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Wed, Jun 2, 2021 at 9:18 AM

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Date: Tue, 1 Jun 2021 20:47:53 -0700
Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Fwd: Regarding Freres Taix restaurant

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From: **Beverly Gray** <beverlygray@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 8:47 PM
Subject: Regarding Freres Taix restaurant
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 City Council,

My parents, my husband, and I have celebrated many of our most important occasions at Les Freres Taix, and we'd like to see the building treated with the respect it deserves. I stand with the cultural heritage commission and the Los Angeles Conservancy in asking for preservation of this historic site.

Beverly Gray Bienstock

Beverly Gray

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*Seduced by Mrs. Robinson:**How The Graduate Became the Touchstone of a Generation*

Algonquin Books, 2017

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To: Clerk-PLUM-Committee <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>
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Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Fwd: Please vote NO on the Taix HCM amendment

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From: **TIM MELLIN** <timconsultme@hotmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 8:46 PM

Subject: Please vote NO on the Taix HCM amendment

To: paul.koretz@lacity.org <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, craig.bullock@lacity.org <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org <Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org>, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, contactCD4@lacity.org <contactCD4@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>, CityClerk@lacity.org <CityClerk@lacity.org>, afine@laconservancy.org <afine@laconservancy.org>

To the esteemed Councilmembers,

Please preserve TAIX as a historic landmark, and do not demolish it under the premise that merely saving the sign is acceptable.

If it's demolished, developers will use this as a precedent to circumvent the vetting / historical preserving process in future events. In Highland Park, where I live, we have already seen this so many times by developers. They are looking for any loophole to avoid the historic preservation guidelines, in all areas, not just in overlay zones.

Thanks.....Tim Mellin 90042 zip code.

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Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Fwd: Save a Cultural Icon of Los Angeles: TAIX

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From: **kartichoke via Clerk - CityClerk** <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 7:51 PM

Subject: Save a Cultural Icon of Los Angeles: TAIX

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>

Council Members,

Please protect the cultural and architectural heritage of TAIX.

Support the LA Conservancy's position.

Thank you.

Kay Ward

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Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Fwd: Vote to Save the Taix Building and Historic Buildings

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From: **Flora Bautista** <floramb.email@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 7:18 PM

Subject: Vote to Save the Taix Building and Historic Buildings

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>, TeamCD4@lacity.org <TeamCD4@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>

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I would like to ask that you all vote to support The Conservancy, the Silver Lake Heritage Trust, and the Friends of Taix request for a continuance from PLUM to consider O'Farrell's motion and to continue discussions with the Holland Partner Group to discuss preservation alternatives for the Taix Building. Please help preserve historical buildings and support the HCM program. HCM designation is tied to historic buildings and places, not building fragments and salvage.

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 Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Fwd: Redevelopment of TAIX in Echo Park

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From: Heather B <heasereb@gmail.com>
 Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 8:08 PM
 Subject: Redevelopment of TAIX in Echo Park
 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.rodriguez@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,

I strongly oppose the City of LA PLUM's action and Councilmember O'Farrell's motion regarding the TAIX restaurant. It 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.

I am gravely concerned that the developer is also trying to avoid CEQA mitigation measures for demolition.

Please vote NO tomorrow.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
 LA Conservancy Member & 25 year resident of City of Los Angeles

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From: Rachel Nawi <rachel.nawi@gmail.com>
 Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 8:26 PM
 Subject: Taix
 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.rodriguez@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>
 Cc: <mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org>

Hello,

As a resident of the 90026 zip code and a regular patron of Taix, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Taix's recently amended Historic-Cultural Monument nomination, which would allow the restaurant to be demolished. Saving two exterior signs and a bar top is not enough and falls far short of meaningfully preserving this important site. LA's architectural and cultural history enriches the city for residents and visitors alike, and a failure to preserve Taix--not just salvage a few parts of it--would diminish this history and part of what makes LA so unique and compelling.

I hope the City Council will give Taix the designation and recognition it deserves, and I urge the Council to consider and approve a preservation-based project and Historic-Cultural Monument nomination that incorporates the Taix building and maintains its eligibility as a historic resource.

Thank you,
Rachel Nawi
310 902 7336

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From: **Ellen Turner** <ellenwturner@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 6:52 PM
Subject: Save Taix Restaurant
To: <Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org>, Council Member Krekorian <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, <contactCD4@lacity.org>, Koretz Paul <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, <councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org>, <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, councilmember.price@lacity.org <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org>, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>, <afine@laconservancy.org>

I'm voicing my concern regarding the demolition of Taix restaurant. As one of the oldest restaurants in Los Angeles it deserves historical status and it should not be relegated to the role of a developer's wishes to demolish this City treasure.

Thank you.

Ellen Turner

10589 Wyton Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90024

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From: **Willa Seidenberg** <wseidenberg@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 6:34 PM
Subject: Taix HCM nomination
To: <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>, <afine@laconservancy.org>

Dear Councilmen Bonin and O'Farrell,
I write to strongly urge you to oppose the modified Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of Taix French Restaurant and approve the nomination as voted on by the Cultural Heritage Commission. The modifications approved by the PLUM committee threatens this important Los Angeles legacy business which has been a fixture in our city for decades. As you know, the amended nomination would not save the building itself, only a few signs and the bar top, which would completely diminish the impact of the site. And, more importantly, it sets a troubling precedent and endangers future nominations and properties that are recognized under LA's HCM program.

I have been proud to live in a city that has a strong historic nomination program. When people say there is no history in LA, how wrong they are. If this modified nomination goes through we will not be able to say with certainty that any site will be safe in the future and it sends a message that the city does not care about its past.

We all know that housing is critically important to LA. Streets in my neighborhood of Mar Vista/Palms are filled with unhoused residents and I am strongly in favor of affordable and permanent supportive housing for this population. But it appears that the Holland Group's project has minimally affordable units. Please don't be beholden to developers who want to endanger our historic resources to make money. We are a vast city with many places where it would be appropriate to build housing. The Taix location is not one of them.

Developers and property owners will see this action as a greenlight to ignore our rich heritage and architectural past and they will start chipping away at the protections, property by property, until those LA-critics are right that we don't value the history that has made this city great.

I urge you not to open the floodgates to destroying our historic resources and to approve the nomination as approved by the Cultural Heritage Commission.

Thank you,
 Willa Seidenberg and Bill Short
 3440 Military Avenue
 Los Angeles 90034
 310-994-2488

*"Everyday you must walk that line between courage and caution."
 BKS Iyengar*

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From: **Carol Roland Nawi** <rnpreservation@gmail.com>
 Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 6:05 PM
 Subject: Taix Restaurant Historic Cultural Nomination
 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>
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As the former State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) under Governor Jerry Brown (2012-2015) and a property owner in District 4, I would like to express my concern regarding the present cultural monument nomination that preserves only fragments of the historic Taix restaurant and allows for the essential demolition of the building itself. I personally have very fond memories as a child growing up in LA of having Sunday dinners with my family at Taix. Contrary to popular stereotypes Los Angeles is a city steeped in history and is famous for its historic restaurants such as Pacific Dining Car, the Smoke House, the Tam O'Shanter, Musso and Franks, and Cantor's (to mention only a few) that contribute significantly to the character of the city and are destinations for both residents and tourists. Demolishing the historic building that houses the restaurant and incorporating some version of it into a multiuse building destroys not only the legacy business but has a negative effect on the very characteristics that make the Echo Park and Silverlake neighborhoods such popular destinations within the city.

I respectfully ask that the Council consider the alternative of supporting a Historic Cultural Monument nomination that maintains the eligibility of the full building and resists the temptation to reduce it to a set of fragments and fake history.

Sincerely,

Carol Roland Nawi
 California State Historic Preservation Officer (Retired)

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From: **'Stephen Cragg' via Clerk - CityClerk** <cityclerk@lacity.org>
 Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 5:27 PM
 Subject: Taix restaurant building
 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>

I oppose the tearing down of the Taix Restaurant building. It's a cultural icon that should be preserved in its entirety.

Stephen Cragg
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 Los Angeles 90068

Please note: my current email addresses are scprods@icloud.com and sdbus@icloud.com

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I am born and raised in Los Angeles and I am tired of seeing what little history we have get demolished. Please do the right thing and stop this from happening!!
Allow Taix to become a historic landmark!!

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I urge you to support the long-term City policies of historic preservation and re-use for Taix restaurant in Silver Lake. Please do NOT allow the proposed amendment to the HCM nomination by Councilmember O'Farrell to pass. Please vote NO.

The proposed salvage designation is a joke and a total abandonment of the City's historic preservation legacy put forward by the Cultural Heritage Commission. L.A. has been a trend-setter for over 60 years with landmark historic preservation laws. Saving a few historic bits is inadequate and circumvents environmental laws. I urge you to adopt a Historic-Cultural Monument nomination that incorporates the Taix building and maintains its eligibility as a historic resource. The City has already designated this building as historic in its own SurveyLA program, as did the developer, Holland Partners, in their study.

Let's keep this iconic building for generations to come by adapting its reuse for the future. There is no turning back once demolition occurs, let's not be hasty.

Thanks.

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Please rethink your position on demolishing Taix. I think you have erred.
Paul Tolbert

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Please stop yet another demolition of Los Angeles's great history!
I am a born and raised Angeleno, and have seen too many of our historic buildings destroyed.
Save our culture.
Teresa Myatt

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Dear Sirs and Madams

I object strenuously to the plans to essentially raze the historic Taix restaurant but save some signs and the bar. The development proposed significantly destroys the character of the neighborhood and provides little in the way of affordable housing. Dismissing the community's desire to save the character of neighborhoods and ignoring the Historic-Cultural Monument Program sets a precedent that will inevitably be repeated putting more of Los Angeles's significant historic places at risk.

thank you
Alexis Fleisig
Glendale, CA

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Dear Members of the Council,

I will be short. Please do not weaken our cultural historical designation ordinance. TAIX is a historical reminder of our LA architecture. It should be preserved.

Susan Kapitanoff
Woodland Hills

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Subject: Taix

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it would be an assault on Los Angeles' history to allow the Taix building to be destroyed. While I do not advocate saving every last structure, this is not just an ordinary building - it embodies decades of city history, and must be preserved.

Respectfully,

Beryl Arbit
Encino 91436

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From: **Mark Pogachefsky** <mpogachefsky@mprm.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 4:14 PM
Subject: Taix Amended Historical Cultural Monument Nomination
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I am opposed to the amending of the Historical Cultural Nomination for Taix Restaurant

The idea that two signs and a counter would be saved is not historical preservation, it's architectural salvage.

The historical importance of this site has been confirmed numerous times.

Thanks for your attention in this matter

Best, MARK POGACHEFSKY



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From: Coralie Goldsmith <coralgolds@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 3:58 PM

Subject: Destruction of structures like TAIX

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I am in District 5 and a member of the LA Conservancy.

I want you to stop weakening the cultural heritage ordinance.

I am a concerned citizen, and I vote in all elections. I want to see how you vote.

Coralie Goldsmith

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Councilmembers:

I oppose the amended HCM for Taix in Hollywood. This amendment completely dismisses Taix as a cultural and historic resource in our great city and would set a negative precedent to the HCM program. HCM protects cultural and historic buildings and places not salvage. Please don't destroy Taix and historic Los Angeles.

As a community activist in CD 10, I would hate to see our Los Angeles and our community destroyed.

VOTE NO!

Preserve Los Angeles. Stop giving it to developers.

R. Kleinerman

CD 10

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Even though I now live in Camarillo, my family goes back several generations in Los Angeles, and I was born and raised there. So many of our historic and unique establishments have been demolished to make way for more “modern” buildings...this can and often does bury our history as a city and some of the fun and unusual sites we all love and enjoy. I recently visited Paris, where old buildings with history great stories behind them are treasured and enjoyed by many of us from all over the world! Let’s preserve this very unique and wonderful building for our enjoyment and that of future generations of Angelenos! Please vote to preserve the “TAIX” restaurant in current original location!

Thank so much for your consideration,

Pat Smith, Member of L.A. Conservancy

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This proposal weakens the process for preserving our heritage properties and should be denied.

Bruce Schelden

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Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded Fwd: Disagree with HCM designation for Taix

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From: Holly Reyes <h_reyes@mhs-hs.org>

Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 3:29 PM

Subject: Disagree with HCM designation for Taix

To: <contactCD4@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>, <craig.bullock@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>, <afine@laconservancy.org>**Honorable city officials,**

Please know that I strongly disagree with the precedent of salvage designation for Taix in Echo Park and I definitely don't want that concept to be applied to historically rich building in Los Angeles.

This concept is akin to leaving a photo of your nose and big toe for the next generation to admire. That would be ludicrous. Keep the whole of Taix and repurpose it into a thriving community location.








Please note and consider the outcry from your constituents.























**Sincerely,
Mrs. H. Reyes
Eagle Rock, CA.
90042**

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May 31, 2021

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Taix French Restaurant
1911-1929 W. Sunset Blvd

Historic Cultural Monument
Designation

CC: shannon.ryan@lacity.org, lambert.giessinger@lacity.org, melissa.jones@lacity.org
afine@laconservancy.org, The Silverlake Heritage Trust

Dear Councilmembers:

On December 17, 2020 the Cultural Heritage Commission unanimously voted to recommend designation of the TAIK BUILDING as a Historic Cultural Monument. The Commission did not vote on designating accessories of the building. The Commission did not vote to designate lights, or chairs, or door knobs, individual signs, or ornamentation. They voted on the TAIK BUILDING.

PROBLEMS WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

At both the CHC hearing on 12/17/2020 and the PLUM hearing on 5/4/2021 on the TAIK item, Brown Act violations occurred. During the pandemic it has become even more difficult for the public to communicate and participate in these issues. In its unwillingness to account for the flawed phone-based speaking system that is confusing for most of the general public, the City has failed any proper due diligence or reasonableness standard that might be associated with the public speaking process. The public participation process for TAIK has been flawed in that members of the public who were patiently waiting to participate during public comment, were not allowed to speak.

MICHAEL TAIK DOES NOT OWN THIS LAND ANYMORE

In 2019, Michael Taik sold the TAIK property to developers known as Holland Partner Group, who have established themselves under the name "1911 Sunset Investors LLC" for purposes of their development plans for TAIK. However, Michael Taik has continued to represent himself with authority regarding this project, and together with Holland Partner Group, they continue to press Councilmember O'Farrell to support their ideas of designating salvaged items removed from the Taik building. **This is not what the CHC voted or intended.**

O'FARRELL HAS MANIPULATED THE NOMINATION & THE HCM PROCESS

O'Farrell's 5/4 "amendment" erroneously states: "*The Cultural Heritage Commission*

unanimously voted to limit its designation recommendation for Taix Restaurant to only significance under Criterion 1 ("exemplifies the broad cultural, economic or social history of the nation, state, city or community"), and expressed a desire to permit the owner to make necessary changes to Taix Restaurant to enable it to continue as a legacy business."

The 12/17/2020 audio recording of the CHC hearing indicates no such thing occurred. While the CHC did unanimously vote in favor of designating the TAIX BUILDING under Criteria 1, O'Farrell manipulated the decision and the intention of the Commissioners by implying that they *"unanimously voted to limit its designation recommendation for Taix Restaurant to only significance under Criterion 1"*.

No "limit" was applied to the CHC's decision. It should not be construed as a limitation on said approval when the CHC recommends "only" Criterion 1. Pursuant to Sec. 22.171.7. of the Cultural Heritage Ordinance, a proposed monument is required to meet only ONE criteria. The CHC either approves a nomination or not, and it is not unusual for an HCM to be fully designated with "only" one criteria.

O'Farrell further misrepresents the CHC decision by claiming they: *"permit the owner to make necessary changes..."* No such dialogue occurred; there was never a discussion regarding any changes to the CHC's recommendation to designate the building. The 1/26/2021 CHC decision letter was clear, simple and approved with the following language:

*" 1. **Determined** that **the property** conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Section 22.171.7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code; and **Recommended** that the City Council consider Taix French Restaurant for inclusion in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments."*

*"The Cultural Heritage Commission would appreciate your **inclusion of the subject property** to the list of Historic- Cultural Monuments."*

Furthermore, there is no criteria in the Cultural Heritage Ordinance that defines a *"legacy business"*. As heard on the audio recording from the 12/17 CHC hearing, one Commissioner states:

*"..The argument that we only designate the site doesn't make sense to me. **We have to either designate or not...** I'm not really persuaded by the business argument, um I think that **the building itself meets the criteria**, it's obviously a legacy **building**, so the business part of it is out of our expertise. You know if this owner can't make a go of it, potentially there's other owners that can come in and make a go of it... I think it's really not our decision. I think **we need to look at the criteria does it meet the criteria yes or no and those other decisions are not really ours.**"*

Finally, at the 12/17 CHC hearing, comments were made by Michael TAIX and his attorney where they asked the Commission to refer to and approve a previous submission they called "Exhibit A". The public had no access to this document and was never informed as to what was being asked of the CHC. "Exhibit A" was never made available to the public.

After tracking down Exhibit A, we learned this was a 22 page document addressed to the CHC and included proposed development plans for TAIX. Specifically, Michael Taix asked the CHC to approve the "TAIX family preservation plan" which seeks demolition of the existing building, but preserves the alleged "legacy business" which we already know is outside the purview of the CHC.

PROBLEMS WITH SLICING & DICING A HISTORIC CULTURAL MONUMENT RECOMMENDATION SPECIFICALLY TO ACCOMMODATE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The CHC is not charged with approving building plans when reviewing a nomination. In addition to the Brown Act violations and the elusive "Exhibit A", Councilmember O'Farrell has drafted an "amendment" that has put the entire HCM program in jeopardy. A devastating and dangerous precedent would be set for the future of historic preservation in Los Angeles. O'Farrell's "amendment" circumvents the Cultural Heritage Ordinance by proposing the designation of a few handpicked accessories such as a bar top and a couple of signs. What O'Farrell is proposing to this Council goes against the recommendations of historians and experts City-wide (including the City's own Cultural Heritage Commission and the Office of Historic Resources). If O'Farrell's culling of the CHC's actions prevail, the entire designation process will be undermined; the Historic Cultural Monument Ordinance becomes obsolete and dies.

What O'Farrell has called an "amendment" is, in reality, a custom tailored manipulation designed to conform to the developer's desired outcome.

CEQA

Because the TAIX BUILDING falls under the definition of a "Historic Resource" as defined by CEQA, its ELIGIBILITY to be listed in the California Register of Historical Resources is a material fact. The City of Los Angeles has already found the TAIX BUILDING to be historically significant. The CHC and other historians have urged the TAIX BUILDING be designated as an HCM. The TAIX BUILDING's eligibility status does not remove the CEQA review process. Whether or not O'Farrell's salvaged items are approved by this Council.

PRC Section 21084.1 is clear on defining a historical resource as a resource listed in, or **determined to be eligible** for listing in, the California Register of Historical Resources.

PRC Section 21155.1 requires that SCPE projects **NOT** have a significant effect on historical resources pursuant to Section 21084.1.

Because an EIR must be certified or rejected by public officials, **it is a document of accountability. If CEQA is scrupulously followed, the public will know the basis on which its responsible officials either approve or reject environmentally significant action, and the public, being duly informed, can respond accordingly to action with which it disagrees.'** "The EIR "protects not only the environment but also informed self-government.'" (Sierra Club v. County of Fresno (2018) 6 Cal. 5th 502, 511-512 (Sierra Club).) " "The EIR is the heart of CEQA," and the integrity of the process is dependent on the adequacy of the EIR.'" Our own elected official has gone to great lengths to evade this process, which is what O'Farrell's "amendment" seeks to do.

CONCLUSION

Councilmember O'Farrell has muddied the waters with his "amendment". The HCM nomination has been hijacked and corrupted. The validity of O'Farrell's amendment is questionable as it no longer conforms to the Monument Designation Criteria and the procedure for applications for designations specified in the Los Angeles Administrative Code in Article 1 of Chapter 9.

Despite many attempts to communicate with Councilmember O'Farrell, **he and his office have failed to engage with the community or applicants.** The only response received from CD13 was when they declined an invitation to a meeting between the applicants and the property owners. This turned out to be a fruitful meeting wherein we were informed of the owners previous experience with adaptive reuse. It was then that we introduced the idea of a reconfigured project that would allow more flexibility for reuse at this site. They seemed pleasantly surprised that we would be open to these options.

In order to allow the applicants and the Office of Historic Resources to work with the owners to reconfigure a plan that gives us all a winning solution, **we ask that you DENY O'Farrell's "amendment" and vote to support the CHC's ORIGINAL recommendation, designating the existing TAIX BUILDING as our next Historical Cultural Monument.**

**Thank you.
The Friends of Taix**



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June 1st, 2021

RE: OPPOSE City Council Agenda item (3) 21-0119 CD 13 CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the inclusion of the Taix French Restaurant, located at 1910-2018 West Reservoir Street, in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

Dear Councilmembers,

Hollywood Heritage 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 an ominous precedent, that Historic Cultural Monuments can be altered after the fact without having to complete an EIR and thus circumventing CEQA.

The Taix Restaurant HCM as currently amended and presented is not preservation. The HCM does not designate the building, but mere architectural salvage; two signs and a bar top. The Cultural Heritage Commission after much debate designated the entire building. They would not have gone so far as to nominate only the elements that are now proposed. This amendment of the original designation makes a mockery of the system and degrades the nomination process, which often takes place at great expense to the applicant.

The place for negotiation with regards to an amendment of an HCM is the duly authorized Cultural Heritage Commission and the mechanism for the amount of alteration PLUM is suggesting is an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Anything else is a circumvention of CEQA. CEQA “requires public agencies to deny approval of a project with significant adverse effects when feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures can substantially lessen such effects.” Reasonable alternatives must be considered “even if they substantially impede the project or are more costly.” Likewise, findings of alternative feasibility or infeasibility must be supported by substantial evidence.

It is Hollywood Heritage’s belief that a significant adverse impact will be the result of the proposed project and demolition of the Taix Building by its developers, The Holland Group. Decades of experience have proved to us that there is always a preservation alternative, which often results in better design and a “win-win” scenario, tax credit benefits and community goodwill. If approval of the currently truncated HCM is the only option, Hollywood Heritage would view the HCM as good as lost and oppose its nomination entirely.

Hollywood Heritage urges the City Council to deny the motion as currently amended by PLUM and ask that the original designation approved by the Cultural Heritage Commission be restored prior to any project approval, so that it results in a preservation-based project and Historic-Cultural Monument that incorporates the Taix building and maintains its eligibility as a historic resource.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Curran', with a stylized, flowing script.

Brian Curran
President, Hollywood Heritage



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June 1, 2021

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
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Dear Councilmember O'Farrell ,

The Highland Park Heritage Trust strongly opposes amendments to the Taix Historic Cultural Monument Nomination. We stand with our sister historic preservation organizations and believe the process of amending a Historic Cultural Monument will create negative ripples through out the Preservation of historic spaces and buildings in Los Angeles. Let's not water down our existing ordinance. Let's work together to create win-win outcomes.

The Highland Park Heritage Trust join with the LA Conservancy and

- Oppose and reject the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) committee recommendation and modified Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) that limits the scope to two signs and a bar top, not the Taix historic 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. This may require a reduction in the number of market rate housing units and a partial preservation approach.
- Conduct an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Conservancy strongly believes a significant impact will be the result of the proposed project and demolition of the Taix building by the Holland Partner Group. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is necessary in this case to fully assess impacts and possible preservation alternatives that can be employed to address project objectives.

Best Regards,

Jamie Tijerina, President
Highland Park Heritage Trust,

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