

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello: I am writing in regards to this ridiculous campaign by the LA Conservancy. Los Angeles  
<https://www.laconservancy.org/issues/chili-bowl-west-los-angeles?fbclid=IwAR0o9hyFkeQx1GKwW2Ya3wPpy4KB3CLSB57ChX934UFNNWWcLmEzh487htc#help-4> There is zero historic or artistic merits in preserving this building, and preventing desperately needed housing from being constructed in what is currently a very neglected part of Pico. The new housing will provide convenient access to jobs on the West Side. I have worked in the area for many years, but due to the horrible housing situation I had to commute 90 minutes to 2 hours from Hollywood each way, 5 days a week. It was hell. I am not alone. I do not see any historic merits with this building. It is described as a “Chili Bowl!”, but you would never be able to determine that by looking from the street (although I am still not sure how a chili bowl differs from a regular bowl, but I digress). From the street it is yet another nondescript single story commercial building—badly in need of a mixed-used makeover. If we preserve this novelty, what is next? A fast food McDonalds for having an “M” shaped arch? A Walmart for being emblematic of early 90's big box retail? Please do not listen to the LA Conservancy on this one. The majority of Angelenos want more housing and not a silly rundown chili bowl. Thanks for listening, Kevin Wilen