

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 12/06/2021 09:48 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0916

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to designate the Nishiyama Residence/Otomisan Japanese Restaurant a Historic Cultural Monument. This building is significant for its association with early Japanese American settlement patterns in Boyle Heights and for its association with commercial development along the East First Street streetcar line in the 1920s.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Boyle Heights resident

**Date Submitted:** 12/07/2021 08:13 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0916

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear planning and Land Use Management Committee Members, I am a resident of Boyle Heights, born and raised, and I support the nomination of Nishiyama Residence/Otomisan Japanese Restaurant for Historical Cultural Monument. The residence and restaurant are a historical treasure not only for Boyle Heights, but also the City of Los Angeles, our State of California and our Nation. It is amazing the property has survived intact through so many years of changes in the neighborhood and it clearly deserves the nomination. This is also a special opportunity to help protect the property for future generations to continue to experience in person the Japanese American life and their special contribution to the multicultural history of Boyle heights. A family member and I share similar experiences about the property even though we are from different generations. Growing up we thought the restaurant and residence were amazing. We would imagine how people lived and experienced life in the neighborhood in years past. We didn't have to read about it or just see pictures, we had them there to see, feel and experience. We were proud to have a special and unique piece of history in our own neighborhood. Thank you to the current and previous owners for preserving their property that tells the story of a part of my neighborhood where I grew up, live and love. Committee members, please help support the nomination for future generations and for both the residence and restaurant to continue being part of the future history of Boyle Heights. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the nomination of Nishiyama Residence/Otomisan Japanese Restaurant for Historical Cultural Monument.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I fully support designation of the Nishiyama Residence and Japanese Restaurant. The history of the Japanese community in Los Angeles is too often overlooked, with few Cultural/Historic monuments standing and recognized to teach their cultural legacy to younger generations. The joint legacy of the Japanese and African American communities are an integral part of LA History, and should be enhanced rather than denied. New is not always better!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Janet L Alvarez  
**Date Submitted:** 12/06/2021 07:11 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Just seeing the Nishiyama residence and the Otomisan restaurant is a visit with so many friendly ghosts. These buildings now must stand in for all the lives they've touched. They are so very significant to both the city of Los Angeles and also to our Japanese community. A quote from LA Conservancy says it better than I ever could: "Nishiyama Residence/Otomisan Japanese Restaurant represents multiple layers of historical and cultural significance,.....The property also represents the entrepreneurial and enduring spirit of the Nishiyama Family. Their contributions and legacy were multiplied by the Japanese business owners that were associated with the property before and after World War II". The 'enduring spirit of the Nishiyama family'. What a grand and good concept to carry forward in this era, when we have so much need of an enduring spirit. I hope you will grant these memory-filled places designation as HCM's.  
Respectfully, Janet Alvarez

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lois DeArmond  
**Date Submitted:** 12/07/2021 11:29 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Regarding the property located at 2504-2508 E. 1st St., the Nishiyama Residence/Otomisan Restaurant; Please vote to recommend that this historic property be included in the list of Historic Cultural Monuments. Thank you. Lois DeArmond