

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Although in London, England, I was raised in LA and the Fairfax Theatre and surrounding area played a large part in my childhood. Therefore, I am very concerned about the plans to change the Fairfax Theatre which is an important building in the development of the Fairfax area. Too many of the Art Deco buildings are being ripped out to the financial benefit only of the developers. One only has to see what has happened on South Beach, Miami to realise that the whole areas can lose their community spirit when the demolition crews move in. Therefore, I hope the Council will truly consider the importance of the Fairfax Theatre and the contribution that building and others make to the area.

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a LONG time Hollywood resident (I arrived in 1989, and I live in the relatively historic Franklin Towers), and I feel that we must support the Fairfax Theatre Historic Cultural Monument designation, as unanimously passed by the Cultural Heritage Commission. In my earlier days in Los Angeles, I enjoyed many screenings at this legendary theatre. In July the State Historical Resources Commission unanimously voted to add this important historic building to the National Register of Historic Places. The Fairfax Theatre building is recognized both for its importance in developing the Fairfax District as an ethnic Jewish neighborhood as well as for its art deco architecture. This nomination is supported by important historians of Jewish Culture, members of UCLA's Mapping Jewish Los Angeles Project, the president of Hadassah of Southern California, and the Holocaust Museum of Los Angeles. Recognizing this historic cultural center of the Jewish community is especially important at this time of increasing anti-Semitism. The preservation of this building would serve as a monument to the many generations of Jewish families who found refuge in the Beverly-Fairfax neighborhood. But more importantly, there is a general habit in Los Angeles of demolishing the cultural touchstones that tie us to our storied past, and we need to do everything we can to save what's left, especially since so, so much has already been lost.