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To the Plum Committee:

My name is Jill Youngs Hanson.
I represent Greater Toluca Lake
Neighborhood Council.

We strongly support the preservation
of the Birdhouse Apartments
of Buffalo Avenue —

However we are anxious
over the prospect that they may
still be in peril and under threat
of demolition.

We believe destruction of the
Birdhouses would erase a significant
representation of SFTV architecture.

We also do not approve of
the proposed development which
we consider ^{an} inhumane blight on
existing neighborhood scheme.

I would dare to say - the legacy and undeniable significance of such inclusive thinking in his architectural vision, which the proposed monument represents, goes way beyond a landmark nomination.

It presents an awesome opportunity for preservation, serving as a reminder to past and future generations, that increased demand for housing the masses does NOT inevitably dictate an uninspired, bland and inhuman approach.

Providing rental units that feature the same quality and design as his single-family homes, Mellenthin's 'democratic' approach that EVERYBODY deserves living with dignity is a model worth being noted, and to be considered for modern day developments.

Unanimously voted for and recommended by the CHC, endorsed by the Los Angeles Conservancy, and supported by a large part of the community including the Toluca Lake and Greater Valley Glen Councils, I am humbled to be here today to present this nomination, and am asking for your unanimous support of the William Mellenthin Birdhouse Apartments.

THANK YOU !