

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Oldenkamp

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, Please vote yes to make Morris Kight's 4th Street Residence an Historic-Cultural Monument at the June 6th hearing. Everyone I know is either scared, depressed or angry (or all of the above), especially me and my LGBTQ family and friends. Denying HCM designation to Morris Kight's 4th Street house would not only be wrong (because the house has already been judged and found historic) but it will also send the wrong message (Los Angeles must stay vigilant against LGBTQ bias). At least 417 anti-LGBTQ bills have been introduced in state legislatures across the United States since the start of 2023 — a new record, according to American Civil Liberties Union data as of April 3. That's already more than twice the number of such bills introduced all of last year. And 24 bills that restrict LGBTQ rights have passed in 11 states. Morris Kight fought for all of us. His home at 1822 4th Street is the birthplace of the modern LGBTQ civil rights movement. Kight's home was a gay community services center, an outreach center and a meeting place for grassroots activists, actions and causes. Kight co-founded the Gay Liberation Front/Los Angeles chapter (1969) and held their meetings at his 4th Street house; one of their actions was to force the American Psychiatric Association to stop listing homosexuality as a mental illness. Kight personally ran the first ever LGBT crisis hotline. The first ever gay pride parade was conceived and planned at 1822 4th Street. And the first ever Gay Community Services Center (1971) was born from the services center at Kight's home (and would grow into the country's largest LGBT services center). I urge you to do the right thing. Please vote yes to make Morris Kight Residence 1822 W. 4th Street an Historic-Cultural Monument at the June 6th hearing. Sincerely, Natalie Oldenkamp

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Name: Mary Mallory

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to pursue a full HCM for the Morris Kight residence instead of a fake "site of", as it is so worthy of full recognition as the birthplace in many ways of gay pride, unity, and history in the city of Los Angeles, especially in this month recognizing LGBTQ+ and Pride. Without Kight and his work organizing the first gay pride parade, organizing LGBTQ individuals to stand up for their rights, etc., gay people would still be second class citizens here, as it appears many in red states want to make them again. Do we want to go down that path, especially in Gay Pride Month? This home meets the definition of a HCM in that it is the home of a significant resident and the site of historic events in the city of LA. Please make this a full HCM, or all you are doing is watering down what HCMs are in the city of LA, demeaning and demoting what it means and rendering history as something ephemeral and not worthy of being preserved, protected, and recognized. This could set precedent and destroy our history, leaving the city a sterile, bland, soulless municipality in which history is wiped away and developers are rendered gods. Please designate this site a full HCM. Sincerely, Mary Mallory
marymallory0@gmail.com Secretary, Hollywood Heritage
Member, Studio City Neighborhood Council's Cultural Affairs
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Name: joe delaplaine

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Comments for Public Posting: Please STOP erasing lgbtq local history! Gentrification erases physical evidence of our community's history, bravery and accomplishments, vote yes to make the Morris Kight Residence, 1822 W. 4th Street, a historic and cultural monument at the June 6th hearing and prove you value lgbtq people with your actions, not merely words. Morris Kight's 4th St. home was ground zero for our community's survival when NO politician or government agency would help our community. Do NOT tear down this actual evidence of our living history. Youth NEED to be able to physically lay their hands on monuments to our local achievements and successes, not be left with nothing but incomplete, disjointed fragments they can only experience, second-hand on YouTube or social media! Morris' house WAS the LA Center before there was ANY such service existed in the world! He opened his home and phone so community members in crisis had somewhere to turn to. Our community created these services and programs ourselves --and we did it here, at Morris' 4th St. home in L.A. FIRST-- thanks to the decades of effort by Kight and those who organized and volunteered at his home. Value and preserve OUR lgbtq history and lives. Preserve, honor and protect Morris' home so we can show our achievements to generations to come. Please vote yes to make Morris Kight's 4th Street Residence an Historic-Cultural Monument at the June 6th hearing.