

Communication from Public

Name: Wes Idol

Date Submitted: 10/28/2022 12:24 PM

Council File No: 22-0454

Comments for Public Posting: October 28, 2022 Re: Historical Cultural Designation for Pacific Dining Car, CF To the PLUM Committee Members, My name is Wes Idol III and I am the 4th generation that ran the Pacific Dining Car up until it's abrupt pause in mid 2020. I believe it important and essential the Pacific Dining Car at 1310 West 6th Street be protected by the whole building becoming a historical designated monument. In 1921 my great grandfather built the Pacific Dining Car with his own hands. Each generation added to the restaurant but make no mistake that at its core it is a building that has roots that go back 101 years. I recall being a little boy in the back of my grandmother's car as she brought home-baked cheesecakes to the restaurant, while I scooped the remaining batter from the mixing bowl in my lap. I recall my father introducing me to patrons of the Pacific Dining Car such as Rod Serling and John Wayne. In the 1980's I worked as a busboy and served people such as John Ferraro (La City Council President), Bette Midler and Frank Sinatra, giving me the opportunity to bring service to people of significance in our Los Angeles culture. I learned about history, family, relationships and loyalty. I learned about enjoying the good company of people you enjoy and having the courtesy to take care of each other. I formally began my career at Pacific Dining Car in 1994, then later my father promoting me to President after 2000. Over the years I have seen a multitude of Los Angeles cultures being served by Pacific Dining Car such as unions, city workers, mayors, entertainers and local families, as well as international travelers; all told hundreds of thousands of diners. When I heard that the Pacific Dining Car was nominated for historical cultural designation, I was sincerely moved that others cared so deeply about PDC. As I own the trademark and the business name, I am 100% supportive of Pacific Dining Car being fully designated, historically renovated and re-opened. To this day I receive emails every week from devoted patrons locally and from abroad sincerely requesting us to open our doors back up. Being the only 24-hour, fine dining restaurant in the country, I believe that Pacific Dining Car is an irreplaceable treasure and representation of our Los Angeles culture and history. There is funding in place to purchase the land and restore the restaurant. If the whole Pacific Dining Car building is fully designated, it can be saved

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Comments for Public Posting: To the P.L.U.M. committee members: I'm writing about COUNCIL FILE # 22-0454, designation of the Pacific Dining Car at 1310 W. 6th Street as a historic-cultural monument. I'm one of the 4th generation of the Pacific Dining Car family. My great grandparents built the Pacific Dining Car over 100 years ago and my family has run it since. This landmark Los Angeles building is worth preserving so that it can be restored and returned to the city. It's been a place where culture happened for around a century, a gathering place for a broad cross-section of L.A. denizens, a place where both deals and memories were made. I remember councilmembers bringing visiting dignitaries, busloads of tourists eager to visit the cultural landmark (and for some, try their 1st classic American steakhouse fare), hospital workers and film production crew coming in to dine after their work, happy to have a nice place to eat in the middle of the night. We were touched by the many callers to the Cultural Heritage Commission meetings who shared stories of how 3 generations of their families gathered to woo a partner, celebrate a graduation, etc. at the Pacific Dining Car. At the time the building was shuttered, it was a beloved, viable business. I was with my dad in hospice when we talked about the assured continuation of Pacific Dining Car. A fan submitted this application, and then so many people expressed so much support for protection of this building. For that we are truly grateful. When we reached out via email and socials ahead of the April Cultural Heritage Committee meeting, over 6,000 people visited our website, 1,000 people engaged with our social media posts, and 180 people, including the renowned architect Frank Gehry (see attached), emailed the CHC in support of the designation. My brother owns the trademark and the business. He is working with investors who want to fund restoration of the building and the restaurant as it was. Your support would be instrumental in this effort to protect the whole structure. Designation paves the way for restoration and re-opening of this century-old, iconic Los Angeles 24 hour fine dining steakhouse. We appreciate your consideration. Thank you!

Attachment: CF-22-0454_Frank-Gehry_Pacific-Dining-Car.pdf Available for download: support emails to the Cultural Heritage Committee for 4/7/22 meeting:
https://pacificdiningcar.com/PDC-Historic-Support-Emails_220407.pdf

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Frank Gehry

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Laurence Tighe
Craig Webb

March 29, 2022

Dear Council Members,

I hereby express my support for the historical designation of The Original Pacific Dining Car.

The loss of these historical gathering places is a trend I have seen many times in our city as a result of the pandemic. As a city of cultural significance, we must make every attempt to preserve our heritage by protecting these landmarks for future generations.

Thank you,



Frank Gehry

Communication from Public

Name: Adrian Scott S Fine

Date Submitted: 10/28/2022 03:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of the Los Angeles Conservancy, I am writing to support the Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) nomination for the Pacific Dining Car in Westlake. We strongly support this HCM nomination and urge the PLUM Committee to support it with a favorable recommendation, including an amendment that broadens the period of significance from 1921 to 2020. A grouping of buildings at the corner of 7th Street and Westlake Streets served as the location for the Pacific Dining Car restaurant, a business established in 1921, for nearly 100 years. This evolution occurred organically, over a period of decades, through a series of additions and new construction that make up what we now know as the Pacific Dining Car. Billed as “Los Angeles’s oldest steakhouse,” the Pacific Dining Car became a legacy business and a beloved community institution, inextricably tied to this physical location, earning it a reputation as one of Los Angeles’s most iconic dining establishments. In 2020, after a very successful run, the Pacific Dining Car abruptly closed and its contents were subsequently auctioned off. The Conservancy requests PLUM support the findings of the Department of City Planning and staff of the Office of Historic Resources which define the period of significance to be 1921 to 2020. This reflects the broad period in which the Pacific Dining Car operated, and is supported through the physical aspects of this property and entire parcel. The Conservancy does not support the recommendation by the Cultural Heritage Commission that modifies the period of significance from 1921 to 1934, as this limits and omits the full story, and decades of contributions made through the operation of the legendary Pacific Dining Car. The Conservancy is very hopeful that this HCM designation will ultimately help in reopening and restoring the Pacific Dining Car, allowing it to continue its important role in the community of Los Angeles. Please support this HCM nomination with an expanded period of significance to ensure the entire parcel and all buildings are included within the scope.

October 28, 2022

Submitted electronically

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, PLUM Chair
Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Councilmember John S. Lee
Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Case No. CHC20219217HCM, Pacific Dining Car HCM

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About the Los Angeles Conservancy:

The Los Angeles Conservancy is the largest local historic preservation organization in the United States, with nearly 5,000 members throughout the Los Angeles area. Established in 1978, the Conservancy works to preserve and revitalize the significant architectural and cultural heritage of Los Angeles County through advocacy and education.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (213) 430-4203 or afine@laconservancy.org should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Adrian Scott Fine
Senior Director of Advocacy

cc: Council District 1
Office of Historic Resources

