

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rev. Dylan Littlefield

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in support of the designation of the Morris Kight House at 1822 W. 4th Street as a Historical Cultural Monument. The City's wish to designate the Morris Kight House "site only"--merely a plaque, falls far, far short of the importance of the home for the then-emerging gay rights movement. With the ever-increasing legislation across the country that are eroding LGBTQ+ rights, it is vital that places that emphasize the struggles that our community has faced and overcome are preserved for future generations, not only as a physical location, but as a shining light to the generations after us. Morris Kight opened his home up to the LGBTQ community in the late 60s and early 70s -- one that was marginalized, criminalized and ostracized. The Los Angeles gay rights movement would not be where it is today without Morris Kight and his generosity to the community. Significant organizations that support the LGBTQ residents of Los Angeles owe their origins to Morris Kight. We owe it to the legacy of one of our city's great leaders to preserve this home, to save a vital piece of history, especially in this era, where LGBTQ+ rights are once again at issue and at the great progress started by Morris Kight is at risk.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kim Cooper & Richard Schave

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: Council File: 20-1341- 1822 West 4th Street / Morris Kight Residence / Historic-Cultural Monument Dear PLUM Committee, We write in support of the Cultural Heritage Commission's recommendation that Morris Kight's house at 1822 West 4th Street be designated as an Historic-Cultural Monument. This house has already been granted National Register status as a key location in the establishment of Gay Rights in America, and is certainly deserving of municipal designation as well. From 1967 to 1974, Morris Kight opened up his personal residence as a place where members of the oppressed and criminalized LGBTQ+ community could freely gather, receive services, organize and strategize. Gay Rights as we know them would not exist without 1822 West 4th Street. The site is associated with the founding of Los Angeles Chapter of the Gay Liberation Front (GLF/LA), the founding of the Gay Community Services Center (GCSC), development of the Christopher Street West Parade, and much more. And today, as it did in Morris Kight's time, 1822 West 4th Street still serves as naturally occurring affordable housing for renters. But the property owner wants to tear 1822 West 4th Street down and displace the residents. Please help preserve this significant National Register landmark by extending the protections of full HCM status, and not the symbolic and ultimately meaningless "site designation" plaque. A vote for "site designation" is a vote for demolition and displacement, and an act of violence against the incredible work done by Morris Kight and his friends in a pretty Craftsman cottage in the Westlake District. sincerely yours, Kim Cooper & Richard Schave Los Angeles Historians & Preservationists Esotouric