

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hrag Hamalian

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2023 11:06 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable Members: On behalf of Bright Star Schools, I write in support of the Historical-Cultural Monument Designation of the house located at 15526 Plummer Street. The house located at 15526 Plummer Street in North Hills is an original residence from the 1910s, and it has historical community significance. In purchasing this property, Bright Star Schools intends to preserve the house and its historical defining features in alignment with the requirements and guidelines of the US Department of the Interior's standards. Bright Star Schools has provided a high-quality, free, public charter school education to children across Los Angeles since 2003. Our Valor Academy schools have been serving the North Hills community since 2009, and we are a proud North Hills community partner. We have hosted community events at our North Hills campuses and community clean-ups. We are strong community partners and excellent stewards of the public resources that we have been entrusted with. We will be an excellent steward of the historic house at 15526 Plummer Street. In purchasing the property to build a permanent campus for Valor Academy Elementary School students, families, and the North Hills community, our plans have always incorporated preserving the house. We also intend to incorporate the house into our academic curriculum to teach our students about their community and its history. As stewards of both the history and the future of our community, we will embrace the entire history of our community and the house at 15526 Plummer Street. We first acknowledge that our schools and houses in the North Hills community reside on the lands of the indigenous Tongva/Gabrielino people, who were removed from their land. Secondly, we acknowledge that when the house was built on Plummer Street, in the 1910s, Latinx community members were prohibited from owning property in North Hills. As the majority of the students and families we serve today at Bright Star Schools are Latinx, we have an opportunity to acknowledge and begin to heal the historical racism of our community. Lastly, in becoming stewards of a historical property at 15526 Plummer Street, we will preserve it as a Historical-Cultural Monument. In building a public school campus that incorporates and preserves the historic house, we will also ensure the very bright future of our community's children and our North Hills community. Sincerely,

Hrag Hamalian Executive Director Bright Star Schools

## Communication from Public

**Name:** May Oey

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2023 06:04 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable Members: On behalf of Bright Star Schools' Valor Academy Elementary School, I ask the PLUM committee to support the Historical-Cultural Monument designation for the house located at 15526 Plummer Street. The house located at 15526 Plummer Street in North Hills is an original residence from the 1910s, and it has historical community significance. In purchasing this property to build a permanent campus for Valor Academy Elementary School, Bright Star Schools intends to preserve the house and its historical defining features in alignment with the requirements and guidelines of the US Department of the Interior's standards. Bright Star's Valor Academy schools have provided a high-quality, free, public charter school education to children in North Hills and the San Fernando Valley since 2009. Valor Academy Elementary School was founded in 2016, and we serve approximately 370 students from transitional kindergarten through 4th grade. Our students and families need and deserve a permanent campus that supports their learning and their very bright futures. In building a campus at 15526 Plummer Street where we will preserve the historic house as part of our school, we will be excellent stewards of the historic house as we also build a very bright future for our community. In addition to preserving the house, we also intend to incorporate the house into our academic curriculum at Valor Elementary to teach our Cubs about their community and its history. We will embrace the history of the 1910s when the house was built, acknowledge that our schools and houses in the North Hills community reside on the lands of the indigenous Tongva/Gabrielino people, and recognize that during the 1910s when the house was built, Latinx community members were prohibited from owning property in North Hills. As the majority of the students and families we serve today at Bright Star Schools are Latinx, we have an opportunity to acknowledge and begin to heal the historical racism of our community and build a brighter future together. Sincerely, May Oey Founding Principal, Valor Academy Elementary School Bright Star Schools