

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello PLUM Committee, Please see our letter of support for the Maycrest Bungalows. Sincerely, El Sereno Historical Society



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RE: Council File number 25-0211

Dear Planning and Land Use Management Committee,

The purpose of this letter is to express the full support by the El Sereno Historical Society (ESHS) in regards to:

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MAYCREST BUNGALOW COURT

CHC-2024-3940-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2024-3941-CE in El Sereno, Council District: 14, Northeast Los Angeles

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4215-4221-1/2 North Maycrest Avenue

ESHS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working towards collecting, preserving, and sharing El Sereno's heritage and history. Although ESHS has worked in preserving local landmarks, El Sereno is underrepresented in historic preservation. There are currently no Historic-Cultural Monuments in El Sereno. In 2017, the El Sereno Berkshire-Craftsman HPOZ became the neighborhood's first HPOZ. Most recently in 2022, the El Sereno Old Farmdale School became the first to be listed on the National Register.

Bungalow courts are a significant and historic type of housing that are a model for dense, affordable housing that fosters community connection. Bungalow courts are becoming rare across the city, especially in northeast LA. Bungalows in the Tudor-Revival style are even more rare. The Maycrest Bungalows are an excellent and intact example of a bungalow court. The Maycrest Bungalow Court would be El Sereno's first Historic-Cultural Monument.

This nomination is an opportunity to recognize our community's history and culture.

Sincerely,

Jorge Garcia
President