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RE: The Rendon Hotel // 2053-2055 E. 7th St

Dear Honorable Chair,

My name is Roman Khimei and I am writing to share my support for the Rendon Hotel project.

I am a longtime friend of Ralph and Maria Ziman and know firsthand how passionate they are about art and the arts community in Los Angeles. This project is the ultimate demonstration of their long-term commitment to supporting the Arts District. In addition to their own artistic careers, they have organized numerous fundraisers for community-based art organizations in Los Angeles, which I have attended. These [Art At The Rendon](#) events have raised over \$138,000 for organizations such as Inner-City Arts, Cornerstone Theater Company, the Brady Campaign, Institute of Contemporary Art Los Angeles (ICA LA), and Art Share L.A.. Knowing Maria and Ralph, these efforts are just the beginning.

If this project is approved, I have full confidence that they will be able to advance their goals of supporting equitable arts education and ensuring arts institutions have the financial stability to operate for years to come.

If you can't already tell, Maria and Ralph care deeply about art and the Arts District community. When I learned that they chose to rebuild the affordable units at the El Sol Hotel, and bought the building without any governmental funding, I was not surprised. **The Zimans are community leaders who are willing to do whatever it takes to help the greatest number of people.**

Out of all the people to propose a hotel in the Arts District, the City of Los Angeles should consider itself lucky that Ralph and Maria are the husband-and-wife team to do it. **They are artists, community members, and deeply passionate advocates for the long-term prosperity of art in Los Angeles. I feel grateful to call them friends, and I sincerely hope that you support the Zimans in this wonderful effort.**

Thank you and please approve the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Roman Khimei