

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Fellow citizens, I write to you this morning for the sake of Historical Architecture which is disappearing in Los Angeles at an alarming rate. This particular building, for insignificant as it might seem to developers, holds a significant place in the history of our neighborhoods. The 30's and 40's architecturally speaking represented an age of change and vision in the city of Angels. As the country moved forward after the depression, a new age of hope and ideas was born especially in the construction of new buildings with whimsical designs (art deco, programmatic architecture, etc.) such buildings brought cheer and awe and became landmarks to all of us. The demolition of such is a complete disregard for our own history. Such wonderful structures are being replaced by soulless buildings. Boxes devoid of any character and design. Most of us are not against development but are against the lack of consideration for the buildings that have made this city the city of "dreams" LaLa land! We must allow new structures that incorporate elements of our diverse architectural history for our own sake. If I want to see a brand new city with gleaming metal "boxes" there are plenty to choose from elsewhere. We must learn to consider, value, and preserve our own architectural history, let's tell a story of how things were in Los Angeles and how buildings that represented change and forward-thinking were not devoid of imagination, style, and design. Let's save our Architecture so we can share those ideals with future generations. Thank you! Carlos R. Silva Carranza

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Comments for Public Posting: As a shop-owning merchant down the block from the Chili Bowl Building, I must vehemently urge you to landmark or otherwise preserve this Los Angeles Treasure. Remember that at one time Parisians were planning on leveling the Eiffel Tower after the World's Fair...but some bright, forward-thinking people preserved it and it continues to tell its story and make Paris what it is. Odd little buildings like The Chili Bowl and Randy's Donuts and the courtyard apartment buildings, the grand theatres, the deco buildings are what make Los Angeles Los Angeles and must be preserved. If the land it sits on is sold off already, we all know full well and have seen time and again, a small, important building can be preserved and new construction can grow around it and they can compliment each other...that calls for smart/inventive developers and architects and a city that tells everyone that certain things should and can be saved to tie our city's future to its past...