



Kevin de León

May 15, 2023

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair  
Councilmember Monica Rodriguez  
Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky  
Councilmember John S. Lee  
Councilmember Heather Hutt  
Planning and Land Use Management Committee  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Item No. 10: Nomination of Jay Risk Standard Oil Co. Service Station  
as City Historic-Cultural Monument  
Council File No. 23-0217**

Dear Councilmember Harris-Dawson and Members of the PLUM Committee:

This past February, the Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission unanimously approved the nomination submitted by the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society to declare the former Standard Oil Co. Service Station located at 1659 W. Colorado Boulevard in Council District 14 as a City Historic-Cultural Monument. I strongly urge the PLUM Committee to affirmatively vote to include the former gas station in the list of Monuments.

The former Standard Oil Co. Service Station, originally built in 1919 at Standard Oil's main plant, maintenance and sales facility on Spring Street near the Los Angeles River and relocated to Eagle Rock in 1931, is a rare example of a commercial building from its era that gave way to the emergence of the automobile in Southern California. The building's direct connection with Route 66, which ran through Colorado Boulevard during the 1930s and is a historical testament to our City's automobile culture, cannot be separated from its historical significance.

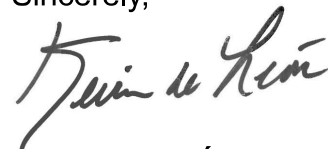
In the 1930s, the building provided oil service to automobiles traveling along Route 66 in Eagle Rock and in later years, it was converted to a fruit and vegetable stand. In 1947, the building served as the office of a plumbing company until the property was sold a few years ago by the same family who owned the company for the last 75 years.

Today the service station overlooks Colorado Boulevard, a street now dotted with electric vehicle charging stations and traversed by hybrid and fully electric cars, once again bearing witness to Los Angeles reimagining itself.

I am proud to join the City's Cultural Heritage Commission, Office of Historic Resources, the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society and community stakeholders to support the Monument nomination and thereby ensure that the former Standard Oil Co. Service Station will be preserved for future generations. This nomination was made possible through the hard work and dedication to preserving our City's history of the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society, especially Frank Parrello, Eric Warren, David Dellinger, and Alexis Spraic.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin de León". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" and last name "de León" clearly distinguishable.

**KEVIN DE LEÓN**

Councilmember, 14th District