

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mark Hudson

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2024 07:28 AM

**Council File No:** 23-1407

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**Name:** Judith Alban

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**Name:** Save Beverly Fairfax

**Date Submitted:** 02/19/2024 01:04 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, We are the Vice President and President of Save Beverly Fairfax, a 501(c)3 non profit corporation representing the Beverly Fairfax National Register Historic district. We ask that the honorable Councilmembers vote no on item 3 of the PLUM agenda for Tuesday February 20th, Council File: 23-1407, Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, or to table the item for further study. The public has not been informed as to what is proposed in the agreement between Catholic Charities and the City, and we are concerned that whatever resolution the City has reached may include the demolition of the B'nai B'rith Lodge/AFL Teamster Hall building at 846 S. Union Avenue, an irreplaceable historical resource. Along with its stunning Beaux Arts-style architecture, the building, like those in the Beverly Fairfax Historic District, tells the history of the Los Angeles Jewish community. In addition, it tells the history of the work of the Teamsters Union, and the struggles of African-Americans seeking to integrate the Union. We urge you to read the building's complete history in the Historic Cultural Monument application, which was prohibited by Catholic Charities from being presented to the Cultural Heritage Commission in 2022: <https://bit.ly/SaveBnaiBrithBldg>. Please vote no, and put a pause to any proposed demolition. There are ample opportunities for Catholic Charities of Los Angeles to implement adaptive reuse for their subsequent development, and we believe the public has the right to know and weigh in on any aspects of this settlement that may jeopardize this important historic resource. Sincerely, Nora Wyman, Vice President Dale Kendall, President Save Beverly Fairfax, a 501(c)3 corporation [savebeverlyfairfax.com](http://savebeverlyfairfax.com)