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To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org, Mitch O'Farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, Craig Bullock <craig.bullock@lacity.org>

Dear PLUM Committee and Councilman O'Farrell,

As Los Angeles historians and tour guides, who for the past 15 years have guided tens of thousands of Angelenos and visitors on excursions through historic neighborhoods and legacy businesses, we urge you to accept the landmark designation for Taix French Restaurant without restrictions.

Although the present owner of the business claims to be unable to make a profit from his home in Utah, there are many entrepreneurs who believe that Taix has enormous potential--as a thriving restaurant, bar, and event venue, with plenty of room to develop the property without demolishing the beloved and historic building.

Landmarking Taix does not prevent the business from growing and evolving. It simply recognizes that after 94 years of good will and good service, a business becomes something more than brick and plaster. There is room to build up while preserving Taix as a building and as a business--it just requires more imagination than it would to knock Taix down and start from scratch.

The community is counting on you to share our faith in Taix and in the creativity of the architect, developer and business owner. Landmark Taix without restrictions.

sincerely yours,
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To: Mitch O'Farrell and members of LA's PLUM Committee/VIA EMAIL

Re: Taix French Restaurant historic designation

As a customer of Taix French Restaurant for the past 40 years and an Echo Park resident, I urge the committee to follow the lead of the Cultural Heritage Commission and assign historic status to Taix French Restaurant, a beloved and important Echo Park cultural institution and landmark.

The building should be recognized and preserved as it is among the last of its kind in Los Angeles and has welcomed Angelenos from all walks of life for the past 70 years in this location and another 20+ years in its original location. It was an important local legacy business prior to the pandemic shutdown. Both of my children (now ages 31 and 27) had their first restaurant experience at Taix: I took them there for lunch in their car seats when they were only weeks old. We sat in a comfy booth and were welcomed by my favorite waiter, Bernard. Priceless memories. Years later when they became adults, my sons have also become dedicated Taix customers—I'm sure many others share these generational experiences.

The neon sign out front is a local landmark and should be recognized and designated historic along with the clinker brick front facade.

Let's not bulldoze all of LA's historic commercial architecture and low-rise streetscapes. Developers and their architects should be encouraged to save culturally important sites rather than incentivized to demolish them.

Thank you.

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