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Honorable Chairperson Harris-Dawson and Committee members,

Mr. Craig Kessler, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Southern California Golf Association, sent this letter of support for the HCM nomination for Weddington Golf and Tennis at [4141 N. Whitsett Ave](#) in Studio City to the city clerk.

The PLUM committee has received hundreds of letters in support of this nomination (without revisions) and I assume it is not reasonable to think that each PLUM Committee member will indeed read every single letter.

However, Mr. Kessler's letter is of particular expertise and represents so many thousands of members I wanted to make sure that all of the PLUM Committee saw his letter that so eloquently speaks to the important cultural history this property

so I have taken the liberty of forwarding it to each PLUM committee member.

Sincerely,

Teri Austin
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August 4, 2021

Los Angeles City Council
C/O Office of the City Clerk
City Hall – Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: PLUM Committee of the Los Angeles City Council

Dear Members:

Subject: **File # 21-0470**

The determination whether the Cultural Heritage Commission's decision to nominate "Studio City Golf and Tennis" as a "Cultural-Historical Monument" is a proper or appropriate one per Section 22.171.7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is a determination beyond the subject matter expertise of a 122-year-old, 180,000-member non-profit golf association.

However, the subject of golf is very much within the Association's orbit of subject matter expertise. Based thereon, we offer the following points.

Studio City Golf and Tennis is very much the embodiment of a traditional 1950's publicly accessible golf operation. Its preservation would not only preserve the only publicly accessible golf driving range between Griffith Park and the Sepulveda Basin; it would preserve the last operation of its kind and character between those two distant sites.

We write here of a "publicly accessible golf operation" as the object of preservation, not any one component singled out for preservation in isolation of the sum total of components that constitute this exemplar of 1950's publicly accessible golf. To the degree to which some have suggested that by preserving the clubhouse and/or the putting green the city will have preserved something of historical value, we would suggest that the city will have done nothing more than preserve a building that loses all value once detached from the golf operation it supported for more than 60 years. We would also suggest that a "putting" green once detached from a "golf operation" that necessarily includes professional greenkeeping quickly devolves into nothing more than a front lawn with holes in it. Those who suggest such on some theory of "compromise" suggest something straight from the Solomonic school of doing justice by cutting the proverbial baby in half.

On behalf of the Association, particularly its members who reside in the San Fernando Valley, thank you for considering our views as you determine whether the entire Studio City Golf & Tennis merits "Cultural-Historical" status.

Respectfully Submitted,

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