

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

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