

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a long-time Brentwood resident, I urge you to NOT give historic designation to Marilyn Monroe's former home, located at 12305 5th Helena Drive. This would create more traffic congestion, noise, safety issues and disruption to our neighborhood. Having lived one block away at 6th Helena Drive and Carmelina for over 45 years, I am aware of the house's history: 1) The house has been radically altered since Marilyn's passing in 1962. The four bedroom home no longer resembles the two bedroom bungalow that Marilyn occupied. As a result, the producers of a movie depicting Marilyn's life shot their film at a different home (located at 300 S. Carmelina Ave.) that more closely resembled Marilyn's original dwelling. 2) Throughout the years, the house has brought unwanted attention to our neighborhood. Tourists with maps in hand have flocked Carmelina, seeking out the house, which is behind a wall and is not visible to the public. 3) In the 1990s, a woman dressed as Marilyn Monroe had a locksmith change the locks at the house located at 12306 6th Helena Drive (thinking that it was Marilyn Monroe's former home) and moved in until evicted when the property owner returned from an overseas trip. I hope that you will seriously weigh the interests of the Los Angeles citizens whom you serve over fans of a deceased movie star who lacked any morality, as demonstrated by her multiple marriages and extra-marital affairs. I do not believe that the house deserves historical designation. Marilyn Monroe did not represent excellence and she only lived in the home for six months. The house is a reminder of tragedy and has negatively impacted our community. The City has granted permits to the numerous owners of Marilyn Monroe's former home over the years. Demolishing the house would bring an end to the house's fateful past and would allow the new owners their lawful right to enhance the property, which will ultimately benefit the surrounding neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration. Kathy Hampar
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