

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in support of Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of the Chili Bowl restaurant at 12244 West Pico Blvd. It is one of the last and most intact examples of the Chili Bowl franchise. It should be protected and retained, and sensitively incorporated as part of any new proposed development. It is one of the oldest and most intact examples of programmatic architecture in the city. It is one of only five remaining former Chili Bowl structures, which previously numbered 18 locations throughout Los Angeles County at the chain's height. SurveyLA identified this location as eligible for designation in the National Register, California Register, and as a Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument. Furthermore as a Palms Neighborhood Council Board Member, and an architect myself, I feel a personal responsibility to protect our historic buildings for future generations here on the West Side. We are losing far too many to development, and once these historic resources are demolished they are gone for good. I believe historic preservation is a social justice issue and that it is important for future generations to have these examples of LA's colorful history.