

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kim Cooper

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear PLUM Committee Members, Holy cats, but the Chili Bowl is a GREAT Los Angeles building, a rare survivor from the inventive roadside attraction era. Programmatic buildings like the Chili Bowl tell a compelling story of the rise of the automobile, of Southern California's creativity, and of new methods of advertising developed by entrepreneurial business people like the Chili Bowl's founder, Art Whizin. Contrary to the negative assertions in the property owner's commissioned historic preservation report, the Chili Bowl is almost unaltered from its original appearance when constructed in 1935, and unlike the other surviving Chili Bowl's in other cities in Los Angeles County, it even retains its rare lozenge-shaped rooftop sign armature. The Chili Bowl would be recognizable to a time traveler from 1935, who would probably be very confused to be served sushi. The Cultural Heritage Commission recommends the Chili Bowl for designation at an Historic-Cultural Monument, and I strongly encourage you to follow their direction and add this unofficial landmark to the city's register of distinguished and protected structures. sincerely yours, Kim Cooper cultural historian, Esotouric Los Angeles, CA 90032

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Request a PLUM vote to send this to a full city council. Thx.