

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa-Beth Harris

**Date Submitted:** 10/02/2022 12:55 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0454

**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE MAKE THE PACIFIC DINING CAR-THE WHOLE BUILDING, A HISTORICAL SITE AND BRING BACK THE PACIFIC DINING CAR! It is a slice of joy in a brutal world. The train car is one-of-a-kind and holds beautiful memories for thousands of Angelenos. Starting in the 1940s, the Pacific Dining Car became an extended member of my family. My immigrant grandparents from Warsaw, Poland, dined with my mother. The restaurant was not far from my grandfather's building on Washington and Westmoreland. The PDC symbolized the American Dream; they had made it in America and could afford a fancy steak dinner! I'm sure countless other families also see it as a symbol of the American Dream. Decades later, my parents and the whole family have had many INCREDIBLE nights there. It is a SPECIAL, UNIQUE place....and if Covid had not happened, it would still be up and running. There is no place like this in town-the beauty of the restaurant, the history, the service, and the delicious food. Real estate developers are closing all of the unique places in Los Angeles. The city needs the Pacific Dining Car, and so do I. Thank You, Lisa-Beth Harris [LBmaverickconsulting.com](http://LBmaverickconsulting.com)

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Larissa Sperling  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear P.L.U.M. Committee, I have been a proud resident of Los Angeles since the late 1990s and I own a home in District 14. Since I moved to Los Angeles, Pacific Dining Car has played an important and consistent role in my life as a beloved place to gather with friends, fellow artists, and family for everything from brunch, afternoon tea, dinner, late-night bites, and celebrations. Los Angeles is often dismissed as being "a city whose history has been erased." Pacific Dining Car was one of the few places that felt preserved; Diners were welcomed with open arms to enter and make themselves a thread in this piece of the fabric of the storied City of Los Angeles' history - a rare find in a city whose past is often razed for purposes of speed and greed. Although a few buildings still exist across the city where one can still feel the grandeur of American dreams past in this city: the Chateau Marmont Hotel, the James Oviatt Building, Vibiana, The Roosevelt, Eastern Columbia Lofts, etc., there are even fewer that are a tie to the vibrant social scene that makes Los Angeles special...a scene in which people from all over the world, all over the country, and all over the city come to enjoy a meal together. Pacific Dining Car was up until pandemic, one of the last remaining unprotected historic Los Angeles landmarks which was fully operating and open to the public, allowing Angelenos like me, who appreciate the unique history of this wonderful metropolis, to duck in and connect to the history of so many who broke bread together there in the early 20th century. The pandemic created hardships and loss for so many. The news that Pacific Dining Car would be closing its doors was extremely upsetting, not only because it was a personal favorite place of mine for decades, but because it was a historic building and I feared that it would be torn down. I implore you, with the opportunity you have today, to designate and protect the whole building and honor its nearly hundred-year history of creating a vibrant meeting place for artists, dignitaries, families, politicians, business people, and Angelenos young and old to connect, create, mingle, interact, and share stories over baseball steaks (or thoughtful vegetarian options) and champagne (or sodas). Pacific Dining Car has been an instantly-recognizable architectural beacon of comfort throughout the time I have called this city my home and should be preserved to remain so for future Angelenos. With our city's rich

history rapidly disappearing behind quick-build condos and historic restaurants disappearing, the time to protect Pacific Dining Car is now. It is more than a restaurant. It is more than a building. It is more than a consistent and comforting place to enjoy delicious food and drinks with friends and family. It is greater than the sum of its parts and it is a connection to the history of this city which should--and must--be saved. Please designate the whole building as a historic landmark. Protect our history. These connections to our past are dwindling and I implore you to act now. Pacific Dining Car is as unique and its history as rich as other currently protected buildings. Preserving it preserves our ability to connect to our past--and to each other. Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to call me if I can help facilitate this important designation in any way, Sincerely, Larissa District 14 Los Angeles, CA 90032

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paul Eskenazi

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing this in support of Pacific Dining Car. I find the restaurant is both a phenomenal piece of both history and the future of Los Angeles. I have had incredible memories at both PDC restaurants, and hope that the council will find the whole building be designated as a protected building to honor the almost 100 years of PDC being an institution to both the famous and not in LA, all treated with the same respect and hospitality. Thank you  
Paul Eskenazi 11th District resident for 22 years.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christina Doheny

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To Whom It May Concern: The downtown Los Angeles Pacific Dining Car has been a part of my life since I was born. As a child, I can remember many holidays, special events and wonderful dinners spent at the Dining Car with friends and family. We even hosted our daughter's Christening lunch there. This has been a family tradition since before I was born. Please turn it into a landmark for Los Angeles. The city has few true landmarks to its name, and this should be added to them, not subtracted. Our family implores the commission to not demolish another sacred spot and to make it something special, which it has been for generations of families. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Sincerely, The Doheny and Schweitzer Families