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Subject: URGENT: Support Preservation of the Barry Building, City Council File 25-1518 (Item #14 on the March 6 Agenda)

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Dear Councilmember Park,

I am a three-generation Angeleno from the west side, and I care deeply about historic architecture and preservation.

The Barry Building is HCM #887. It has been nearly 20 years that the community has been fighting to save this architectural treasure.

Thank you for seconding the motion to reconsider so that this item receives the full attention it deserves.

The City must honor its own landmark designations and protect this Mid-Century Modern treasure. Destroying this HCM would set a dangerous precedent citywide.

Like you, we believe in procedural fairness, including the public testimony at the PLUM meeting of February 24th, which was marred by a lack of quorum. We know that this Friday is the chance for the Council to get it right.

I am among many who are urging the Council to Grant the Appeal this Friday.

Thank you.

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Subject: PLEASE SAVE The Barry Building..HCM #887!

Dear Councilmembers Park, Harris-Dawson,

We were so happy that the Barry Building, HCM #887 may have been given another chance.

HCMs are our city's Historic Resources and procedures have been followed with Cultural Heritage Commission to be nominated, and then designated Historic Cultural Monuments, and PROTECTED.

But what has been happening way too often, is developers not interested in preserving our city's history, come along, border these buildings up, shut them down, and allow them to rot, so they then can use the only way to get rid of HCMs 'Demo By Neglect' loophole to destroy them.

This has been going on way too much.

In Hollywood for instance...

The beautiful Pacific Warner Theatre, HCM..

LAHTF and their architect visited our NC meeting and excitedly shared their vision/plans for that theatre.

They had meetings with the then CD13 councilmember, presenting their proposals/plans to make it into another live legit theatre like The Pantages, only to finally be rejected by the then CD13 councilmember, and on the heels of that, it then was boarded up as LAHTF sadly announced..

'Talks with the councilmember broke down'

He did not want to save it.

And that beautiful theatre, designed by a highly respected designer/ architect whose famous Broadway Theatre will most likely never be destroyed, has now been boarded up for years, left sitting there deteriorating before our eyes, as are some of the other beautiful landmark buildings along the historic part of Hollywood Blvd., potentially waiting for their demise.

With bordered up, graffitied, neglected and disintegrating, what once were beautiful buildings along there, is it any wonder that The Hollywood Walk of Fame recently was designated..

"The Worst Tourist Attraction in the World"?

Other cities incorporate landmark buildings into new projects.

Why can't this city require that of these supposedly protected historic resources.. Historic Cultural Monuments of our city?

KFI radio had the appellants, 'Angelenos for Historic Preservation' and other preservationists on their show the other day explaining all that went on with this HCM at the PLUM committee meeting, and the show covered alot about what's been going on in our city with Historic Preservation, and it's pretty troubling.

Here are some of the articles that came out about this...

<https://www.citywatchla.com/los-angeles/32352-plum-coffee-confidentiality-and-the-rubber-stamp>

Don't Demolish the landmarked Barry Building for Nothing

Esotouric's Secret Los Angeles

<https://esotouric.substack.com/p/barrybuilding>

Please support saving our city's treasured Historic Resources and support the 'Angelenos for Historic Preservation' appeal.

Thank you for your attention..

Jim and Ruth Ann Geoghan
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Subject: URGENT: Support Preservation of the Barry Building, City Council File 25-1518 (Item #14 on the March 6 Agenda)
Please preserve and restore the Barry Building in Brentwood. It is an important architectural structure, do not destroy it.
Thank you,
Lesley Bracker

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Subject: URGENT: Support Preservation of the Barry Building, City Council File 25-1518 (Item #14 on the March 6 Agenda)
Dear Councilmember Park,

Thank you for seconding the motion to reconsider the decision regarding the Barry Building. I truly appreciate your willingness to ensure that this issue receives the full attention it deserves.

I am writing because it is difficult to understand how our city can rally to save something like the The Brady Bunch house, while allowing a remarkable Mid-Century building like the Barry Building to be threatened with demolition. This building is not only architecturally significant, it is part of the cultural and visual fabric of Los Angeles. It carries history, character, and a sense of place that cannot be replicated once it is gone.

It's my understanding that the public testimony at the February 24 PLUM meeting was unfortunately marred by a lack of quorum. Many people took the time to speak and participate, yet the process did not unfold in the way it should have. This Friday presents an opportunity for the Council to ensure procedural fairness and to give the matter the thoughtful consideration it deserves.

The Barry Building is officially designated as Historic-Cultural Monument #887. That designation should mean something. If the City does not honor its own landmark protections, it risks undermining the entire preservation framework that safeguards important architecture throughout Los Angeles. Allowing the destruction of a designated HCM, especially one that represents such an important chapter of Mid-Century Modern design, would set a deeply troubling precedent across the city.

Los Angeles has always been defined by its architectural diversity and history. Buildings like the Barry Building contribute enormously to the character of our neighborhoods and the identity of the city itself. By saving the Barry Building, we are building on Los Angeles's incredible architectural legacy.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Council to grant the appeal this Friday and protect this important landmark.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Newberg

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Subject: Save the Barry Building

Dear Los Angeles City Council Members,

This Friday March 6 is the final day to save the Barry Building, a landmark example of California style mid-century Modern architecture designed by Milton Caughy and completed in 1951. This building was listed as a historical-cultural monument in 2007 and is one of the few examples of California architecture to receive such status. Los Angeles has many qualities that define its' character of place which is a boon to residents and tourist alike. Architecture of one of the best cultural examples to endure over time, if you stop the demolition plans for the Barry Building.

Kind regards,
Judy Ledgerwood

Judy Ledgerwood

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