

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alex  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Alex Kanegawa, and I am a long time member of the Little Tokyo and DTLA community. I grew up in Los Angeles, as have the last five generations of my family. I am writing to you because the Cold Storage project is a reckless and unnecessary development that will only serve to deepen the affordability crisis in the area. At its current scale, this project isn't doing nearly enough to provide truly affordable housing, address mitigations during construction, and protect the long-term sustainability of the community it claims to be contributing towards. I urge the Planning and Land Use Management Committee to grant LTCC's appeal, overturn the City Planning Commission's approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 82974-CN-HCA, and deny all other related entitlements and approvals. Our community urges, as it has continued to urge the Developer since March 2022, that the Planning and Land Use Management Committee require that the Project is developed consistent with DTLA 2040 and with meaningful community engagement, reflecting the true needs of the community members who will be most impacted by the Project.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ann Burroughs

**Date Submitted:** 05/09/2026 07:27 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We submit this letter to support the Little Tokyo Community Council's ("LTCC") appeal of the City Planning Commission's approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 82974-CN-HCA, and request the Planning and Land Use Management Committee deny all other requested entitlements and approvals for the proposed Fourth and Central ("Cold Storage") Project ("the Project"). We also express strong support for LTCC's comprehensive community comment letter.

RE: 500 South Central Ave (364-448 and 425-433 South Central Avenue; 715 and 730 East 4th Street) aka the Fourth and Central Project

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo. The mission of the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) is to promote understanding and appreciation of America's ethnic and cultural diversity by sharing the Japanese American experience. As the national repository of Japanese American history, JANM creates groundbreaking historical and arts exhibitions, educational public programs, award-winning documentaries, and innovative curriculum that illuminate the stories and the rich cultural heritage of people of Japanese ancestry in the United States. JANM also speaks out when diversity, individual dignity and social justice are undermined, vigilantly sharing the hard-fought lessons accrued from this history. Our underlying purpose is to transform lives, create a more just America and, ultimately, a better world.

JANM is also a partner of the Sustainable Little Tokyo coalition, which stewards a community developed vision of Little Tokyo that takes into account the cultural, financial, and environmental future of the neighborhood.

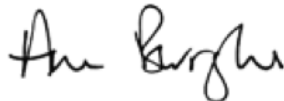
As such, we are dedicated to Little Tokyo and the preservation and protection of the neighborhood's history and future. We were a key partner in getting Little Tokyo designated on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2024 list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. This acknowledges that Little Tokyo is at risk of disappearing if clear actions are not taken to protect its economic interests and cultural legacy.

We support ongoing development in the neighborhood that addresses the needs of the community, such as the Go For Broke Plaza & First Street North Residences, which will create 248 affordable units of housing for veterans and unhoused people living with HIV/AIDS.

In contrast, this proposed project at 4th/Central Cold Storage does not serve the needs of the community. We agree with other community institutions, like Little Tokyo Community Council, who are highlighting how the project lacks adequate accessible housing, truly public space, and community protections and are concerned that such a large project will lead to the erasure of Little Tokyo.

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Sincerely,



Ann Burroughs

*President & CEO*

Japanese American National Museum