

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear PLUM Committee Members, I strongly support of the Historic Designation of the William Mellenthin Birdhouse Apartments CHC-2024-6156-HCM. I am not opposed to affordable housing projects, I do not want this cool historic home to be destroyed. Do I understand correctly your proposed building has no parking garage or space on site? I own a home nearby, parking is already a problem in the area, adding a building without adding sufficient parking is criminal. Can you please provide me with the names of the elected officials who believe it is good policy to build new residences without off-street parking so i can vote accordingly? please do not ruin my home

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Name: David Musial

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Planning and Land Use Management Committee, I am writing in support of the historic designation for the William Mellenthin Birdhouse Apartments (the “Homes”). For over two decades, I have had the wonderful pleasure of visiting the Homes many times, visiting both family and friends. From the birdhouse on the roof, to the original wood floors, to the internal pocket doors, to mail slots on people’s doors, these Homes not only demonstrate a level of character of yesteryear that people love about Los Angeles, character that we are losing to redevelopment, but these are also architectural design elements that are instrumental in creating a sense of community and help makes these homes a home. For this, I believe these Homes are an important piece of Los Angeles history that need to be preserved. Beyond architectural significance, these Homes are literally peoples’ homes. As a Los Angeles resident and an affordable housing finance professional for over 17 years, I know firsthand the demand and need for more affordable housing throughout the city. Demolishing these rent-stabilized units and exposing the tenants to current market-rate prices, at likely 2x or 3x their current rent, will only exacerbate the housing crisis we’re facing in this city while also unending the lives of current residents with significantly increased financial burden. The community that the existing residents have created has been visible whenever I have visited these Homes. The way residents say hello and look after one another; it is a sense of community that you don’t see in large cookie cutter construction these days, and it's partly due to the architectural elements of the Homes. It would be sad to see these Homes demolished, as well as the community that lives in them. I fully support the historic designation of the William Mellenthin Birdhouse Apartments. Thank you, David Musial