

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Taix is a classic jewel of Los Angeles and destroying this cultural artifact in favor of another generic development that chips away at what makes this city special is heartbreaking I implore Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell to rescind his amendment to the Taix Landmarking— the designation needs to be approved as originally recommended and unanimously approved by the Cultural Heritage Commission. Keeping the Taix building and restaurant intact so that a redesigned project can integrate it into their plans — with a full environmental review — is the best of both worlds, satisfying both the myriad fans of the restaurant, those of us who believe it is a key cultural landmark, and the needs of the developers.

Communication from Public

Name: Anthony Dedousis
Date Submitted: 06/01/2021 09:51 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please see attached for Abundant Housing LA's letter SUPPORTING the proposed project at 1911-1929 West Sunset Boulevard. Thank you, Anthony Dedousis



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Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

CF 21-0119 - Taix French Restaurant - SUPPORT FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Dear Councilmembers,

Abundant Housing LA is a pro-housing, nonprofit advocacy organization working to help solve Southern California's housing crisis. Our organization supports more housing at all levels of affordability and reforms to land use and zoning codes, which are needed in order to make housing more affordable, improve access to jobs and transit, promote greater environmental sustainability, and advance racial and economic equity.

We are writing in support of the proposed 170-unit mixed-use redevelopment project at the site of the Taix Restaurant in Echo Park, which includes 24 units that are set aside for lower-income households at an affordable rent. **Furthermore, we would like to express our support for [the proposed compromise](#) that would include the new structure at that address on the list of the city's Historic-Cultural Monuments, allowing redevelopment to move forward.**

The greater Los Angeles region is facing a severe housing shortage and affordability crisis, which is being made worse by a lack of new housing production. This is especially true in Echo Park, where restrictive zoning and high demand for housing have led to unaffordably high and fast-increasing rents.

While it is appropriate for the City to preserve buildings of profound historic or architectural significance, the current structure does not come close to meeting that standard by the Cultural Heritage Commission's own admission. Abundant Housing LA steadfastly opposes the abuse of historical designations; we are aware that residents who oppose new development frequently use the historical designations process as a way to prevent new housing from being built, regardless of whether or not the structure truly has historical significance. Cases like this, which involve structures whose claim to historic significance is questionable at best, harm the credibility of the entire Historic-Cultural Monuments program.

We also wish to highlight the fact that this project is being proposed under the City's Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) program. [With over 32,000 units proposed or permitted](#) since TOC's inception, of which 20% are affordable to low-income renters, the program is delivering on its promise to provide affordable housing near transit and jobs.

TOC projects, like the one proposed at 1911-1929 West Sunset Boulevard, are helping Los Angeles improve housing affordability, environmental quality, and mass transit usage. We urge you to support this project by preventing abuse of the Historic-Cultural Monument designation. **Please allow this housing project to move forward.**

Sincerely,

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