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Attention: PLUM Committee

Dear Honorable Members:

**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**

The Cultural Heritage Commission is sending this communication to express its views on the proposed Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan Update (DTLA 2040) as presented to the Commission by City Planning staff on November 18, 2021. While it does include regulations that seek to protect historic resources, we feel that additional protections should be incorporated to strengthen the updated plan. As such, we recommend that the City Council adopt the following amendments:

1. Include the use of Transfer of Development Rights in Little Tokyo to utilize similar historic preservation incentives provided for in Chinatown and the Downtown Industrial Historic District, also known as the Arts District.
2. Safeguard protections within the plan, such as height limitations in Chinatown and Little Tokyo, which are intended to minimize potential displacement of legacy businesses.
3. Apply the demolition findings required in Chapter V of the CPIO, Section 1-B for projects within Subarea D to include not only contributing historic resources in National Register-listed historic districts, but also California Register-listed historic districts and Historic-Cultural Monuments.
4. Expand Subarea D to include all of the eligible Seventh Street Commercial Historic District.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

  
Barry A. Milofsky, President