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Deputy: Luan

LISA FANCHER PUBLIC COMMENT

Honorable Commissioners,

My name is Lisa Fancher, and I'm a member of the LA conservancy and a long-term friend of the tenants that live in the Mellenthin Apartments.

I strongly support the HCM nomination.

This Mid-Century gem appears to be the last remaining Courtyard standing, and it embodies the style and legacy of one of the San Fernando Valley's most famous architects.

Almost indistinguishable from Mellenthin's single-family homes in design and quality, it anchors the block of Buffalo Avenue between Oxnard and Califa with its wonderful communal setting, reminding us what it means to call a place 'HOME', even in a rental property context.

Destroying EXISTING affordable housing under the RSO, contained in a historically relevant monument, while tossing a community of long-term tenants out into the street does NOT seem to be the right thing to do at all.

I understand this proposed grossly out-of-scale, 5-story tower will consist of 104 units that barely measure 200 square feet each. I don't see how anyone could call units the size of men's central jail cells "apartments" - affordable housing should not look or feel like a detention center where the residents are being punished.

I hope you will find it within you to not only honor William Mellenthin's legacy, but also acknowledge the contribution these apartments make to the overall integrity of the neighborhood and its stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Lisa Fancher