

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee to vote to recommend to the full City Council that Oil Can Harry's be designated an Historical Cultural Monument. I personally frequented Oil Can Harry's in the 80s with gay friends, both to dance and attend drag shows, and I can say that it was an important place for the gay community; my friends felt safe there. It was a boatload of fun and positive energy. I agree wholeheartedly with the Los Angeles Land Conservancy: "Throughout its history Oil Can Harry's played an important role for L.A.'s LGBTQ+ community. The bar protected its patrons during police raids, hosted countless fundraisers for AIDS awareness and relief, and put on drag shows, garage sales, and even car washes to raise funds to cover medical assistance, home supplies, and transportation costs for those in need. Through the decades, Oil Can Harry's remained a prominent watering hole for the country-western subculture of the LGBTQ+ community. While its use is changing, the physical building and place where Oil Can Harry's happened is important in helping to acknowledge and represent LGBTQ+ heritage."