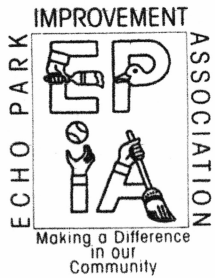


Communication from Public

Name: Echo Park Improvement Association (EPIA)
Date Submitted: 04/28/2021 03:26 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable PLUM Committee Members: We thought the attached letter sent to the Cultural Heritage Commission earlier might be relevant to your deliberations on this matter. Thank you for your consideration. Andrew Garsten President, EPIA



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Cultural Heritage Commission
Office of Historic Resources, City Planning Department
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Attention: Melissa Jones
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Re: Taix Restaurant Historic Cultural Nomination, 1911 Sunset Blvd., LA 90026

Honorable Commissioners:

The Echo Park Improvement Association (EPIA) respectfully recommends that the historic status for Taix Restaurant be approved on the cultural value of the business and not the building.

Our community treasures Taix for the fabulous food, the old-world atmosphere, the so many personal memories and of course the Taix family that moved the original restaurant to Echo Park in the 1960's, now represented by owner Mike Taix who has been a great friend and supporter of the Echo Park community for many, many years.

We concluded that the building should not be landmarked when we asked ourselves, "If Taix Restaurant moved to a new location, and a new restaurant moved into the space and remodeled the exterior to suit its needs, would we object?" And the answer was no. Furthermore, we would not object if at its new location, Taix did not recreate the Disneylandesque façade that marks the current building. We do not believe that there is anything substantial or historic about the architectural elements of the building exterior itself. In terms of the interior, most of what is valued has been done by Mike over the last 20 years or so. We know that notable elements have been identified and there are efforts and plans to move these into a new Taix if at all possible or recreate them just as Mike has recently done.

What we care about is the business. The physical building getting a "Historic" status puts a more onerous CEQA standard on the property redevelopment, lengthening timelines unpredictably and putting the continuation of the business of Taix Restaurant at significantly risk.

In the name of preserving what is of paramount cultural importance to the City of Los Angeles, we urge you to support the historic status of the of Taix Restaurant business, not the property.

Thank you for your consideration:

Andrew Garsten
EPIA President
Cc: City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, CD13