

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmember, Roz Wyman was an important figure in the history of Los Angeles, having been the youngest person elected to the City Council at the age of 22 in 1953. As a Councilmember she is an historic figure, known for bringing the Dodgers and Lakers to Los Angeles, being the first woman to marry and have kids while in office, and bringing the 1960 Democratic Convention to the Sport Arena and Coliseum. Roz, and her beloved husband Gene, lived in an equally historic home designed for silent film star Hobart Henley in 1933 by famed architect Paul Williams. Roz lived in the home from 1962 until her death in 2022. Prior to the Wymans, 10430 Bellagio was home to actress Lauren Bacall. Beyond its storied architecture, the home was the epicenter for Los Angeles and national Democratic politics. The Wymans hosted Presidents and First Ladies, including Bill and Hillary Clinton; Senators like Dianne Feinstein, Hubert Humphrey, Alan Cranston, Edward Kennedy, Barbara Boxer, among many others; the first woman Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Governors Pat Brown, Jerry Brown, Gray Davis; Hollywood legends like Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Janet Lee, Milton Beryl, Lew Wasserman; and sports greats like Tommy Lasorda, Vin Sculley, Don Drysdale, Walter O'Malley. Israel Prime Minister Golda Meir was also among Wyman's guests. For these and so many other reasons, Roz Wyman's residence should be designated as historic, both for its architecture and its association to a historic figure. The Bellagio home of Roz and Gene Wyman is one of Los Angeles' most historic homes and was the epicenter of some of the most consequential visitors of the 20th and early 21st Centuries. I urge the Council's unanimous support of designating this architectural gem and the home of our city's most famous woman leader - Rosalind Wiener Wyman - as historic. Sincerely, Eric Shabsis Los Angeles, CA 90064