

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/02/2021 05:04 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0470

**Comments for Public Posting:** In support of HCM nomination city file 21-0470 for subject property without revisions. Subject: Junior Golf Opportunities at Studio City Golf and Tennis, currently known as Weddington Golf and Tennis. I am following up to share the opportunities that I think exist for junior golf were the operator of Studio City Golf and Tennis to be supportive of the kind of developmental programming common at public golf facilities of its type and kind. Driving ranges and par-3 courses are ideally suited to introducing golf to persons of all ages and athletic abilities. They are by nature and design accessible, affordable, and unlike regulation length golf courses, non-intimidating, an important and frequently overlooked component of their virtue. These “developmental” facilities are indispensable components of the game’s ecosystem. Without the Studio City Golf & Tennis facilities of the golf ecosystem, there would be fewer public facilities like Wilson/Harding in Griffith Park and fewer private equity golf clubs like Lakeside GC. And I would add fewer green spaces that add so much to the quality of our lives and the values of our homes. In our experience, junior golf can do far more than just provide access to a sport (a worthy endeavor unto itself). Programs like SCGA Junior that place great emphasis upon character development are able to instill and then quantify certain skills and habits that have value well beyond golf, life lessons as it were; among them: Cognitive-behavioral skills, social skills, emotional intelligence, patience, focus, self confidence, and genuine respect for other persons, other opinions, and other experiences. Programs like SCGA Junior teach so much more than golf; they build strong communities using golf as a tool. Should junior golf gain a meaningful role at Studio City Golf and Tennis, I envisage at least three major areas of opportunity: 1) The opportunity for school programs to have access for practice and competition, both of which are in short supply in this particular area of Los Angeles; 2) the opportunity for SCGA Junior Golf Foundation to partner with the facility to provide affordable access via our SCGA Junior Golf Club, a program that annually enables 5,000 children at roughly 150 facilities to play golf for \$5 or less and hit practice range balls for \$2 or less; and 3) the opportunity to employ either SCGA Junior coaches or local golf professionals to start a junior program that would teach life

lessons, provide golf development, and instill the positive youth development attributes mentioned above. Kind Regards, Kevin Gigax, Executive Director [kgigax@scga.org](mailto:kgigax@scga.org) 818-331-7660

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carol Beule

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the Cultural Heritage Commission's finding on Case No.:CHC-2020-7764-HCM and urge you to vote in favor of the findings and designate the entire site as an Historic Cultural Monument. I have lived, owned a home and voted in Studio City for 23 years and find this property of be both historical and cultural value to this City for numerous reasons. Turning this space into an adjunct High School recreation field and causing undue damage to the area that surrounds this venue would be unconscionable, not to mention causing traffic and environmental issues for everyone living within 10 miles of Studio City. Please vote for the Cultural Heritage designation of this precious space. Thank you. Carol Beule