

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the council to vote to protect Morris Kight's fourth street home as a landmark site of the gay rights movement. Please vote to give this house status as a Historic-Cultural Monument and do not allow it to be redeveloped. I and my LGBTQ family and friends all know we are not respected by city, state and federal government. Bills that restrict our rights are passing all over the country. We are all afraid right now. We deeply want to believe that our representatives value us and will implement and uphold laws that treat us with respect, but what are we supposed to believe when we see our history getting torn down and our rights eroded? If you vote to let this house be torn down, I will not be surprised, but I will have one more reason to believe that the City Council does not value us or our history, and are not interested in trying to protect me or my loved ones. Please, please prove me wrong, and give us a reason to believe that you do care about our rights and our history, and you are willing to prioritize that over profits for developers. Please vote yes to make Morris Kight Residence 1822 W. 4th Street an Historic-Cultural Monument at the August 8th hearing.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please designate Morris Kight's home, 1822 W. 4th Street, Los Angeles, as a protected historical landmark. LGBTQ history is riddled with erasures and omissions where mainstream historians have attempted to erase the lives and contributions of LGBTQ individuals from the official narrative. At this moment in history, you have a unique opportunity to save a meaningful piece of both LGBTQ history AND Los Angeles history, at the same time. Morris Kight was a hero to his community and a leader of civil rights. He is a little-known leader in Los Angeles whose legacy is iconic: he helped to found BOTH one of the first Pride parades, and the organization that is now the LA LGBT Center, which continues to serve some of the most vulnerable members of our community. For more information, please visit <https://www.savemorriskights4thstreet.com/>. Please do not let Morris Kight's home and legacy be erased from history!