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Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 9:10 AM

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Date: Wed, 2 Jun 2021 12:22:27 -0700
Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Fwd: Save TAIX

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From: **Betty Goodwin** <aka.goodwin@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 2, 2021 at 12:18 PM
Subject: Save TAIX
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Dear Council Member,

Please save Taix to preserve part of L.A.'s rich cultural history. Two signs and a counter is NOT ENOUGH.

Sincerely,

Betty Klevan

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From: **Ray Wu** <rwu@lucasfilm.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 2, 2021 at 11:02 AM
Subject: Voter Opposition To Taix HCM Nomination
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I am a resident of Los Angeles and I strongly oppose the amended Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) nomination for the Taix French Restaurant.

There is no debate; Taix is a historic resource. The City identified Taix as an eligible historic place through its SurveyLA program, as did Holland Partner Group, the developer, through a study it commissioned.

By designating only fragments of Taix French Restaurant, the City is completely disregarding the demolition of the historic building and allowing the developer to circumvent environmental laws. The developers would even be able to use a streamlined process to get the project built.

This will not only affect Taix but it undermines LA's Cultural Heritage Commission and the city's 60 year old preservation program.

I have discussed this at length with various organizations, their memberships and voters in LA and this would be a very unpopular measure if passed.

Raymond Wu | VP, Business Affairs & Legal Counsel | Lucasfilm Ltd. LLC | Tel: 415-623-1777 | rwu@lucasfilm.com

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From: 'Roboteye99@aol.com' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>
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Please count me in as one of the many disappointed citizens making note of this currently warped approach to the historic cultural preservation opportunity for TAIX.

Let's please not re-write the guidelines to benefit specific interests.

Stop the snowball.

Thank You,

Craig Roose
 323-547-6772

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From: **Lindsay Mulcahy** <lymulcahy@gmail.com>
 Date: Wed, Jun 2, 2021 at 9:57 AM
 Subject: Protect the HCM program / Reject the Taix Recommendation
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Dear Councilmember O'Farrell and City Council members,

As a resident of CD13 and a preservation advocate, I am seriously concerned about the recent proposal to only designate three salvaged parts of the restaurant and community place that is Taix. These parts, stripped from their structure and context, are unable to convey their significance. This action undermines the City's Historic-Cultural Monument program and significantly affects the future of preservation in Los Angeles.

I urge you to revert to the CHC's recommendation or withdraw the HCM nomination.

Thank you,
Lindsay Mulcahy
CD13 resident

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From: Tomm Wells <tommwells@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 2, 2021 at 8:46 AM
Subject: Taix Restaurant Site
To: Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org <Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org>, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, contactCD4@lacity.org <contactCD4@lacity.org>, paul.koretz@lacity.org <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org <councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org>, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, councilmember.price@lacity.org <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org <councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org>, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org <councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, craig.bullock@lacity.org <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, CityClerk@lacity.org <CityClerk@lacity.org>, afine@laconservancy.org <afine@laconservancy.org>

Taix is a historic resource. The City identified Taix as an eligible historic place through its SurveyLA program, as did Holland Partner Group, the developer, through a study it commissioned.

Please vote to KEEP this historic and loved building.

Tomm Wells

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From: John Quanquin <jlquin2002@hotmail.com>
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Preserve Taix as a Historical Monument, the restaurant should not be demolished.

John Quanquin

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From: Lilly Shoup <lilly.shoup@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 2, 2021 at 8:13 AM

Subject: Please vote YES on the Taix HCM amendment

To: <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, <Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org>, <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, <contactCD4@lacity.org>, <councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org>, <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org>, <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>, <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>, <afine@laconservancy.org>

To the esteemed Councilmembers,

This building is not historic and designating it so will not bring Taix back. Please approve this building so we can have more housing in LA.

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Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Fwd: Opposition to PLUM committee's recommendation and modified HCM for Taix!

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From: Rita Cofield <cofieldrita@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 2, 2021 at 8:06 AM

Subject: Opposition to PLUM committee's recommendation and modified HCM for Taix!

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Honorable City Council Members,

I reject and vehemently oppose the PLUM committee's recommendation and modified Historic-Cultural Monument for Taix. Architectural salvage - saving two signs and a bar top - is not preservation or adaptive reuse!

Please allow the recommendations of the Cultural Heritage Commission - stewards of our city's historic and cultural resources - which has recommended that the entire parcel be nominated, to play out. This recommendation from PLUM as it stands will not only undermine the purpose and intention of the Historic-Cultural Monument program but it will set a precedent for the future of historic resources and especially those that are not architecturally significant, reducing it to "two signs and a bar top," which is not preservation. Allowing the recommendation from PLUM to move forward will also allow the Taix project to bypass an environmental review that has been established to pursue alternatives to demolition and has saved many significant structures in our community like the Cinerama Dome.

In my district, CD 15, a developer offered to save the legacy of the Mafundi Building in Watts by only saving the Mafundi mural with his housing proposal for the site. This would have been a fragment of the history of the Mafundi Building. Alone, the mural could not adequately give us a sense of the history of the Mafundi Institute that made the building significant. So far, the Mafundi Building and its mural are safe but if PLUM's recommendation is passed, the Mafundi Building and other resources could fall prey to this twisted concept of designation, leaving walls and bar tops to tell the full story of significant places.

The conversation must be allowed to continue and the City must not take short-cuts to the nomination process by creating a new way of looking at historic resources. It feels as if the City of Los Angeles makes great strides in honoring the culture of its citizens but at the same time corrupts the process so that communities are shortchanged in the end.

Do not allow PLUM to circumvent the preservation process by changing the meaning of a Historic-Cultural Monument using Taix. Let's continue the conversation and find another way to save a BUILDING, a community's CULTURE, and THE FUTURE OF THE HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT PROGRAM!

Thank you,
Concerned Citizen and Preservationist,
~Rita Cofield

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From: helen.pencraft@gmail.com <helen.pencraft@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 11:45 PM

Subject: Council File: 21-0119 Save and Preserve the Taix French Restaurant on Sunset Boulevard

To: <Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org>, <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, <contactCD4@lacity.org>, <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, <councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org>, <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org>, <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>, <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>, <afine@laconservancy.org>

Dear Council Members and City Planners of Los Angeles:

Please save and preserve the Taix French restaurant on Sunset Boulevard. This special and unique legacy business has operated in Los Angeles for almost 100 years, with 59 of those years at its current location on Sunset Boulevard. I do not understand how developers and city council members can choose to diminish a part of Los Angeles culture and history when there are options available to build housing on the lot without destroying the Taix restaurant. Preserving the legacy business and its building will be a valuable asset to the new development. Who in Los Angeles would not love to live walking distance to a historically landmarked restaurant that has been part of Los Angeles culture for almost 100 years? Saving the Taix restaurant will benefit everyone. Please choose the win-win solution of saving and preserving the Taix restaurant and using the available undeveloped space to build the new housing.

Thank you for your time and opportunity to voice my concerns.

Sincerely,

Helen Chtourou

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From: Jesse Sanford <88jsanford88@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 2, 2021 at 7:26 AM

Subject: 21-0119 / CHC-2020-5524-HCM (Taix French Restaurant)

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Hello,

I am writing to you today to voice my support for a more robust Historic-Cultural Monument designation for the Taix restaurant. I strongly oppose this nomination AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN, as it sets a dangerous precedent for other monuments and the entire designation process. I believe the City Council should rescind the amendment and revert the nomination to the CHC's ORIGINAL recommendation.

Please:

- Oppose and reject the PLUM committee's amended recommendation and modified Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) nomination that now limits the scope to two signs and a bar top, not the historic Taix building.
- Pursue preservation alternatives that can achieve a "win-win" outcome, incorporating new housing construction with the existing Taix building, maintaining its eligibility as a historic resource. There are viable options available for achieving both housing and preservation goals.
- Conduct an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). I strongly believe there will be a significant impact resulting from the proposed project and the demolition of the Taix building by the Holland Partner Group. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is necessary to fully assess impacts and provide potential preservation alternatives.

In conclusion, I urge this Council to advocate for a preservation-based project and historic-cultural monument status that incorporates the Taix building and maintains its eligibility as a historic resource.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jesse

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From: Keller Wortham <kellerwortham@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 9:17 PM

Subject: TAIX: PLEASE OPPOSE The REDESIGNATION OF THIS LANDMARK

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Dear Councilmembers and others who are concerned,

I was very angered to hear about the changes being proposed to Taix's Historic Cultural monument designation. To disregard the findings of SurveyLA and Hollard Partner Group, and decide to favor demolishing this historic restaurant, while saving only a few signs and a bartop is an absolute disgrace to our city and the cultural monuments we are striving to protect.

We need to continue to save, restore, and incorporate the beautiful and historic properties of Los Angeles--properties that have not only history, but character. I have already seen way too many charming buildings and neighborhoods be demolished and replaced by ugly, soulless buildings with neither history nor aesthetic appeal. I have loved dining in and visiting TAIX throughout my 18 years in L.A., and can only imagine what terrible replacement ideas are in store.

This redesignation and salvage plan sets a terrible precedent for other historic properties in LA. These are gems, reminders of our storied and interesting past, and I am sure there is a better way to incorporate and/or repurpose this landmark that does not involve razing it and posting up an old sign.

I oppose this amended nomination of TAIX. Please vote NO!

Sincerely,

James Keller Wortham

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From: Margot at Art Deco Los Angeles <artdecola.adsla@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 2, 2021 at 1:56 AM

Subject: Taix Restaurant - Please vote no on item 3 on the City Council Meeting Agenda

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Dear Councilmembers:

There is no debate; Taix is a historic resource. The City identified Taix as an eligible historic place through its SurveyLA program, as did Holland Partner Group, the developer, through a study it commissioned.

The Art Deco Society of Los Angeles urges the City Council to vote against Item (3) on the June 1st agenda. We believe that approving the modified Taix Historic-Cultural Monument as recommended by the Planning and Land Use

Management Committee (PLUM) not only contradicts the intent of the Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC), but sets a problematic precedent that allows Historic Cultural Monuments to be altered after

the fact

without having to complete an EIR, which results in circumventing CEQA.

By designating only fragments of Taix French Restaurant, the City is allowing the demolition of the historic building and result offers the developer the opportunity to circumvent environmental laws. The developers are further rewarded with the ability to use a streamlined process to get the project built.

PLUM's action and Councilmember O'Farrell's motion not only dismisses Taix as a historic resource but greatly undermines the City's Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) program and sets a dangerous precedent.

HCM designation is tied to historic buildings and places, not building fragments and salvage. We support the Los Angeles Conservancy's position that this action is problematic on numerous levels for larger preservation efforts throughout Los Angeles.

Please vote no today!

Sincerely,

Margot Gerber
President
Art Deco Society of Los Angeles
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To the Honorable City Council Members:

PLEASE respect the history of the landmark French restaurant, Taix. More than a restaurant: a piece of Los Angeles history and an important cultural landmark. As a long time LA resident and an architect, I know that the the importance of these historic places cannot be underestimated.

By allowing retention of fragments, such as the signs, while not preserving the place itself, you are sacrificing an irreplaceable part of our history— and allowing the developer to circumvent environmental laws.

I register my objection to the amended nomination, which is basically a salvage designation--and implore you to pursue the win-win preservation solution that saves not just Taix, but future historic landmarks.

This isn't just about Taix. It's our heritage as a City.

Thank you for your consideration, and moreso for your vote against this designation.

Respectfully,

Ms. Raun L. Thorp, Principal

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Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell and Director Craig Bullock,
I'm writing to you to voice my opposition to the proposed amendment to the nomination for Taix Restaurant in Echo Park.

The proposal completely disregards the purpose of the ongoing preservation efforts to maintain the integrity and legacy of the site. A sign and a bar top is NOT enough. Those elements are NOT Taix and they do not represent the rich history of the Echo Park community.

Your amended proposal is frankly insulting to the site and any future historical monuments.
Please do not approve the designation to continue as proposed. Please consider a revision that preserves as much of the site as possible.

Thank you,
Marissa Aguiniga

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Hello,
















I strongly oppose and reject the PLUM committee's amended recommendation and modified Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) nomination that now limits the scope to two signs and a bar top, not the historic Taix building. I disagree with this approach and do not want it in the neighborhood.

I believe there should be a preservation-based project and Historic-Cultural Monument that incorporates the Taix building and maintains its eligibility as a historic resource.

Thank you,

Carie Packard

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