/24 and it's frankly offensive that a small group of people and/or organizations have been allowed to prolong an appeal to a matter that other residents and city officials that support.

I oppose the appeal and support demolition.

Thank you.

Cory Gitt

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Zuckerman

Date Submitted: 02/13/2026 09:19 AM

Council File No: 25-1518

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the appeal and support the demolition of this building - it is a hazard and that land should be put to productive use.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/13/2026 09:31 AM

Council File No: 25-1518

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the appeal and support demolition. Note that it is Council File #25-1518 for 11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd, LA 90049 Building is a safety hazard for earthquakes and fires and must be torn down now. Building is a blight on our community that has been sitting empty for nearly 20 years (!!) since 2007. We'd prefer to see neighborhood-serving retail, restaurants, and other services in this highly walkable area. Also I have seen homeless people frequenting the area, human feces on the sidewalk and a retail space directly adjacent had their front window broken after a thief to try and take cash from a cash register. Sadly the neighborhood is deteriorating just like this building has been deteriorating and it's mainly because of run down retail spaces specifically like this one who's owners do not live here locally or even in the State of California and they do they invest in their buildings to keep the building clean and enjoyable for the local community to engage in commerce. It's long overdue to have this building demolished and stop the intentional abuse and neglect from this hurtful building owner.



Public Comments Not Uploaded support for demolition of Barry Building in Brentwood

1 message

Susan [REDACTED]

Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 5:18 PM

Reply-To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

Cc: traci.park@lacity.org, info@southbrentwood.org

To Whom it May Concern:

The Barry Building (Council File #25-1518 for [11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd, LA 90049](#))

has been a fire hazard and a blight on the landscape for too many years!

NO ONE WANTS IT TO REMAIN

As a property owner I support its demolition in order to make room for a possibly thriving business

Thank you

Susan Self

Communication from Public

Name: Pamela Brown

Date Submitted: 02/17/2026 11:48 AM

Council File No: 25-1518

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the appeal and support demolition of the Barry Bldg located at 11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd, LA 90049 I've lived in Brentwood for 31 years. A couple of decades ago, we were very excited at the proposed re-development of the building into a mixed-use complex (retail & restaurant(s) below and housing above). Instead, what we got was an empty dilapidated property. The building is a blight on our community and it has been sitting empty for nearly 20 years! I'd prefer to see neighborhood-serving retail, restaurants, and other services in this highly walkable area. Brentwood deserves a functional property that is vibrant and beautiful. Not the boarded up fire hazard and dark empty fields that sit there rotting away on our scenic corridor!

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemediala.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 12:18 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fwd: Barry Building

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From: **Janna Gelfand** <jegprods@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 17, 2026, 12:03 PM
Subject: Barry Building
To: <info@southbrentwood.org>

To whom It may concern ~

Re: Council File #25-1518 for
11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd.
LA CA 90049

I oppose the appeal for the Barry Building in Brentwood. Rather, I support demolition of the building.

The building is an eyesore as well as a safety hazard. It has proven to cost too much to retrofit it to meet earthquake standards. As a result, no one will buy it and the homeless are calling it "home". It is a fire risk as well, because the homeless are cooking with small fuel canisters that they use to heat their food and their bodies in the cold weather.

The building is a blight on our community as it has been sitting empty since Dutton's Books shuttered in 2007.

Our neighbors prefer to see neighborhood-serving retail, restaurants and other services in this highly walkable area.

Please destroy this building so the land may be used to serve, rather than hinder, the residents of Brentwood.

Thank you for your attention,

Janna E Gelfand



Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemediala.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 1:04 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fwd: Council File #25-1518 for 11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd, LA 90049

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From: Chelsea Rana [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Feb 17, 2026, 12:58 PM
Subject: Council File #25-1518 for 11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd, LA 90049
To: <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>
Cc: <traci.park@lacity.org>, <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, <info@southbrentwood.org>

To whom this may concern,

I oppose the appeal and support the demolition of the abandoned Barry Building (Council File #25-1518 for 11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd).

This building is a safety hazard with earthquake and fire risk and must be torn down now. This building is an eyesore and has been sitting vacant for 18. years. We would love for the opportunity for retail or restaurants to be available in such a central and walkable part of our neighborhood.

Thank you.

Chelsea Rana
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Communication from Public

Name: Lorin m

Date Submitted: 02/13/2026 09:22 AM

Council File No: 25-1518

Comments for Public Posting: Building is a safety hazard for earthquakes and fires and must be torn down now. Building is a blight on our community that has been sitting empty for nearly 20 years (!!) since 2007. We'd prefer to see neighborhood-serving retail, restaurants, and other services in this highly walkable area. This is a rat infested eyesore. Please listen to the neighbors and allow this to be torn down .

Communication from Public

Name: Armando Pandola

Date Submitted: 02/17/2026 01:38 PM

Council File No: 25-1518

Comments for Public Posting: Re: 11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd, LA 90049 Dear Councilmembers: I oppose the appeal and support demolition of the above-stated property. I live one block away and know that this building is a safety hazard and a scar on the beautiful Brentwood landscape. Please examine the site yourself to see why almost the entire neighborhood supports demolition. Thank you,
Armando Pandola

Communication from Public

Name: Elyse Arbour

Date Submitted: 02/17/2026 05:40 PM

Council File No: 25-1518

Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE the Appeal and SUPPORT Demolition of the Barry Building located at 11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd. LA 90049. The building is a safety hazard and a blight to beautiful San Vicente Bl in Brentwood. We prefer for a new development of retail and restaurants and a public area to sit. The project has been sitting vacant for 20 years now and enough is enough. The building needs to be demolished Now. No developer would buy this property until this building is demolished and they would not want to take the risk of not being able to build.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/17/2026 01:00 PM

Council File No: 25-1518

Comments for Public Posting: To whom this may concern, I oppose the appeal and support the demolition of the abandoned Barry Building (Council File #25-1518 for 11973-11975 San Vicente Blvd). This building is a safety hazard with earthquake and fire risk and must be torn down now. This building is an eyesore and has been sitting vacant for 18. years. We would love for the opportunity for retail or restaurants to be available in such a central and walkable part of our neighborhood. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Hirsch

Date Submitted: 02/17/2026 11:33 AM

Council File No: 25-1518

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the appeal and support demolition for the following reasons: 1. It's a fire hazard. 2. It's an earthquake hazard. 3. It's a magnet for the homeless and vandalism. 4. It's an eyesore. 5. It's a waste of a valuable piece of property that could be used for the benefit of the community.

Communication from Public

Name: David Hirsch

Date Submitted: 02/17/2026 11:48 AM

Council File No: 25-1518

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the appeal and support the demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-75 San Vicente as it is an fire and earthquake safety hazard, attracts homeless and vandals, an eyesore for the neighborhood and could be used for the community's benefit.

Mike Ai

From: South Brentwood Residents Association <info@southbrentwood.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 1:20 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fw: The Barry Building

SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION*

149 S..Barrington Ave., #194
Los Angeles, CA 90049-3310
<https://southbrentwood.org>



*The South Brentwood Residents' Association ("SBRA") represents approximately 18,000 homeowners and renters who reside in the area south of San Vicente Blvd./Montana, north of Wilshire Blvd., east of Centinela Avenue and west of Federal Avenue in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles. Additionally, SBRA represents the interests of those in multi-family dwellings throughout the entire Brentwood community.

From: ccatapano276@gmail.com <ccatapano276@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 1:02 PM
To: South Brentwood Residents Association <info@southbrentwood.org>
Subject: The Barry Building

To Whom It May Concern,
I support demolition and oppose CEQA request.
C. Catapano
809 S. Bundy Drive
L.A. 90049

Mike Ai

From: South Brentwood Residents Association <info@southbrentwood.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 1:21 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fw: Demo of the Barry Bldg

SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION*

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From: Brenda Leventhal <brendajoyous@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2026 10:27 AM
To: South Brentwood Residents Association <info@southbrentwood.org>
Subject: Demo of the Barry Bldg

I have been a Brentwood resident since 1970 and it's time for the Bldg to GO. Unsafe and an eyesore.
Please Demolish! Brenda

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Brenda Leventhal
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Email: brendajoyous@gmail.com

Building and Safety Commission
Board File No. 250851 - Support Comments for 11973 San Vicente Boulevard Project
(Demolition of the Barry Building)

This summary page accompanies 42 letters of support and 39 supporter cards collected through community outreach for the 11973 San Vicente Boulevard project, reflecting widespread support for the demolition and related safety improvements.

“The South Brentwood Residents Association once again reaffirms our strong support for the demolition of the Barry Building. SBRA has previously submitted letters of support in 2012, 2013, 2023, and 2024...South Brentwood residents have advocated for the building’s removal for almost 15 years...Throughout the years, our residents have consistently voiced their desire to see this building removed and new, community-focused retail developed in its place...The time has come to move forward. SBRA respectfully urges the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety to approve demolition of the Barry Building so that this section of San Vicente can be reactivated after years of public discussion.” – **Lauren Cole, President, South Brentwood Residents Association**

“All residents of Brentwood and the greater Westside deserve a safer and more beautiful environment...Demolition of the Barry Building is both a necessary and responsible course of action. It will allow the property owner to comply with City safety requirements, remove an unsafe and unproductive structure, and create an opportunity for future investment that can once again contribute positively to the neighborhood.” – **Tom Safran, 30-year Brentwood resident & Chairman of Thomas Safran & Associates**

“The demolition of the Barry Building creates a blank canvas for a new opportunity and a future development which has the potential to invigorate San Vicente Blvd.’s commercial district. The Chamber stands in firm support of the demolition of the Barry Building.” – **Michele Aronson, Director of the Brentwood San Vicente Chamber of Commerce**

“While it is understandable that some may have sentimental attachments to the building or wish to preserve its historical significance, we must prioritize safety above all else. The potential consequences of not taking action could be catastrophic, and we cannot afford to take that risk.” – **Susan Winick, Brentwood resident**

“As an engineer who previously worked for the City of Los Angeles, I am deeply concerned that a seismically unstable building on San Vicente, a main pedestrian thoroughfare, could be severely damaged and cause human injury...I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building” – **Hamed Sandoghdar, Brentwood resident**

“The vacant and seismically unstable Barry Building is not good for business or the Brentwood community. As a Brentwood realtor, I would like to see something go there that is good for the Brentwood and its residents.” – **Anne Russell, Brentwood realtor**

“We must prioritize safety over nostalgia. It is time to look to the future and embrace change, and the demolition of the Barry Building is a necessary step in that direction.” – **Irina Berchick, Brentwood resident**



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November 12, 2025

VIA EMAIL

The Board of Bureau and Safety Commissioners, attn: Veronica Lopez, Board Secretary
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Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety Commission Office
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**RE: South Brentwood Residents Association SUPPORT for Demolition of the Barry Building, 11973- 11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90049
Case No. ENV-2019-6645-EIR**

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Board and members of the South Brentwood Residents Association (“SBRA”), which has represented the South Brentwood community since 1975. SBRA serves approximately 18,000 homeowners and renters residing south of San Vicente Blvd., north of Wilshire Blvd., east of Centinela Ave., and west of Federal Ave., and all households in multi-family residences throughout Brentwood.

The South Brentwood Residents Association once again reaffirms our strong support for the demolition of the Barry Building. SBRA has previously submitted letters of support in 2012, 2013, 2023, and 2024. South Brentwood is a densely populated, walkable neighborhood, yet this significant section of San Vicente Blvd. has remained vacant for over a decade. The well-known Dutton’s Bookstore closed more than 17 years ago, in April 2008, and most current residents have no memory of it.

This building is a safety hazard:

- The building’s prolonged vacancy has attracted repeated incidents of trespassing, vandalism, and theft, including the stripping of copper wire. This creates a hazardous environment and risks further property damage to neighboring homes and businesses.

- Given Brentwood's proximity to high-fire areas such as Pacific Palisades, the presence of unused structures increases the risk of similar potentially catastrophic fires due to unauthorized entry. That Brentwood has many homeless individuals increases that risk.
- The Barry Building's soft-story structure, dating to 1951, poses substantial seismic risks. Its potential collapse in an earthquake could endanger pedestrians and adjacent properties.
- Crime—including a recent murder and assault on San Vicente Blvd.—demonstrates that empty properties risk further endangering pedestrian safety.

As determined by both the applicants and LADBS staff, the costs associated with upgrading this nearly 75-year-old structure far exceed the property's value.

South Brentwood residents have advocated for the building's removal for almost 15 years. In May 2012, SBRA surveyed members regarding the existing building and the proposed Green Hollow Square project; over 50 community members submitted comments, which were forwarded to the LA City Planning Department:

"Yes, I do like the idea of having new restaurants and shops at this location. There are very few shops and restaurants at this end of San Vicente Blvd."

"While I appreciate the architectural significance of the original Barry Building, I believe that the land and community would be better served with the proposed redevelopment that Mr. Munger has been working on."

"Yes, love it. I want every opportunity to walk instead of drive in Brentwood. I would drive less if GHS was a reality."

"The historical significance of the Barry Building would be better served as a discourse in a college course in architectural history rather than an eyesore to our beautiful Brentwood streets. This postWWII modernism style was used for more cost-saving measures than architectural beauty in my opinion."

"The Barry Building is simply a tired example of what can be done with cheap materials and minimal design."

"The property should be utilized to its fullest extent and not just by having an old building preserved."

"I'm a big supporter of preserving our history but I feel the new building and what it will offer economically to Brentwood is needed on San Vicente."

"It doesn't need to be preserved; it's served its purpose and is outdated. It looked like an abandoned building in 1988 when I moved to Brentwood, and it looks like an abandoned building today."

"This building is aged and needs to be brought up to standard/code, especially in line with the ADA. This will cost millions and take many years, depriving Brentwood of a new destination. I have had to be carried/helped up the stairs many times."

"It would save the decaying business climate on San Vicente from entering a stage of urban blight."

"I think it is needed on San Vicente. There are few small neighborhood shops nearby (except at Brentwood Gardens or in Brentwood Village). We need clothing and jewelry shops, hair salons, and most of all, a few more restaurants of various kinds. I would like to see GHS become part of Brentwood's shopping and dining experience."

"I love that it will create a gathering place and that it will clean up a large portion of San Vicente, which in my opinion is blighted. Like the pedestrian orientation of the project, and that the scale of the project fits the neighborhood."

"I think it would be a nice addition to Brentwood. I would love to have extra value added to our condo with the development. As a place that has many young families it would be nice to have a spot to walk to with the kids where they can play."

This situation is not an abstract debate about whether Los Angeles should preserve older buildings at any cost. For South Brentwood residents, it is an ongoing, tangible issue: rather than a vibrant commercial district along this section of San Vicente, we have endured more than a decade of three prominent parcels sitting empty behind chain-link fences, dominated by a neglected, derelict building.

Throughout the years, our residents have consistently voiced their desire to see this building removed and new, community-focused retail developed in its place. At the September 2024 Cultural Heritage Commission hearing, numerous community members took time from their schedules to participate in the hybrid meeting, and many others submitted letters strongly supporting the building's demolition:

"It is time to put this building out of its misery. It has -- it is and has been for quite some time nothing more than an attractive nuisance. It is time to be able to activate this area of San Vicente and bring life back to our small commercial corridor."

"[I]t's a danger to the neighborhood. It's been an eyesore. I've seen vagrants enter the property even though it's double fenced. There's been graffiti and broken windows."

"I've lived in the Brentwood community for 25 years. Really the only good thing about the Barry Building was Dutton's. And Dutton's is long gone. The idea that this is just a part of some cultural heritage is really -- I'm sorry, is just pedantic. It's been an eyesore for the last 15 years. It'll continue to be an eyesore if you don't demolish it. So let's work together as a community to build something responsible, and useful, and hopefully beautify ... the neighborhood."

"If there's an architectural significance to it, the right way to preserve it is in a book or a website for people who are interested in that sort of thing, where they can see it as it was in its heyday, not as it is now."

"My wife and I go for regular walks in the neighborhood and often on San Vicente. Every time we walk by this property we shake our heads in amazement that it has been sitting for so long with no progress. In our opinions, it should've been demolished long ago and there should have been a new building serving the community in its place. Instead, this beautiful street in this beautiful community has a very large, very visible and very valuable piece of land that looks like nobody cares about. It looks like an abandoned building and empty lot that would be in the middle of Detroit 20 years ago. It is an absolute embarrassment and reflection of zero progress, among all the other issues it represents. I urge you and anyone else involved to work with the owner of the property and allow it to become something the community can enjoy and be proud of."

"I agree that we should attempt to preserve buildings of historical and aesthetic value. But when doing so creates a decade plus blight, then perhaps that's not the right choice."

"The portion of Brentwood where the Barry building is located is adjacent to an affordable condominium district filled with many young couples and families who enjoy the walkability. I am not aware of any long-term residents who have nostalgic or emotional ties to the building... This building has been an eyesore/scar in our community for as long as I have lived here... Preventing the Barry Building removal has been harmful to the community and frustrating to us residents who have chosen to make this area home."

“As residents of Brentwood for 58 years (and aficionados of architecture), my husband and I have long viewed the Barry Building as an eyesore on the main street and heart of Brentwood and now a magnet for vandalism and an impediment to the potential for enhancing San Vicente Boulevard for the benefit of the residents and visitors.”

“While I certainly support saving “historic” structures where the structure is truly historic and it is possible to preserve it and use the structure in an economically efficient manner, the Barry building was never “historic” or notable or remotely worth preserving. It was a ramshackle structure even when I moved into the neighborhood in 1978. I thought it should have been torn down and something useful done with the property more than 20 years ago.”

“We walk by this vacant building and related garbage and weed-filled lot often, and look forward to seeing something more fitting for our Brentwood community in the near term. Please demolish it before it and surrounding areas are destroyed by something like the fire in the Radio building on Bundy Drive!”

“There is really nothing special about this building. Look at any ugly apartment building from the 50’s and 60’s and they look similar. The majority of people WHO LIVE HERE want it torn down and replaced. I too am sensitive to preserving Los Angeles history, but listening to people talk about the building like it’s an architectural gem that needs restoring is ridiculous. Duttons was the only reason to keep the building. That was the ONLY reason people were upset about the building and thanks to Amazon, not Munger, not development, that ship sailed long ago.”

The time has come to move forward. SBRA respectfully urges the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety to approve demolition of the Barry Building so that this section of San Vicente can be reactivated after years of public discussion. Removal of this vacant, unsafe, and blighted structure will allow this block to become a vibrant, welcoming corridor once again.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and for your ongoing support of our community’s needs.

Sincerely,



Lauren Cole

President, South Brentwood Residents Association

Cc: Craig Bullock (Craig.Bullock@lacity.org), Planning Director, Council District 11
Traci Park, Councilwoman, Los Angeles Council District 11 (traci.park@lacity.org)
Carolyn LoBuglio, Chair, Brentwood Community Council ()



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October 23, 2025

Los Angeles Building and Safety Commission
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LADBS Commission Office ladbs_commissionoffice@lacity.org

Re: Support for the Demolition of the Barry Building (11973–11975 San Vicente Boulevard)

Dear Commissioners,

I submitted my first letter in support of the demolition of the Barry Building in March 2023, and I write now to supplement that statement.

I have lived and worked within a block of this building for over 30 years and have spent my entire 50+ year career developing land throughout Los Angeles to enhance our city's beauty and provide safe, high-quality housing for fellow Angelenos. My company - headquartered on San Vicente Boulevard - was founded on the belief that thoughtful development can both improve lives and strengthen our communities.

In addition to my professional commitment, this area is deeply personal to me. I raised my family within a block of this building, and now have grandchildren growing up here. I also served for 15 years on the San Vicente Architectural Review Board, dedicating that time to preserving and enhancing the character and beauty of this neighborhood.

All residents of Brentwood and the greater Westside deserve a safer and more beautiful environment, and I strongly believe that the demolition of the Barry Building is an essential step toward that goal. I remain in full support of its removal and the thoughtful redevelopment of this site.

Further, and on a serious public-safety front, the Barry Building has been identified by the City of Los Angeles as structurally deficient and is subject to the City's Soft Story Retrofit Ordinance. As such, it does not meet the City's minimum seismic safety standards and poses a clear risk to public safety. The building's continued deterioration leaves it increasingly vulnerable to seismic damage and creates potential liability for the surrounding community.

In addition to its structural deficiencies, the Barry Building has remained vacant for many years and now stands as both a visual and physical blight along San Vicente Boulevard. Broken windows, rotting wood, and significant deterioration have made it a magnet for vandalism, trespassing, and other public safety concerns - detracting from the vitality of Brentwood's primary commercial corridor.



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Demolition of the Barry Building is both a necessary and responsible course of action. It will allow the property owner to comply with City safety requirements, remove an unsafe and unproductive structure, and create an opportunity for future reinvestment that can once again contribute positively to the neighborhood.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to approve the demolition permit for the Barry Building.

Sincerely,


Thomas Safran

Thomas Safran & Associates



South Brentwood Residents Association

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October 10, 2024

VIA EMAIL

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**RE: South Brentwood Residents Association SUPPORT for Demolition of the Barry Building, 11973- 11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90049
Case No. ENV-2019-6645-EIR**

I am writing on behalf of the Board and members of the South Brentwood Residents Association ("SBRA"), which represents approximately 18,000 homeowners and renters who reside in the area south of San Vicente Blvd., north of Wilshire Blvd., east of Centinela Ave. and west of Federal Ave., including all residents living in multi-family dwellings throughout the entire Brentwood community. The Barry Building lies within our coverage area.

SBRA has been the residents group representing South Brentwood since 1975 --- nearly 50 years. Our residents have all chosen to live in a walkable area with a lot of amenities. All of our members live within walking distance of San Vicente Blvd. and regularly patronize its retail, restaurants, and markets. SBRA was a strong supporter of the Green Hollow Square development that was proposed to be built on the site of the Barry Building back in 2011-12. Even at that time, the Barry building was "tired" and we heard a lot about how it was not ADA compliant and couldn't be brought up to code cost effectively. The developer agreed to incorporate elements of the Barry building into the final project to respect its historic status, but still this project did not happen.

Fast forward 12 years later, and nothing has changed other than the building has now become a safety hazard and public nuisance on top of being a dilapidated building that our residents walk and drive by every day:

- With the rise in unhoused people in the years since 2011-12, we have constant concerns that someone will break into the property to get a place to stay for the night and start a fire that spreads to other businesses and homes.
- The building is subject to vandalism. It has already had its copper wire stripped. Crime is a big concern in Brentwood and this building in its current state attracts loiterers and people who want to cause further damage.
- As a soft story building, any size earthquake could easily topple the building, potentially injuring people near the building and damaging nearby businesses. Our understanding is that the cost to update the building for compliance with the Soft Story Retrofit Program would exceed the value of the building which is not an economically reasonable request by the City. And retrofitting seems unlikely to resolve all of the ADA compliance issues that were discussed back in 2011-12.

While we respect the work that the LA Cultural Heritage Commission does, in this instance the Commission should not be allowed to continue to hold the community hostage in an endless stalemate, especially when public safety is at stake. Twelve years is long enough. The Commission made it clear at its September 5, 2024 hearing to review the requested demolition that they considered any requests by the community to be insignificant as compared to their purely-on-principle argument of “We don’t ever want to change a historic designation once it’s made.”

- I attended the hearing in person and asked to be allowed to speak for an extra minute to go through the full set of community concerns. I pointed out that we are the group that has represented South Brentwood for 50 years and was told no, I could have only 1 minute of public comment, the same as people who don’t live anywhere near San Vicente, even though neighborhood groups at other hearings I’ve attended are always allotted extra time.
- Many South Brentwood community members attended the hearing and the vast majority of them requested that the historic designation be lifted so that a new project be built. The handful who asked for the building to remain historic did not live within walking distance from San Vicente, with perhaps one or two exceptions.
- Representatives from our Council Office spoke and said that they had reached an agreement with the property owner that any future project would incorporate elements of the architecture into a project to recognize its historic status. This was dismissed as well.

- I pointed out that the neighborhood's requests 20+ years ago to designate the building as culturally significant were in large part an unsuccessful attempt to save the independent bookstore Dutton's that ended up shutting down anyway, along with all of the other independent bookstores that didn't survive the Internet. This comment was ignored. Several people who spoke mentioned that no one who has moved to Brentwood in the past 20 years has any idea what Dutton's was and doesn't see why this should be cited as a reason for the building to be designated historic. Their comments were ignored.

SBRA strongly requests that the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety approve the demolition of the Barry Building so that we can finally move forward after over a decade of living with a dangerous, unsightly, shuttered building in the middle of San Vicente. In particular, SBRA asks the Department of Building and Safety to:

- a) Certify the Environmental Impact Report (ENV-2019-6645-EIR) calling for the demolition of the Barry Building.
- b) Adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations (SOC) to allow for the demolition of this building.
- c) Issue the permit for demolition of this building.

We are asking to have the property cleared so that we can work with a future developer to give input into a project that will benefit the community instead of detract from it.

We very appreciate LADBS considering our request as part of its overall review of the safety issues surrounding the building's current situation and the realistic cost to do anything other than demolish it.

Thank you for your consideration and support for this review.

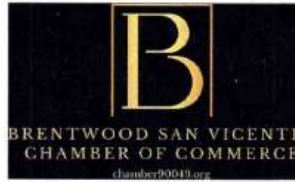
Sincerely,



Lauren Cole
President, South Brentwood Residents Association

Cc:

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March 27, 2023

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Re: Brentwood San Vicente Chamber of Commerce Support of Barry Building demolition

Dear Mr. Harris,

On behalf of the Brentwood San Vicente Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express the Chamber's strong support of the demolition of the Barry Building.

The Brentwood San Vicente Chamber of Commerce represents for-profit businesses, professionals and cultural institutions within Brentwood. Our vision is a thriving Brentwood business community with a mission to support policies that enable prosperous, safe, clean and beautiful commercial districts within Brentwood.

The Barry Building, a vacant and seismically unstable building, is not good for Brentwood and Brentwood's business community. The fenced building is a magnet for vandalism and homelessness and is a nuisance to the commercial businesses on San Vicente Blvd. The risk of collapse due to an earthquake is also dangerous for its neighboring businesses. The Barry Building is unprosperous, unsafe, and unclean.

This demolition of the Barry Building creates a blank canvass for a new opportunity and a future development which has the potential to invigorate San Vicente Blvd.'s commercial district. The Chamber stands in firm support of the demolition of the Barry Building.

Please contact Michele Aronson with any questions at (310) 255-7708 or maronson@douglasemmett.com

Sincerely,

Michele Aronson
Director, Brentwood San Vicente Chamber of Commerce



February 13, 2023

City Planning Commission

cpc@lacity.org

Dear City Planning Commission,

We are writing to you regarding the Barry Building at 11973 San Vicente Blvd, case number ENV-2019-6645-EIR. We support the demolition of the long vacant property and its redevelopment into rental properties. The greater Los Angeles region is facing a severe housing shortage, particularly affordable housing. Creating new housing in this neighborhood, in a high opportunity area, will help to reduce issues of gentrification and displacement. Abundant Housing LA believes that these housing challenges can only be addressed if everyone in the region does their part.

The property is in an excellent location to develop housing. Situated in a highly walkable neighborhood with many restaurants, shops, and schools, the property is also close to UCLA, a major employment center. New housing will benefit Brentwood and the surrounding area far more than an empty office building, and we urge your support for the demolition of the Barry Building.

Best Regards,

Leonora Camner

Leonora Camner
AHLA Executive Director

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Support for the Demolition of the Barry Building (11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard)

1 message

Rodney Liber <rodneiber@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 11, 2025 10:52 AM

To veronica.lopez@lacity.org, cpladbs_commissioner@lacity.org, info@brentwoodhomeowners.com, info@brentwoodcommunitycouncil.org, Cag.Bullock@lacity.org

Dear Commissioners:

We don't need to reinvent the wheel or speculate about possibilities. We've already seen how the Palisades Village development has benefited its community and proven what thoughtful planning can achieve.

The so-called "historic" designation of the Barry Building was a transparent NIMBY tactic used by a small group of homeowners to block progress. The result has been a decade of neglected, unsightly property that serves no one.

I've lived in Brentwood for 30 years and walk San Vicente regularly. This is my community—where my family and friends live—and we deserve a voice in shaping its future for the better.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Barry building demolition hearing-Nov 19th

1 message

SHELLI BRODER <she_broder@mac.com>

Mon, Nov 10, 025 a 10 2 AM

To: veronica.lopez@lacity.org

Cc: bds_missionfield@lacity.org

Hello,

I am writing to voice my thoughts about the demolition permit hearing scheduled for Nov 19th. I am not able to attend, but as a Brentwood resident and homeowner for over 10 years, I would like to register my opinion. I have been in that building when it was built and I feel that so many years ago. As an aside, it was never in the opinion of anyone I knew, but I don't feel I am in a position to say. And he assured himself, did not appear sound.

And as it has been determined to have structural issues, there is no logical or objective reason to deny the demolition permit. Please approve the permit to demolish it and allow for a structure that will add to the vibrance of San Vicente Boulevard. This street is the hub for our neighborhood. It is a wonderful community and we deserve, as do the owners of the building, to see it replaced with a new building for the Brentwood community. Please approve the demolition permit.

Thank you,

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Please proceed with demolition of the Barry Building

1 message

Rick Wesel UCLA <wesel@ucla.edu>

Mon, Nov 10, 2015 at 10:08 PM

To: veronica.lopez@lacity.org, ladbbs_commission@lacity.org

CC: Ellen Wesel <Ellen.Wesel@gmail.com>

Dear LADBS Commission:

I am writing to support the demolition of the Barry Building. We moved to Brentwood in 2013. At that time it seemed so unfortunate that so much prime real estate was unused and in a dilapidated state. I know it was unused for years before we moved here, and I am shocked that it has remained untouched and unimproved for the last 12 years.

What can we do to get things moving so that this prime real estate can help contribute to a vibrant Brentwood economy and a vibrant Brentwood community? Right now, this void is the darkest part of an evening walk in Brentwood. Demolition seems like a good first step to introducing a new building that can serve to revitalize Brentwood.

Warm regards,

Richard Wesel

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[Los Angeles, CA 90049](#)

L.A. Officials to Decide Fate of Barry Building as Demolition Appeal Heads to Hearing

A public hearing on the proposed demolition of the historic Barry Building at [11973 San Vicente Blvd.](#) is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 19, at 9:30 a.m.** before the **Los Angeles Board of Building and Safety Commissioners**. The meeting will take place in **Room 900 on the ninth floor of [201 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles](#).**

The hearing will address an appeal challenging the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety's earlier decision to allow demolition of the mid-century building, which city staff have deemed a safety hazard. According to LADBS, the cost of necessary upgrades exceeds the property's value, prompting the agency to recommend moving forward with demolition.

Members of the public are invited to attend and provide comments in person, though no virtual option will be available. Those wishing to share feedback in advance may email the commission at ladbs_commissionoffice@lacity.org or contact **Veronica Lopez** at veronica.lopez@lacity.org.

Community members interested in carpooling to the hearing can coordinate through the **South Brentwood Residents Association** by emailing info@southbrentwood.org.



Veronica Lopez <veronica.lopez@lacity.org>

Barry Building on San Vicente Blvd.

1 message

Jason Kleinman <jk@kenmanma.com>

Tue, Nov 11, 2025 at 11:11 AM

To: adbs_commss@lacity.org, nfo@brentwoodhomeowners.com, nfo@brentwoodcommunitycouncil.org, "rg.bull@lacity.org" <rg.bull@lacity.org>, "veronica.lopez@lacity.org" <veronica.lopez@lacity.org>

Dear Commissioners:

We don't need to reinvent the wheel or speculate about possibilities. We've already seen how the Pasadena Village development has benefited its community and proven what thoughtful planning can achieve.

The so-called "historic" designation of the Barry Building was a transparent NIMBY act used by a select group of homeowners to block progress. The result has been a dead, neglected, unsafe property that serves no one.

I've lived in Brentwood for 10+ years and walk San Vicente every day with my 4 young children. This is my community—where my family and friends live—and we deserve a voice in shaping its future for the better. Therefore, support demolition of the Barry Building to help our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Veronica Lopez <veronica.lopez@lacity.org>

Please allow the demolition of the Barry Building on San Vicente Boulevard

1 message

Ellen Wesel <dvocacy@laconservancy.org>

Thu, Nov 6, 2025 at 3:03 AM

Reply-To: Ellen Wesel <Ellen.Wesel@gmail.com>

To: Veronica Lopez <Veronica.Lopez@lacity.org>

Dear Barry Building and Safety Commissioners Lopez:

I'm writing to express my strong support to demolish the Barry Building, the ble eyes re on San Vicente Boulevard. We have been suffering from walking daily by a huge, dark, empty lot and rundown, dilapidated buildings in prime Brentwood for well over a decade.

I urge you to support the immediate demolition and do everything in your power to allow for a new attractive development in Brentwood.

Ellen Wesel

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CA

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemediala.com>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 4:13 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fwd: Barry Building Demolition - Case ENV-2019-6645-EIR

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From: lewis.drisko@verizon.net <lewis.drisko@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 9:57 AM
Subject: Barry Building Demolition - Case ENV-2019-6645-EIR
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It's well past time to demolish this vacant set of buildings that have stood idle, dangerous and an eyesore for 12 years! The notion that this is an historical building is nonsense.

We walk by this vacant building and related garbage and weed-filled lot often, and look forward to seeing something more fitting for our Brentwood community in the near term. Please demolish it before it and surrounding areas are destroyed by something like the fire in the Radio building on Bundy Drive!

Thank you.

Bambi Drisko

609 South Bundy Drive

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Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemedia.com>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 4:15 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fwd: demolish Barry Building

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From: **Matthew Bombeck** <mattbombeck@gmail.com>
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Cc: <traci.park@lacity.org>, <jeff.khau@lacity.org>, <sean.silva@lacity.org>, <info@southbrentwood.org>

Hi,

We are longtime residents of Brentwood (25 years) asking you to please allow the demolition of the Barry Building. It should have never been designated a historical building in the first place. Only because of Duttons and the “controversy” of the bookstore going under was this ever an issue. The building has been vacant for years when we could use housing, retail, etc—anything but a vacant lot that attracts crime and has been an eyesore for over a decade. For any meaningful development, it cannot be brought into earthquake appliance without a demolish. The fact that it withstood Northridge is not an adequate standard for earthquake safety.

I attended the architectural meeting re: the building. There is really nothing special about this building. Look at any ugly apartment building from the 50’s and 60’s and they look similar. The majority of people WHO LIVE HERE want it torn down and replaced. I too am sensitive to preserving Los Angeles history, but listening to people talk about the building like it’s an architectural gem that needs restoring is ridiculous. Duttons was the only reason to keep the building. That was the ONLY reason people were upset about the building and thanks to Amazon, not Munger, not development, that ship sailed long ago.

Let’s build something constructive that has some oversight from the neighborhood that will benefit the neighborhood! Maybe even a bookstore!

Thank you,

Matt Bombeck

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemedia.com>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 4:16 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fwd: Barry Building - Case #ENV-2019-6645-EIR

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From: Ken <kenm22@verizon.net>
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 11:48 AM
Subject: Barry Building - Case #ENV-2019-6645-EIR
To: <Osama.younan@lacity.org>
Cc: <traci.park@lacity.org>, <jeff.khau@lacity.org>, <sean.silva@lacity.org>, <info@southbrentwood.org>

Re: Case #ENV-2019-6645-EIR Barry Building

Dear Mr. Younan:

My name is Ken Marks. Although I no longer live in Brentwood I have fond memories of the almost 50 years I spent on the westside, a good portion of it in Brentwood itself. I'm not that far away and I return to visit friends and attend basketball games at UCLA. I started in the 6th grade at Westwood School, went to Emerson Jr. High, walking over the hill before the Mormon Temple was even a thought and attended Uni High School when kids from the Palisades attended Uni because there was no Palisades High School. I still have many friends in Brentwood and feel a close attachment to the area despite my absence.

I have watched the community develop and participated in its development having been a member of the Brentwood Community Council for five years. I remember the Barry Building when it was in its heyday, a situation that, unfortunately, no longer exists. Of course that can be said about most anything because whether we like it or not time marches on and things do change, often by necessity.

While I appreciate the historical significance of the Barry Building it has, sadly, become an eyesore and a dangerous one at that. Among other things it is a magnet for unhoused individuals to camp out with the ever present risk of fire on a cold night. Vandalism has already reared its ugly head, the building having been stripped of its copper wire. Bringing the building up to modern code and ADA compliance is financially prohibitive. All that can happen to this once great building is for it to, putting it bluntly, sit there and rot.

Councilwoman Traci Park has already negotiated an agreement for any future development to incorporate some existing architectural elements. It's the best that can be done.

Sometimes we just have to let go and this is one of those times. The alternative is to let this building sit there as a danger and an eyesore to the community. It really is time to let go. Please.

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemediala.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 10:27 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fwd: Case No. ENV-2019-6645-EIR - Local Resident Comment

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From: Cory Gitt [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, Oct 12, 2024, 9:17 PM
Subject: Case No. ENV-2019-6645-EIR - Local Resident Comment
To: <Osama.younan@lacity.org>
Cc: <traci.park@lacity.org>, <jeff.khau@lacity.org>, <sean.silva@lacity.org>, South Brentwood Residents Association <info@southbrentwood.org>

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Cory Gitt
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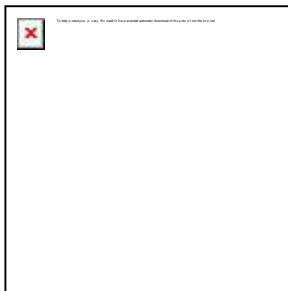
Mike Ai

From: Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 8:20 AM
To: David Ellis
Cc: councilmember.park@lacity.org; Stanley lezman; osama.younan@lacity.org; Jeff.khau@lacity.org; Mike Ai
Subject: Re: The Barry Building on San Vicente from The Friends of Westgate

Hi David and Linda,

Thanks for your email. Confirmed received on our end.

All the best,
Sean



Sean Silva | Deputy, Venice | Planning Liaison
Office of Councilwoman Traci Park ★ 11th District
WESTCHESTER: 7166 W. Manchester Ave, LA, CA 90045
(310) 568-8772 TEL |



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On Tue, Oct 8, 2024 at 5:59 PM David Ellis <dellis705@gmail.com> wrote:

From neighbors of the Barry Building. "Tear it down".
We reside within 500 feet of the building, and see it every day.

Why:

1. The former owner had a creative lawyer who came up with the idea that the building should be designated as a "cultural landmark". Everyone in the area opined, "are you serious"? The building is a 1950 poorly designed building. Its ugly.
2. We see homeless people living on the property daily.
3. The fencing material is dangerous to passerby's.
4. The building is rotting, and infested

The "friends of Westgate" neighbors respectively request that you Certify the EIR; issue the demolition permit, and seek an alternative solution. We have no financial interest, merely coming from a place

that we are proud of our neighborhood. This building is an eyesore.

Thank you for your consideration.

David and Linda Ellis
705 S. Westgate Avenue
Los Angeles 90049
310 433 4455

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemediala.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 7:33 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fw: Support for the Demolition of the Barry Building

From: Susan Hirsch <shhirsch@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 9:22 AM
To: Osama.younan@lacity.org <Osama.younan@lacity.org>; traci.park@lacity.org <traci.park@lacity.org>; jeff.khau@lacity.org <jeff.khau@lacity.org>; sean.silva@lacity.org <sean.silva@lacity.org>; info@southbrentwood.org <info@southbrentwood.org>
Subject: Support for the Demolition of the Barry Building

As residents of Brentwood for 58 years (and aficionados of architecture), my husband and I have long viewed the Barry Building as an eyesore on the main street and heart of Brentwood and now a magnet for vandalism and an impediment to the potential for enhancing San Vicente Boulevard for the benefit of the residents and visitors. It is not financially feasible to bring this ugly and cheaply built example of Mid-Century Modern up to current code standards. Even if that were possible it would be unlikely to result in space that could generate enough income to be financially viable in the long run. We urge you to support demolition of this building.

Thank you,
David and Susan Hirsch

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemediala.com>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 4:10 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fwd: Case No. ENV-2019-6645-EIR

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From: greenjack@aol.com <greenjack@aol.com>
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 9:07 AM
Subject: Case No. ENV-2019-6645-EIR
To: Osama.younan@lacity.org <Osama.younan@lacity.org>
Cc: traci.park@lacity.org <traci.park@lacity.org>, jeff.khau@lacity.org <jeff.khau@lacity.org>, sean.silva@lacity.org <sean.silva@lacity.org>, info@southbrentwood.org <info@southbrentwood.org>

General Manager of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety

Hello Mr. Younan,

As a 47-year Brentwood resident (on Gretna Green Way), I support the demolition of the Barry Building at 11973 San Vicente Blvd. It's historic value is minor compared to its status as fire and earthquake hazard and as a target for vandalism and crime.

Please approve the building demolition. Let's move on!

Best Regards,
Jack [John] Godwin

With cc to:
Traci Park, Councilwoman, Los Angeles Council District 11 (traci.park@lacity.org)
Jeff Khau, CD11 Planning Deputy (jeff.khau@lacity.org)
Sean Silva, CD11 Planning Liaison (sean.silva@lacity.org)
SBRA (info@southbrentwood.org)

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemediala.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 7:43 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fw: Case No. ENV-2019-6645-EIR - Local Resident Comment

From: Cory Gitt [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2024 9:16 PM
To: Osama.younan@lacity.org <Osama.younan@lacity.org>
Cc: traci.park@lacity.org <traci.park@lacity.org>; jeff.khau@lacity.org <jeff.khau@lacity.org>; sean.silva@lacity.org <sean.silva@lacity.org>; South Brentwood Residents Association <info@southbrentwood.org>
Subject: Case No. ENV-2019-6645-EIR - Local Resident Comment

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Cory Gitt
[REDACTED]



Veronica Lopez <veronica.lopez@lacity.org>

Barry Building Demolition - Local Resident Comment

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Cory Gitt

Sun, Nov 1, 2015 at 5:11 PM

To: veronica.lopez@lacity.org, adbs_commission@lacity.org, Craig Bullock@lacity.org
Cc: info@southbentwood.org

A - I'm writing to express my opinion on the proposed demolition of the Barry Building in Brentwood. I'm a resident of Brentwood who owns and lives in a condo (118 [Gorham Avenue](#)) blocks from the Barry Building. I've lived in Brentwood for 6 years and for that time the Barry Building has been an eyesore and has provided no value to the neighborhood and its residents. I attended a Brentwood Land Use meeting ~16 years ago — 16 YEARS AGO — at which the Barry Building was applied for approval, I believe, to demolish the building and construct apartment units. I, Ulma El, the City designated the building some sort of historic status, believe. Since that time, nothing has happened with the site instead of being replaced by a building that could provide housing and retail to LA and Brentwood residents, it's still vacant. I agree that we should attempt to preserve buildings of historical and aesthetic value. But when doing so, we test the adequacy of the building, then perhaps have the right to demolish it. I believe the Barry Building's owner has substantial financial means and so he can afford to let the building sit vacant. And he has demonstrated that by waiting ~16 years. The time has come for the City to pursue an option or negotiation that will allow the site to be developed into a more productive use that will help address the City's housing issue, and provide amenities to nearby residents, and an improvement to the beauty of South Venice Boulevard. I support the demolition of the Barry Building. Thank you.

Cory Gitt

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemediala.com>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 4:08 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fw: SBRA Support for Demolition of the Barry Building ENV-2019-6645-EIR
Attachments: S Brentwod Residents Assn Support of Barry Building Demolition October 2024.pdf

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemediala.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 5:28 PM
To: Osama.younan@lacity.org <Osama.younan@lacity.org>
Cc: traci.park@lacity.org <traci.park@lacity.org>; Jeff Khau <jeff.khau@lacity.org>; sean.silva@lacity.org <sean.silva@lacity.org>; Carolyn Jordan <cjordan@glaserweil.com>
Subject: SBRA Support for Demolition of the Barry Building ENV-2019-6645-EIR

Mr. Younan,

We are aware that LADBS is considering the demolition of the Barry Building at 11973 San Vicente Building.

While the EIR recommended demolition the LA Cultural Heritage Commission recently refused to support demolition. This is not at all consistent with the desires of the community who live in and around the building and who rely on being able to walk to San Vicente to take advantage of amenities, which a derelict building cannot support.

As such, we ask that LADBS:

1. Certify the Environmental Impact Report (ENV-2019-6645-EIR) calling for the demolition of the Barry Building.
2. Adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations (SOC) to allow for the demolition of this building.
3. Issue the permit for demolition of this building.

Thank you for your consideration of the attached letter from the South Brentwood Residents Association that strongly supports the demolition of the Barry Building, ENV-2019-6645-EIR.

Lauren Cole
President, South Brentwood Residents Association
310-259-9391

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemedia.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 7:22 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fw: Demolish Barry Building: Case ENV-2019-6645-EIR

From: Josh Stephens <jrstephens@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 4:59 AM
To: Osama.younan@lacity.org <Osama.younan@lacity.org>
Cc: traci.park@lacity.org <traci.park@lacity.org>; Jeff Khau <jeff.khau@lacity.org>; Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>; info@southbrentwood.org <info@southbrentwood.org>
Subject: Demolish Barry Building: Case ENV-2019-6645-EIR

Dear Mr. Younan,

Re: Case NV-2019-6645-EIR.

I have long supported the demolition of the Barry Building in Brentwood and redevelopment of the site into something that would serve the community and replace the current eyesore.

The building has zero historic or aesthetic value and it is in fact a danger, prone to fire, earthquakes, and vandalism and crime. The city will be liable if something happens. The building is financially and logistically impossible to upgrade, renovate, or incorporate into any other structure.

I support renewed calls, led by the South Brentwood Residents Association, to grant the property-owner a demolition permit.

Thank you.

Josh Stephens
Brentwood Resident

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemediala.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 7:41 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fw: Case No. ENV-2019-6645-EIR

From: Juliet Oman <juliet@stephanieyounger.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 2:39 PM
To: Osama.younan@lacity.org <Osama.younan@lacity.org>
Cc: traci.park@lacity.org <traci.park@lacity.org>; jeff.khau@lacity.org <jeff.khau@lacity.org>; sean.silva@lacity.org <sean.silva@lacity.org>; info@southbrentwood.org <info@southbrentwood.org>
Subject: Case No. ENV-2019-6645-EIR

Dear Mr. Younan,

Thank you for reading my email regarding the Barry building on San Vicente in Brentwood. The portion of Brentwood where the Barry building is located is adjacent to an affordable condominium district filled with many young couples and families who enjoy the walkability. I am not aware of any long-term residents who have nostalgic or emotional ties to the building, and from what I understand the chance of it being restored is unlikely, considering retrofitting and additional cost issues. This building has been an eyesore/scar in our community for as long as I have lived here. If the building remains, we will be forced to deal with this eyesore and waste of retail space endlessly in the future.

Preventing the Barry Building removal has been harmful to the community and frustrating to us residents who have chosen to make this area home. I ask you to please help us move forward and improve our walkable community.

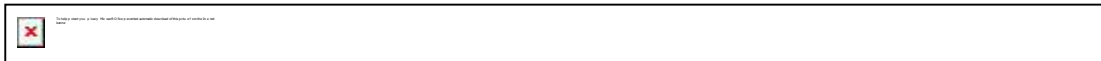
Sincerely - Thank you,

Juliet



JULIET OMAN
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Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemedia.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 7:23 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fw: Case No. ENV-2019-6645-EIR

From: don doncornwell.com <don@doncornwell.com>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 10:14 AM
To: Osama.younan@lacity.org <Osama.younan@lacity.org>
Cc: traci.park@lacity.org <traci.park@lacity.org>; Jeff Khau, CD11 Planning Deputy <jeff.khau@lacity.org>; Sean Silva, CD11 Planning Liaison <sean.silva@lacity.org>; SBRA <info@southbrentwood.org>
Subject: Case No. ENV-2019-6645-EIR

Dear Mr. Younan:

I am a resident of South Brentwood and reside at 11826 Dorothy Street, Unit 201. I've lived in South Brentwood continuously since 1978.

I am writing to support the demolition of the Barry Building located on San Vicente Boulevard two blocks north of my residence. This building at one time housed Dutton's book stores (with various separated "rooms" in the old and dilapidated building holding books – along with a couple of hair salons and miscellaneous "offices" upstairs. The building has been vacant for more than a decade. It has been repeatedly vandalized and is a fire hazard. I am informed by SBRA that it is impossible to make the building earthquake safe and usable because the cost to do so would far exceed the market value.

While I certainly support saving "historic" structures where the structure is truly historic and it is possible to preserve it and use the structure in an economically efficient manner, the Barry building was never "historic" or notable or remotely worth preserving. It was a ramshackle structure even when I moved into the neighborhood in 1978. I thought it should have been torn down and something useful done with the property more than 20 years ago.

This should be as non-controversial as it ever gets.

Don Cornwell
don@doncornwell.com

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemediala.com>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 4:10 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fwd: ENV-2019-6645-EIR

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From: Nancy Freedman <gjf165@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 8:56 AM
Subject: ENV-2019-6645-EIR
To: <Osama.younan@lacity.org>
Cc: <traci.park@lacity.org>, Jeff Khau <Jeff.khau@lacity.org>, Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>, <info@southbrentwood.org>

Greetings Osama,

We are fifty two year Brentwood residents and have known the better days of this property.
It is vacant now and stalling new life in to Brentwood's main boulevard.
It is in unusable condition and often a magnet for homeless.
It is time to allow it to be razed and a new future be gained for our community.

Thank you for your consideration.
Nancy and Gary Freedman
gjf165@gmail.com

Mike Ai

From: Aaron Green
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 3:34 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: FW: Barry Building

FYI

From: Carolyn C. Jordan <cjordan@glaserweil.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 3:03 PM
To: osama.younan@lactiy.org
Cc: Councilwoman Traci Park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>; Jeff Khau <Jeff.khau@lacity.org>; Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>
Subject: Barry Building

To whom it may concern:

I am writing today to voice my personal support for the issuance of a demolition permit for the “Barry Building” on San Vicente in Brentwood. This building has now stood for more than a decade as nothing more than a sad, sorry and potentially dangerous eyesore. It is time to let the building come down and have open engagement with the Brentwood community regarding the next phase for this property. The community has weathered a lengthy storm with this site detracting from what should be a vibrant and active San Vicente Boulevard. My personal belief is that this building offers no architectural significance, represents an unfortunate and inefficient use of the land, and is not worth the significant investment it would take to make the building safe. I believe that the community, many years ago, fought to get this very average property designated “Historic” solely to protect a beloved book store that wasn’t able to weather the economic storms of 2008-2009.

I worry about the building in its current state being an attraction for our homeless population, and the entire community suffering a potentially very bad outcome from the sorts of activities that occur when homeless individuals take over unoccupied properties. As it is, the land surrounding the building is often littered with beer and other sorts of alcoholic beverage bottles, and while the building management I am sure does their best to keep the property clean, there is evidence from time to time of use of the property for inappropriate activities.

It is time to certify the EIR, adopt a statement of overriding consideration so that the Barry Building may be demolished, and issue the demolition permit. The community is well positioned to engage in discussions with this or future owners over what use would be of the greatest benefit to all, and it is time that everyone be able to move forward, clear the lot, and engage in those discussions for the future.

Thank you for your time.

Carolyn Jordan

(I am writing in my personal capacity and not on behalf of any groups with which I may be associated)

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Mike Ai

From: Byrdie Pompan <blp1966@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 1:18 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: FW: URGENT REQUEST FOR ACTION THE BARRY BUILDING DEMOLITION

Here you go....

From: Byrdie Pompan <blp1966@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 at 1:05 PM
To: councilmember.park@lacity.org <councilmember.park@lacity.org>, osama.younan@lacity.org <osama.younan@lacity.org>
Cc: jeff.khau@lacity.org <jeff.khau@lacity.org>, sean.silva@lacity.org <sean.silva@lacity.org>
Subject: URGENT REQUEST FOR ACTION THE BARRY BUILDING DEMOLITION

Dear Councilmember Park and General Manager Younan,

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment with the Cultural Heritage Commission's decision to oppose the demolition of the Barry Building. This building, which I live right behind, has been a constant nuisance, and I am deeply concerned about its safety and impact on our neighborhood.

The City of Los Angeles has issued an Order to Comply with the Soft Story Retrofit Program, and yet the building remains in a state of disrepair. Can you imagine what would happen if there were an earthquake and it collapsed, potentially causing harm to someone? It is simply not feasible to allow it to remain in its current state. In addition to the structural issues, the building has attracted homeless individuals who frequently break in, and there have been incidents of copper wire theft from the property. This is not only a safety hazard but a blight on the neighborhood.

I understand that this matter is now in the hands of LADBS, and I respectfully ask for the following actions to be taken:

1. **Certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).**
2. **Adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations (SOC) to justify the demolition of the Barry Building.**
3. **Issue the demolition permit as soon as possible to eliminate this serious threat to public safety.**

I trust that you will give this matter the urgent attention it deserves, and I look forward to seeing progress on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Byrdie Pompan
11911 Saltair Terrace
Los Angeles, CA. 90049
310-991-1010

Mike Ai

From: Byrdie Pompan <blp1966@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 7:25 AM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: FW: Subject: Immediate Action Required: Barry Building Demolition

Here is Bruce's email

From: Bruce Pompan <bpompan@yahoo.com>
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 8:36 PM
To: councilmember.park@lacity.org <councilmember.park@lacity.org>, osama.younan@lacity.org <osama.younan@lacity.org>
Cc: Jeff.Khau@lacity.org <Jeff.Khau@lacity.org>, Sean.Silva@lacity.org <Sean.Silva@lacity.org>
Subject: Subject: Immediate Action Required: Barry Building Demolition

Councilmember Park and General Manager Younan,

I am writing to express my complete outrage at the Cultural Heritage Commission's decision to oppose the demolition of the Barry Building. This is a disgrace, as anyone in the community knows. The building is a dangerous eyesore, and it must be torn down immediately.

The City of Los Angeles has already issued an Order to Comply with the Soft Story Retrofit Program, yet nothing has been done. What are you waiting for? Are you waiting for an earthquake to hit, for the building to collapse, and for someone to get seriously injured or worse? This inaction is unacceptable.

I live in close proximity to this building, and I've witnessed firsthand the constant break-ins and the presence of homeless individuals, and is a serious fire hazard. This situation is out of control and allowing it to persist is beyond irresponsible.

I demand that you:

- 1. Certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) immediately.**
- 2. Adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations (SOC) to move forward with the demolition.**
- 3. Issue the demolition permit now to remove this significant threat to public safety.**

This is not just about an old building; it's about protecting the people who live here. Your delay is putting us in danger, and I will hold you accountable if this negligence leads to any harm.

As to any architectural merits, the owner has agreed to preserve elements that can be incorporated in the design of the redevelopment. A win win for everybody.

I expect immediate action on this matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce Pompan

Mike Ai

From: Lauren Cole <lauren@colemedia.com>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 4:13 PM
To: Mike Ai
Subject: Fwd: Support for the Demolition of the Barry Building

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From: Joseph Smurda, MD <js@smurdamd.com>
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 9:58 AM
Subject: Support for the Demolition of the Barry Building
To: Osama.younan@lacity.org <Osama.younan@lacity.org>
Cc: traci.park@lacity.org <traci.park@lacity.org>, jeff.khau@lacity.org <jeff.khau@lacity.org>, sean.silva@lacity.org <sean.silva@lacity.org>, Brentwood Homeowners Association <info@brentwoodhomeowners.org>, info@southbrentwood.org <info@southbrentwood.org>

Dear Mr. Younan,

I am writing to express my strong support for the demolition of the Barry Building. As a 63-year resident of Los Angeles and a direct descendant of Juan Francisco Reyes, the first elected mayor of the Pueblo de Los Angeles, I feel a deep connection to the city's rich history. My ancestor, a Black and Hispanic settler, served as alcalde (mayor) from 1793 to 1795, laying the foundation for the vibrant and diverse city we know today.

While the Barry Building was declared a historical landmark as part of a misguided effort to preserve Dutton's Bookstore, it is important to acknowledge that Dutton's failed due to unrelated business reasons. The preservation of the building itself is no longer justifiable or relevant to the current needs of the community. I believe this point cannot be emphasized enough: the historical designation was not based on architectural or safety merits but was an attempt to save a business that ultimately closed for reasons outside of the building's significance.

Additionally, there are significant safety concerns that must be addressed:

- **Fire hazards:** Unhoused individuals can potentially use the vacant structure for shelter, increasing the risk of fires that could spread to nearby homes and businesses.
- **Earthquake vulnerability:** The Barry Building, with its soft-story design, cannot be retrofitted to meet modern earthquake standards without an investment far exceeding the value of the building.
- **Crime and vandalism:** The structure has already been heavily vandalized, including the stripping of copper wiring, further degrading its condition.
- **ADA non-compliance:** The building fails to meet ADA requirements, and bringing it up to code would be cost-prohibitive.

Given these concerns, coupled with the fact that its landmark status was primarily driven by an attempt to save Dutton's, which failed due to other business reasons, it is in the best interest of the community and public safety to proceed with the demolition.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that the safety and wellbeing of Los Angeles residents will remain a top priority.

Sincerely,

Joseph Smurda, MD

12300 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 330

Los Angeles, CA 90025

Phone:(310)820-3333

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Email: js@smurdamd.com

March 10, 2023

James Harris
Los Angeles City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012
E-mail: james.harris@lacity.org

Re: I support the demolition of the Barry Building

Dear Mr. Harris and LA City Planning:

My name is Anne Russell and I am a small business owner, Rodeo Realty, located on San Vicente Blvd. My business is across from the Barry Building. I am writing to express my support for the demolition of the Barry Building.

The vacant and seismically unstable Barry Building is not good for business or the Brentwood community. As a Brentwood realtor, I would like to see something go there that is good for the Brentwood and its residents.

Sincerely,

Anne Russell
Rodeo Realty – 11940 San Vicente Blvd
anne@rodeore.com

March 28, 2023

James Harris
Los Angeles City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012
E-mail: james.harris@lacity.org

Re: Douglas Emmett Supports the Barry Building Demolition

Dear Mr. Harris,

On behalf of Douglas Emmett, I am writing to express our strong support of the demolition of the Barry Building.

Douglas Emmett affiliates own and operate approximately 18.1 million square feet of Class A office space and over 5,000 apartment units in Los Angeles and Honolulu. We focus on markets in central business districts with strong economic characteristics and a broad range of amenities. We strive to be active in our communities in order to promote prosperous, safe, clean and beautiful commercial districts, such as Brentwood's San Vicente corridor, for our tenants and their customers.

The lot on which the vacant Barry Building is located is an eyesore for the community. The fenced building is a magnet to vandalism and homelessness and is a nuisance to the commercial businesses on San Vicente Blvd. The building is seismically unstable and cannot be brought up to either seismic or ADA code and unless it can be demolished, it will continue to be a blight on the Brentwood residential and business communities.

This demolition of the Barry Building creates a blank canvass for a new opportunity and a future development which has the potential to invigorate Brentwood's commercial district. Douglas Emmett stands in firm support of the demolition of the Barry Building.

Sincerely,



Michele Aronson
Executive Vice President
Douglas Emmett Management, LLC

March 23, 2023

James Harris
Los Angeles City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012
E-mail: james.harris@lacity.org

Re: Support for the Barry Building Demolition

Dear James,

On behalf of myself, a former long-time resident in the area, and FH Vicente, LLC a property and business owner down the street on San Vicente, I am writing to express my strong support for the demolition of the Barry Building.

The San Vicente Corridor should be a prosperous, safe, clean and beautiful commercial district within Brentwood. The current site's condition promotes the exact opposite and is an embarrassment to our community and City.

The Barry Building being vacant is horrible for Brentwood and Brentwood's business community. The fenced building is ugly and a magnet for vandalism and homelessness and is a nuisance to everyone except for the NIMBYS of the world who care about no one but themselves.

The Barry Building site creates a blank canvass for a new opportunity and future development that will revitalize San Vicente and Brentwood. In fact, most of the San Vicente Corridor needs a major facelift and should be upzoned to incentivize much needed new pedestrian active housing and retail around a transit corridor. We need more housing, active retail, walking and activity, and less fenced off dark buildings, bureaucracy, delays, and costs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eran Fields".

FH Vicente, LLC
Eran Fields



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March 29th, 2023

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Pueblo Center

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CenterPointe Plaza

James Harris
Los Angeles City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012
E-mail: james.harris@lacity.org

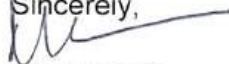
Re: Fazio Cleaners supports the Barry Building demolition

On behalf of Fazio Cleaners, I am writing to express our strong support of the demolition of the Barry Building.

The Barry Building being vacant and seismically unstable building is not good for Brentwood and Brentwood's business community. The fenced building is a magnet to vandalism and homelessness and is a nuisance to the commercial businesses on San Vicente Blvd. The risk of collapse due to an earthquake is also dangerous for its neighboring businesses. The Barry Building is unprosperous, unsafe, and unclean.

This demolition of the Barry Building creates a blank canvass for a new opportunity and a future development which has the potential to invigorate San Vicente Blvd.'s commercial district. Fazio Cleaners stands in firm support of the demolition of the Barry Building.

Sincerely,


Nicole Fazio
CFO
Fazio Inc.



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March 24, 2023

James Harris
Los Angeles City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012
E-mail: james.harris@lacity.org

Re: Demolish the Barry Building, it is not safe

Dear LA City Planning:

I live on Montana Ave in Brentwood and am writing to support the demolition of the Barry Building. It is my understanding that the building is not seismically safe and can be a safety hazard during an earthquake.

As an engineer who previously worked for the City of Los Angeles, I am deeply concerned that a seismically unstable building on San Vicente, a main pedestrian thoroughfare, could be severely damaged and cause human injury.

Even though the building a historic cultural monument, the fact that it can collapse is dangerous for the community. I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

Sincerely,



Hamed Sandoghdar
Hamed269@yahoo.com
Brentwood resident on Montana

James Harris
Los Angeles City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350, Los Angeles, CA 90012
E-mail: james.harris@lacity.org

Dear Mr. James Harris and LA City Planning:

I am writing to express my strong support for the demolition of the Barry Building. The Barry Building is structurally unfit and is likely to suffer severe damage in an earthquake. For the safety of the community, the building should be demolished.

I understand that some may have sentimental attachments to the Barry Building, but I believe that we must prioritize safety over nostalgia. It is time to look to the future and embrace change, and the demolition of the Barry Building is a necessary step in that direction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I urge you to support the demolition of the Barry Building.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irina'.

Irina Berchik
Brentwood Resident

Mike Ai

From: IRINA BERCHIK <berchiki@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 2:41 PM
To: James Harris
Cc: Mike Ai
Subject: Re: Demolition of the Barry Building - Letter of Support (Irina Berchik)

Honestly - that building is like a scary thing in the middle of nice neighborhood and noone wants to walk by and pass it, because it feels its from horror movies where you would think some murders happen or something like that.

Whenever I have to walk over to Vicente foods - I always try to take the other side of the street.
It needs to go.

Irina Lexandra Berchik
Esthetician Owner Educator

Spa ViolaSole
11677 San Vicente Blvd., Ste.300
Los Angeles, CA 90049
(310) 442-4646
Lex@spaviolasole.com
www.spaviolasole.com

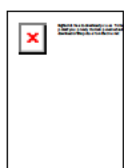
On Apr 6, 2023, at 13:39, James Harris <james.harris@lacity.org> wrote:

Thank you for the comment on Case Number ENV-2019-6645-EIR for the Barry Building located at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard.

The comment has been added to the public record and will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Report.

As a reminder, the comment period has been extended until Tuesday, April 18th.

Thank you
Jim



Jim Harris
Major Projects
Los Angeles City Planning

221 N. Figueroa St., Room 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012
T: (213) 978-1241 | Planning4LA.org



On Thu, Apr 6, 2023 at 1:09 PM Mike Ai <mike@afriat.com> wrote:

Hi Jim,

Please see the attached letter of support for the demolition of the Barry Building from Irina Berchick. Irina is cc'd on this email.

Thank you,

Mike Ai

Senior Director of Public Affairs

The Afriat Consulting Group, Inc.

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March 20, 2023

James Harris
Los Angeles City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012
E-mail: james.harris@lacity.org

Re: I support the demolition of the Barry Building

Dear Mr. Harris and LA City Planning:

My name is Manpreet Rai and I am a resident of Brentwood. I am writing to express my support for the demolition of the Barry Building.

The Barry Building is structurally unstable and will suffer severe damage in an earthquake. This is not safe for the Brentwood community. I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

Sincerely,

Manpreet Rai

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manpreet Rai', with a stylized, cursive script.

March 1, 2023

James Harris
Los Angeles City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012
E-mail: james.harris@lacity.org

Re: I support the Barry Building demolition

Dear Mr. James Harris,

I have been a long time Brentwood resident and am writing to support the demolition of the Barry Building.

The Barry Building is structurally unfit and is likely to fall in an earthquake. As a person who works in construction, I have a strong understanding of the risks a seismically unstable building presents. What it would take to bring this building up to code and retrofitted would make this project economically unfeasible.

Please keep our Brentwood community safe and demolition the Barry Building.

Thank you,



Manuel Maradiaga

March 28, 2023

James Harris
Los Angeles City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350, Los Angeles, CA 90012
E-mail: james.harris@lacity.org

Re: SUPPORT for the safe demolition of the Barry Building

Dear Mr. James Harris and LA City Planning:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed demolition of the Barry Building. As a longtime Brentwood resident, I am deeply concerned about the safety of our buildings and infrastructure in the event of an earthquake. The Barry Building is at high risk of collapse and poses a serious threat to the safety of our community.

The building's structural deficiencies and lack of earthquake-resistant features make it highly vulnerable to seismic activity. It is not up to the minimum seismic standards required by the City and is a safety hazard to those who live and work in the area. As a responsible member of the community, we must prioritize the safety and well-being of all citizens.

I believe that the safest solution is to demolish the Barry Building. I urge you to support the demolition of the Barry Building to protect our community's safety and well-being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Lewis", with a stylized, cursive script.

Michael Lewis
837 S. Westgate Avenue, #2
Los Angeles, CA 90049

James Harris
Los Angeles City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street, Ste. 1350, LA, CA 90012
james.harris@lacity.org

Dear James Harris,

I am the owner and operator of The Vape Lounge and a small business on San Vicente Blvd close to the fenced off and vacant Barry Building. As a small business owner, I would like to express my support for the demolition of the Barry Building. The vacant and unused property is not good for business. After the building is demolished, I would like to see something new go in its place that would be good for commerce and local small business.

Thank you,

Nathan Younan
Owner of The Vape Lounge
11958 San Vicente Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90049
<https://thevapelounge760.com/>

April 12, 2023

James Harris
Los Angeles City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012
E-mail: james.harris@lacity.org

Re: Pacific Equity Properties, Inc. supports the Barry Building demolition

On behalf of Pacific Equity Properties, Inc. I am writing to express Pacific Equity's strong support of the demolition of the Barry Building.

Pacific Equity is the owner of the properties on the northeast corner of San Vicente and Barrington, including the tenants: Starbucks, Pressed Juicery, E*Trade and Rag & Bone. The Barry Building being a vacant and seismically unstable building is not good for Brentwood and Brentwood's business community. The fenced building is a magnet to vandalism and homelessness and is a nuisance to the commercial businesses on San Vicente Blvd. The risk of collapse due to an earthquake is also dangerous for its neighboring businesses. The Barry Building is an eyesore, unsafe, and unclean and is a detriment to residents and businesses alike.

This demolition of the Barry Building creates a blank canvas for a new opportunity and a future development which has the potential to reinvigorate San Vicente Blvd.'s commercial district. Pacific Equity stands in firm support of the demolition of the Barry Building.

Sincerely,

Bryan Gordon

Pacific Equity Properties, Inc
CEO

From: Sev Burmaka <sevaburmaka@gmail.com>
Date: March 24, 2023 at 1:31:00 PM PDT
To: james.harris@lacity.org
Subject: Re: Support for the safe demolition of the Barry Building

Dear Mr. Jim Harris and the LA City Planning Department:

I am writing to express my support for the demolition of the seismically unstable Barry Building. I believe that the safety and well-being of the people in the Brentwood community should be the top priority.

The risks posed by the building's instability are too great to ignore. Even a minor earthquake could cause significant damage and put members of the Brentwood community in danger.

While it is always difficult to say goodbye to an old building, sometimes it is necessary to make tough decisions for the greater good. I believe that demolishing the Barry Building is the best course of action.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Seva Burmaka
sevaburmaka@gmail.com



South Brentwood Residents Association

149 South Barrington Ave. #194
Los Angeles, California 90049
www.southbrentwood.org

February 27, 2023

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

James Harris
Major Projects Section
Los Angeles City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012
E-mail: james.harris@lacity.org

Re: SUPPORT for Case No. ENV-2019-6645-EIR - Demolition of the Barry Building, 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90049

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am writing on behalf of the Board and members of the South Brentwood Residents Association ("SBRA"), which represents approximately 18,000 homeowners and renters who reside in the area south of San Vicente Blvd., north of Wilshire Blvd., east of Centinela Ave. and west of Federal Ave., including all residents living in multi-family dwellings throughout the entire Brentwood community.

SBRA is the only residents' group that represents the homeowners and renters who live adjacent to the location of the subject property, 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90049 (the "Barry Building").

The Barry Building has been vacant and fenced since 2017, and we have been apprised that is structurally unfit and likely to suffer severe damage in an earthquake. The Barry Building also poses a risk of vandalism, loitering and other public safety hazards because it is a vacant building. SBRA supports the demolition of the Barry Building to eliminate these risks and to keep the surrounding community safe.

SBRA also views the demolition of the Barry Building as a first step to constructing a thoughtful development on the property which enhances the community and is consistent with the San



Vicente Scenic Corridor Design parameters and other requirements. SBRA looks forward to commenting on a design in the future that meets these requirements, and which ideally provides the community with some much needed public meeting and green space.

Please keep us apprised of all future applications to develop this property.

Sincerely,

Alisa M. Morgenthaler

Alisa M. Morgenthaler
President
South Brentwood Residents Association

cc: Mike Ai (via e-mail)
Carolyn Jordan (via e-mail)

From: Susan Winick <susanwin@icloud.com>
Subject: safe demolition of the Barry Building
Date: March 22, 2023 at 7:54:29 PM PDT
To: james.harris@lacity.org

March 21, 2023

James Harris
Los Angeles City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012
E-mail: james.harris@lacity.org

Re: I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building

Dear LA City Planning:

I am writing to express my support for the safe demolition of the seismically unstable Barry Building located at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard. As a concerned citizen, I believe that it is important to prioritize the safety and well-being of our community, and the demolition of this unstable building is a necessary step in ensuring that safety.

As you may know, seismically unstable buildings can pose a significant risk to the safety of those who live, work, or visit the area. In the event of an earthquake or other natural disaster, these buildings can collapse or cause significant damage, putting lives at risk. It is our responsibility to take action to prevent such a disaster from occurring.

While it is understandable that some may have sentimental attachments to the building or wish to preserve its historical significance, we must prioritize safety above all else. The potential consequences of not taking action could be catastrophic, and we cannot afford to take that risk.

Therefore, I urge you to support the safe demolition of the seismically unstable building. I trust that the proper precautions will be taken to ensure that the demolition is carried out in a way that minimizes any potential risks to the surrounding area and the community at large.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Susan Winick

SC 1 - Lewis

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

☒ YES, I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90049.

☐ YES, I would like to learn more about the safe demolition of the Barry Building. Please add me to your mailing list and keep me informed.

NAME: Frederick Lewis

ADDRESS: 11908 Montana #303

CELL:

EMAIL: Frederick.Lewis@gmail.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

It's Bull... that the bldg is culturally important or historic. It is as cultural as Starbucks. It's just a vacant Bldg inhibiting something nice from being built like a hotel. The vacant lot with a boarded up bldg is an eyesore.

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SC 2 - Neiman

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KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

☒ YES, I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90049.

☐ YES, I would like to learn more about the safe demolition of the Barry Building. Please add me to your mailing list and keep me informed.

NAME: CATHERINE NEWMAN

ADDRESS: 11970 Montana AVE.
#108 - Los Angeles, CA 90049

CELL: (310) 109-1556

EMAIL: Cathy_Newman@yahoo.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
A Vacara Building for 6 years
Anywhere in Los Angeles is NEVER
a good thing even w/ 24/7 security
there are too many. It is inevitable
that something bad will happen
Why are we waiting for this?
Please demolish this building!

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SC 3 - Marcus

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

☒ YES, I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90049.

☐ YES, I would like to learn more about the safe demolition of the Barry Building. Please add me to your mailing list and keep me informed.

NAME: Barbara Marcus

ADDRESS: 517 Westgate

CELL:

EMAIL:

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
No one's going to buy it - so demo already. Put something in it's place it's time.

SC 4 - Lasseigne

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

☒ YES, I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90049.

☐ YES, I would like to learn more about the safe demolition of the Barry Building. Please add me to your mailing list and keep me informed.

NAME: Loretta Lascegne

ADDRESS: 11970 Montana Ave #207

CELL: 310 430-5522

EMAIL: LL1213X@aol.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
More along already
knock it down. It's
time to build something
new

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SC 5 - Kentros

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

☒ YES, I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90049.

☐ YES, I would like to learn more about the safe demolition of the Barry Building. Please add me to your mailing list and keep me informed.

NAME: Angeliki Kentros

ADDRESS: 11907 Garbham Ave

CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
Can't believe not taken
down already. Doesn't seem
historic-time for it to go
already

SC 6 - Illegible

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

☒ YES, I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90049.

☐ YES, I would like to learn more about the safe demolition of the Barry Building. Please add me to your mailing list and keep me informed.

NAME: AH M [Signature]

ADDRESS:

CELL:

EMAIL:

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

it's unsafe

Time to go

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SC 7 - Arredondo

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

☒ YES, I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90049.

☐ YES, I would like to learn more about the safe demolition of the Barry Building. Please add me to your mailing list and keep me informed.

NAME: Claudia Arredondo
 ADDRESS: 11911 Gorkham Ave.
 CELL: 310.447-5192
 EMAIL: claudiaarredondo@aol.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Better to be safe
and taken down

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SC 8 - Jenson

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

☒ YES, I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90049.

☐ YES, I would like to learn more about the safe demolition of the Barry Building. Please add me to your mailing list and keep me informed.

NAME: Brian Jenson
 ADDRESS: 11920 Montana Ave. #5
LA CA 90049
 CELL: 310.615-3184
 EMAIL: BJJ@WLA@TWC.COM

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

I'd like to see a new
project go in there.

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SC 9 - Russell

Radick Realty

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

☒ YES, I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90049.

☐ YES, I would like to learn more about the safe demolition of the Barry Building. Please add me to your mailing list and keep me informed.

NAME: Aime Russell
 ADDRESS: 11940 San Vicente Blvd
Suite 100 90049
 CELL: 773-647-9723
 EMAIL: Aime.Russell@radick.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

SC 10 - Jordan

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

☒ YES, I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90049.

☐ YES, I would like to learn more about the safe demolition of the Barry Building. Please add me to your mailing list and keep me informed.

NAME: Ashley Jordan
 ADDRESS: 11933 Gorkham Ave
Apt 8 LA CA 90049
 CELL: 310.715.9434
 EMAIL: Ashlee.flower@cloud.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

I thank you

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SC 11 - Wright

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

☒ YES, I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90049.

☒ YES, I would like to learn more about the safe demolition of the Barry Building. Please add me to your mailing list and keep me informed.

NAME: Mark Wright
 ADDRESS: 11927 Gorkham Ave
Apt 301 LA CA 90049
 CELL:
 EMAIL: magnetictrumpets@gmail

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Please demolish this building
It serves no purpose, is dangerous
and of value to the community.
- Also if they build something else
there needs to be proper
parking & turning lanes.

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SC 12 - Silver

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

☒ YES, I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90049.

☐ YES, I would like to learn more about the safe demolition of the Barry Building. Please add me to your mailing list and keep me informed.

NAME: Lee Silver
 ADDRESS: 416 Westgate
 CELL:
 EMAIL: LSilver@ucla.edu

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Demolish because they
can't preserve
(lived here over 40 years)

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SC 13 - Moriarty

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

☒ YES, I support the safe demolition of the Barry Building at 11973-11975 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90049.

☐ YES, I would like to learn more about the safe demolition of the Barry Building. Please add me to your mailing list and keep me informed.

NAME: Mark Moriarty

ADDRESS: 11972 Montana Ave #214

CELL: N/A

EMAIL: N/A

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
Building is not historic & lost
use. Designation seems marginal
Property won't permit if retrofit
Since has staircases & use them
in new build

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SC 14 - Tong

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

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NAME: Bill Tong

ADDRESS: 11970 Montana Ave

CELL: (310) 501-7273

EMAIL: cmstong@gmail.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
Exposure - Demolish and
Rebuild

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SC 15 - Winick

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NAME: Susan Winick

ADDRESS: 11902 Graham #3

CELL: 310 920 9745

EMAIL: sswinick@icloud.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
It needs to come down if
it is not retrofitted for
safety reasons

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SC 16 - Weitzen

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NAME: d weitzen

ADDRESS: 7000 Ventura

CELL: 818 663 9979

EMAIL:

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
Support for safety

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SC 17 - Kruckenberg

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NAME: Deldre Kruckenberg

ADDRESS: 11927 Graham Ave
#103

CELL: 650-689-7100

EMAIL: deekruckenberge@gmail

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
If unused/unsafe and can't be
retrofitted then demo

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SC 18 - Sandoghdar

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NAME: Hamed Sandoghdar

ADDRESS: 11976 Montana Ave #211
Los Angeles, CA 90049

CELL: 310 890 4341

EMAIL: Hamed269@yahoo.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
I think the building should
be demolished

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SC 19 - Berchik

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NAME: IRINA BERCHIK
ADDRESS: 11927 Gorham Ave
CELL:
EMAIL: berchik@cool.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
get rid of that thing

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SC 20 - Zim

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NAME: Irwin Zim
ADDRESS: 11911 Gorham Ave #1
CELL: N/A
EMAIL: N/A

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
knows all about issue - talked to me outside over his gate - feels if Murgan not going to retrofit then demolish it already.

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SC 21 - Mitchell

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NAME: Jaron Mitchell
ADDRESS: 11908 San Vicente Blvd
Los Angeles, CA
CELL: Jaron M P Alfred 1a
EMAIL: jaronm@alfred1a

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

SC 22 - Chapman

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NAME: Karen Chapman
ADDRESS: 11929 Soltair Ln
LA CA 90019
CELL:
EMAIL: Karenbenjamin@vocal@gmail.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
Not worth the hassle. I'd like to see something better

SC 23 - Papadopoulos

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NAME: Krysti Papadopoulos
ADDRESS: 11939 Gorham #103
CELL:
EMAIL:

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
Whatever brings the building safe or demolish

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SC 24 - Wood

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NAME: Logan Wood
ADDRESS: 11927 Gorham Ave
Unit 102
CELL: 503-806-0816
EMAIL: lwood197@gmail.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
Time to go w/attachment

SC 25 - Rai

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NAME: Manpreet Rai
ADDRESS: 11920 Montana Ave
Apt 202 LA CA
CELL: 92951 7227
EMAIL: beautify@hotmail.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
no issues to building
being demolished

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SC 26 - Maradiaga

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NAME: MANUEL MARADIAGA
ADDRESS: 110907 CORHAM
AVE 90049
CELL: 310 299-0370
EMAIL: MANUEL.MARADIAGA@GMAIL.COM

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
NO COMMENTS Not opposed
to demolition

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SC 27 - Mendoza

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NAME: MARC MENDOZA
ADDRESS: 11911 SAN VICENTE
CELL: 310 299-0370
EMAIL: MARC.MENDOZA@GMAIL.COM

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
the structure is unsafe it is old and
needs to be removed

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SC 28 - Lewis

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NAME: MICHAEL LEWIS
ADDRESS: 9337 S. WESTGATE
PL
CELL: 310-435-1260
EMAIL: MLEWIS67@YAHOO.COM

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

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SC 29 - ODonnell

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NAME: M. O'DONNELL
ADDRESS: 11920 MONTANA AV #1
LA
CELL: 650 207 3354
EMAIL: M.O.DONNELL@GMAIL.COM

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

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SC 30 - Lechasseur

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NAME: MICHAEL LECHASSEUR
ADDRESS: 11920 MONTANA AVE
305
CELL: 310 299-0370
EMAIL: LECHASSEUR.MICHAEL@GMAIL.COM

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
Yes I am ready

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SC 31 - Younan

Vicki Louge

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NAME: Nathan Younan

ADDRESS: 11458 San Vicente Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

CELL: (760) 889-5002

EMAIL: NathanYounan@gmail.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

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SC 32 - Betziy

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NAME: Noah Betziy

ADDRESS: 11459 Gichen Ave
LA 90049

CELL: 310 774 1316

EMAIL:

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

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SC 33 - Couling

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NAME: PATRICIA COULING

ADDRESS: 11907 GOWMAN AVE #11
LA, CA 90049

CELL:

EMAIL: PCOULING@ELL@GMAIL.COM

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

I NEVER NOTICED THE BUILDING
BUT WOULD SUPPORT SITE
DEMOLITION.

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SC 34 - German

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NAME: PERRY GERMAN

ADDRESS: 537 So. Glendale Ave
LA, CA 90049

CELL:

EMAIL:

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

But not so it.

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SC 35 - Alexander

Hill Salim

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NAME: Scott Alexander

ADDRESS: 11952 San Vicente Blvd

CELL:

EMAIL: SACD@AOL.COM

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

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SC 36 - Csoke

Azellia Salom owner

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NAME: Stefanie Csoke

ADDRESS: 11963 San Vicente Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90049

CELL: 310-626-7761

EMAIL: stefaniecsoke@yahoo.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Concerned about the dust and
debris that will come flying toward
my business that I am also
concerned about the traffic and parking
with the trucks and construction for
demolition and future development.

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SC 37 - Johnson

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NAME: Stalin Johnson
 ADDRESS: 11973 North Ave
LA CA 90049
 CELL: 310-467-6786
 EMAIL: SS213@hotmail.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Needs to be developed +
BLAT cut to BLAT should
be put fully in ownership

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SC 38 - Douglas

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NAME: Shirley Douglas
 ADDRESS: 443 La Brea
LA 90049
 CELL: 310-710-7682
 EMAIL: Shirley.douglas@gmail.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

I support the demo.
etc

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SC 39 - Burmaka

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NAME: Vsevolod Burmaka
 ADDRESS: 11977 Northern Ave #5
Los Angeles CA 90049
 CELL: 214-467-1708
 EMAIL: vsevolod.burmaka@gmail.com

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

I have no connection to
the building.
Safety first

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