

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to approve the Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) nomination for the Morris Kight Residence. Morris Kight (1919-2003) is considered one of the founding fathers of the American LGBTQ civil rights movement. Kight spearheaded a number of gay rights organizations including the creation of the Gay Community Services Center, which today is known as the Los Angeles LGBT Center. Though little is known about his Los Angeles residence, this modest Craftsman home in the Westlake neighborhood—a hub of LGBTQ social activity in the twentieth century—helped form the backdrop to his work as activist and gay rights pioneer. In Los Angeles, we have historically erased our own history by allowing historic sites like this one to be demolished. This is an important opportunity to preserve a piece of L.A. history and cultural heritage.