

Communication from Public

Name: JENNY WEIGH

Date Submitted: 06/14/2024 12:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please please please make this building a historical landmark! This was the only home owned by the biggest star ever known. She loved the home so much and took her last breath there. I visited Los Angeles for the first time in 2022. It had been a life long dream to see where she lived and died. I am longing to go back to LA and I beg that this won't be the only time I could be close to Marilyn's home! Please take in to account the love that we all have for Marilyn. This must be kept! Please please please save 12305 fifth Helena drive. Thank you in advance Jenny weigh 2 Knowles farm close Roby mill WN8 0PJ England

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Name: Vesper North

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Comments for Public Posting: Marilyn Monroe is not only a significant figure in Hollywood, but the world. Her presence in the zeitgeist of pop culture is unparalleled and continues to grow across generations. The owners argue that there is nothing left of Marilyn in this home but they are incorrect on two counts. First, their claims rests on tangible things such as paint and carpet being changed, but the foundation, the structure remains. This became the first and only home to be owned by Marilyn, bearing more significance than other residence she had in her lifetime. Second, the memory of Marilyn is fused with this property; this property is where she both lived and died. People continue to celebrate and mourn Marilyn. Her indelible impact comes from her work as an artist and as a person. Though she is known for her iconic look and films such as “Some Like It Hot” and “Gentleman Prefer Blondes”, she was a foster child, survivor of assault, civil rights supporter, and businesswoman. As I am limited on characters in this response, I’ll refrain from getting into the complete history, but the reason I state her wealth of character is because it’s crucial to know she is not some mere actress. She means a great deal to scores of people for a multitude of reasons, which I urge you to consider. I believe that moves to protect Marilyn’s home would have been made sooner, but I don’t think anyone believed someone would seek to tear down a piece of Los Angeles history for mere profit. Protests from the current owners chalks up financial gain and demonstrates a disregard for what is a historical landmark. Buildings are a way to protect our culture through memory. They are anthropological artifacts that inform future generations and allow us to bear witness to what was. We know who Marilyn Monroe was but have few opportunities left to witness pieces of her life—especially publicly. 12305 Fifth Helena Dr is evidence of Marilyn’s life, a corporeal reminder of someone so beloved to Los Angeles and beyond. Though Marylin only lived at 12395 Fifth Helena Dr for several months, it has become a monument in our collective memory to due to its eternal ties to the legend herself. Marilyn’s Brentwood estate is where we lost her and, in preserving it, we have an opportunity to save her.

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Name: Didier Dujon

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Comments for Public Posting: Marilyn's house must be classified as an historical monument. I'm french and i can't understand her house can be démolish. No..... please no....

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Name: Justine Simpson
Date Submitted: 06/14/2024 01:27 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: As a marilyn fan since the age of 12 (now 54) anything related to marilyn is important. It was only in 2017 that I visited 12305 fifth helena drive for the 1st time. In all the years I have travelled to Los Angeles from England I never wished to go as knowing it was where she died scared me, but when I went I was overwhelmed it made me realise how important this place was. It should be saved its a beautiful house and important part of los angeles. We are all to good at tearing down old buildings and rebuild some modern building that does not fit in with the buildings of that area do not let this be one of them Thank you justine

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Name: Moe Henderson

Date Submitted: 06/14/2024 02:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Moe, I live in the UK. I have never been lucky enough to visit the home of Marilyn. Having said that, I feel strongly that this home must be treated as an important part of the history of Marilyn Monroe. She is one of, if not the most recognisable movie stars from that era right up to the present day. Although there have been many changes over the years to her home, there are still important features that should be protected for the future. I hope to one day be blessed with the opportunity to see this home where one of the most influential women of our time called her home. I'm hoping for the best news. Thank you for taking the time to read this. M. Henderson.

Communication from Public

Name: Tamela DAmico

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Esteemed City Council Members, I am writing to express my strong support for designating the Marilyn Monroe Residence in Brentwood as a Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM). This 1929 Spanish Hacienda-style house holds significant cultural and historical value, as it was the first home Marilyn Monroe purchased for herself during her illustrious career in 1962. As you convene to cast your final vote on this significant matter, I urge you to consider the profound cultural and historical value of preserving Marilyn Monroe's former home. This residence is not just a building; it is a symbol of Hollywood's golden era and a testament to Marilyn Monroe's enduring legacy. Monroe, an iconic figure in American cinema and culture, made this house her sanctuary—the first and only home she independently owned and cherished. It stands as a poignant reminder of her remarkable journey and the indelible impact she left on the world. Everywhere you look in Los Angeles, you can see the influence of Marilyn Monroe's legacy. From Hollywood to fashion, her impact is undeniable. Given how much she has inspired the city, it is only fitting that we preserve the actual place she called home. Demolishing this home would mean erasing a vital piece of Los Angeles' heritage. Instead, preserving it would honor the memory of a beloved cultural icon and provide future generations with a tangible connection to our city's storied past. The preservation of Monroe's residence aligns with our commitment to celebrating and safeguarding our rich history. In light of the current owners' legal actions to demolish the house, I implore the City Council to stand firm in its duty to protect our cultural landmarks. The designation of the Marilyn Monroe Residence as an HCM would not only prevent the loss of this irreplaceable asset but also reinforce Los Angeles' reputation as a city that values and preserves its historical and cultural identity. Your vote to secure permanent protections for Monroe's former home is a vote for history, culture, and the legacy of one of the most influential figures of the 20th century. Let us honor Marilyn Monroe's memory by preserving the home that she once called her own. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued efforts in historic preservation. Sincerely, Tamela D'Amico