

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kim Cooper & Richard Schave, Esotouric

**Date Submitted:** 05/21/2021 03:30 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0119

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, As Los Angeles historians and tour guides, who for the past 15 years have guided tens of thousands of Angelenos and visitors on excursions through historic neighborhoods and legacy businesses, we urge Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell to rescind his amendment to the Taix landmarking, which seeks to salvage artifacts from the structure and make a landmark of a new building that does not yet exist. We believe that this amendment causes real harm to the city's historic preservation ordinance, and violates the wishes of the many citizens who spoke out for landmarking of Taix. We recommend in the strongest possible terms that the designation should only be approved as originally recommended and unanimously approved by the Cultural Heritage Commission. Although the present owner of the business claims to be unable to make a profit from his home in Utah, there are many entrepreneurs who believe that Taix has enormous potential--as a thriving restaurant, bar, and event venue, with plenty of room to develop the property without demolishing the beloved and historic building. Landmarking Taix does not prevent the business from growing and evolving. It simply recognizes that after 94 years of good will and good service, a business becomes something more than brick and plaster. There is room to build up while preserving Taix as a building and as a business--it just requires more imagination than it would to knock Taix down and start from scratch. The community is counting on you to share our faith in Taix and in the creativity of the architect, developer and business owner. Landmark Taix without restrictions. sincerely yours, Kim Cooper & Richard Schave Esotouric

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bob Shilland

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please rescind Council Member O'Farrell's amendment to the Taix landmarking and approve the original recommendation which was unanimously approved by the Cultural Heritage Commission. As a loft owner overlooking the "Huizar Hole" in the Arts District, I am very skeptical about excessive governmental involvement in real estate projects!

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Councilmember O'Farrell please rescind your amendment to the Taix landmarking, and state that the designation should only be approved as originally recommended and unanimously approved by the Cultural Heritage Commission. This will keep the Taix building intact and allow a redesigned project to be built around or above it, with full environmental review. Under your leadership much of Hollywood's heritage is being destroyed. Please do not continue the demolishing of Hollywood's history. Thank you.