

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jewish Historical Society of Southern California

**Date Submitted:** 02/21/2024 02:50 PM

**Council File No:** 23-1407

**Comments for Public Posting:** Honorable Councilmembers and PLUM Committee Staff, On behalf of the Jewish Historical Society of Southern California, which works to preserve and create awareness of the rich history of the local Jewish community, I am writing about the historic B'nai B'rith Los Angeles Lodge building at 846 S. Union Avenue, Los Angeles. This building, designed by important architect S. Tilden Norton, who was himself a leading member of the Jewish community, is an architectural, cultural and historic landmark reflecting the layered history of Jewish organizational life, the labor and civil rights movements, including serving as the location where the Teamsters Union was integrated. We are grateful to the City Planning staff for refusing to grant a demolition permit, and note the absence of a plan for site that could readily incorporate and adaptively reuse this building. We urge the PLUM Committee to table any discussions of a proposed settlement between property owner Catholic Charities and the City Attorney until the agreement is made public as part of the writ of mandate proceedings, and to hold a public hearing regarding the potential demolition so that residents can participate. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Stephen J. Sass President Jewish Historical Society of Southern California

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer MikoLevine

**Date Submitted:** 02/21/2024 10:50 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Councilmembers, I care about the historic B'nai B'rith Lodge at 846 South Union Avenue, a landmark for the Jewish and Labor communities where the Teamsters Union was integrated, and thank City Planning staff for refusing to grant the demolition permit. Please table any discussions of a proposed settlement between property owner Catholic Charities and the City Attorney until the agreement is made public, and hold your discussion of potential demolition of this cultural and architectural landmark in an open forum where citizens can participate. The City owes its citizens transparency and our democracy demands no less. Thank you. Jennifer MikoLevine Eagle Rock 90041

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ann Rubin

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