

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Council file 25-0179 William Mellenthin Birdhouse Apartments "Statement of Support" To Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org Re: HCM Nomination William Mellenthin Birdhouse Apartments CHC-2024-6156-HCM Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Planning and Land Use Management Committee and Councilmember Nazarian, I am writing to express my strong support for the preservation of the historic William Mellenthin Birdhouse Apartments located at 5930 Buffalo Avenue in Valley Glen. These apartments are an essential part of our community's architectural and cultural heritage, representing the unique craftsmanship and design legacy of William Mellenthin, whose work has shaped the character of our neighborhood. The Birdhouse Apartments are a rare example of Mellenthin's signature style, blending Mid-Century design with his iconic birdhouse motif, which has become a beloved symbol of our area's history. This property stands as a testament to Los Angeles' rich architectural tapestry, reflecting the post-war development era that gave rise to some of the most distinctive residential designs in the region. Beyond their architectural significance, these apartments contribute to the charm and identity of Valley Glen. Preserving this property would not only honor Mellenthin's legacy but also protect a vital piece of local history for future generations to appreciate and learn from. The loss of this landmark would be an irreplaceable detriment to our community's unique landscape. I urge the City of Los Angeles and your office to take immediate action to designate the William Mellenthin Birdhouse Apartments as a Historic-Cultural Monument, ensuring their protection against redevelopment or demolition. By doing so, we can safeguard the integrity and historical value of Valley Glen, preserving a legacy that makes our community truly special. Thank you for considering this request and for your ongoing commitment to protecting Los Angeles' architectural heritage. Sincerely, Anthony Colla 5917 Buffalo Ave., #3 Valley Glen, CA 91401