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Fwd: International Institute of Los Angeles

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To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: HCM Melissa Jones <melissa.jones@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 8, 2020 at 3:44 PM

Hi Melissa,

Below is Little Tokyo Historical Society's Letter of Support, which was email to you, and I am now including it on the chc email address to be sure that it gets uploaded.

Thank you,

Vivian Escalante,

President/Founder, CEO

<http://www.BoyleHeightsCommunityPartners.com>

formally CTDR Committee To Defend Roosevelt

Unity with strength for History, Community and Historic Preservation

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On 03.01.2020 2:26 pm, Yukio & Lilian Kawaratani wrote:

Michael and Vivian,
Here's my letter of support.
Yukio

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Yukio & Lilian Kawaratani** <yklk31@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Mar 1, 2020 at 2:19 PM

Subject: International Institute of Los Angeles

To: <melissa.jones@lacity.org>

RE: CHC-2020-899-HCN 435

Support the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of the International Institute of Los Angeles at [435 S. Boyle Avenue](#).

Dear Ms. Jones,

I, Yukio Kawaratani, a Director of the Little Tokyo Historical Society, strongly support the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of the International Institute of Los Angeles, located at [435 S. Boyle Avenue](#). It has been a historic community serving institution for many years and in many ways. It's Spanish Colonial architecture is unique and must be protected.

On a personal note. When I was a young bachelor, way back after World War II in the 1950s I recall that many Japanese American clubs held community dances there. My wife who teaches citizenship said that many American citizenship classes and official interviews were held there.

I urge the LA City Cultural Heritage Commission to approve this worthy nomination.

4/13/2020

City of Los Angeles Mail - Fwd: International Institute of Los Angeles

Yukio Kawaratani
Director, Little Tokyo Historical Society



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April 14, 2020

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RE: CHC-2020-899-HCM 435, Support the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of the International Institute of Los Angeles, 435 S. Boyle Avenue

Dear Ms. Jones:

On behalf of the Little Tokyo Historical Society (LTHS) we support the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of the International Institute of Los Angeles for the property located at 435 S. Boyle Avenue in the Boyle Heights neighborhood. Since 1924, the subject property has been associated with the International Institute of Los Angeles, one of more than fifty immigrant-serving agencies to open nationwide under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in the early twentieth century. The International Institute of Los Angeles is significant for its associations with Progressive Era reform, women's social movements, and patterns of immigration in Los Angeles. As a community-serving institution, the subject property is emblematic of representing Boyle Heights' ethno-racial diversity prior to World War I and through the post-World War II era. The subject property and is an excellent example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture in an institutional setting.

Given the subject property is zoned R4, within a transit priority area, and currently on the market, we are concerned about the potential for demolition and/or loss of character-defining features of this important historic and cultural site. To document and conserve an important part of Los Angeles heritage, we submit the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for the International Institute of Los Angeles.

LTHS focuses on researching and discovering the historical resources, stories and connections of sites, buildings, and events related to Little Tokyo as an ethnic heritage neighborhood of Los Angeles. LTHS has also partnered with a number of institutions in Boyle Heights to share the rich cultural heritage of the once-vibrant Japanese American community in the neighborhood.

There are many historic and culturally significant resources in Boyle Heights, yet few have been locally designated. We urge you to take into consideration the designation of the International Institute of Los Angeles. Please do not hesitate to contact me at littletokyohs@gmail.com should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Okamura
President



April 9, 2020

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RE: CHC-2020-899-HCM (International Institute of Los Angeles, 435 South Boyle)

Dear Chair Barron and Members of the Cultural Heritage Commission,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Asian Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation (APIAHiP), I send this letter to express our enthusiastic support for the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for the property located at 435 S. Boyle Avenue in Los Angeles.

The mission of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation is to protect historic places and cultural resources significant to Asian and Pacific Islander Americans through historic preservation and heritage conservation. On a national level, less than 8% of the National Register of Historic Places are associated with African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, women, and the LGBTQ community. APIAHiP seeks to elevate local efforts to document, preserve, and protect historical sites and cultural resources that tell the stories of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

The International Institute was formally determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by Section 106 review in 2000 and was added to the California Register. Additionally, the property has been identified as eligible for local listing in SurveyLA, including in the Japanese American Historic Context, the Women's Rights Historic Context, and Latino Los Angeles Historic Context.

Since 1924, the property has been associated with the International Institute of Los Angeles (IILA), one of more than fifty immigrant-serving agencies to open nationwide under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in the early twentieth century. As the nomination outlines, the property is significant for its associations with Progressive Era reform, women's social movements, and patterns of immigration in Los Angeles.

In the 1920s, Japanese families began settling in Boyle Heights in greater numbers. In addition to access to housing and proximity to Little Tokyo, development of social and cultural institutions was an important factor driving Japanese settlement in Boyle Heights. According to SurveyLA's Japanese American Historic Context, the International Institute offered classes to help newly arrived immigrants to adjust to life in Los Angeles. Asian immigrant women, including Japanese women, were the largest group served at the Institute during this time. During World War II, the organization lobbied on behalf of persons of Japanese ancestry, and when the war ended, the Institute assisted with resettlement efforts. Though providing basic social services remained the Institute's top concern during resettlement, in time, the Institute continued to support cultural activities after the war. In particular, the organization welcomed Nisei clubs and social gatherings into the 1960s and 1970s. In the nascent days of the small but growing Asian American community in Los Angeles, the Institute helped to sponsor and house the first Asian American community-based nonprofits to serve the diverse populations moving into the Los Angeles area, including the Oriental Service Center.

We strongly urge the Commission to take the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of the International Institute into consideration for its significant contributions to the Boyle Heights community and the broader Asian American community in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Bill Watanabe
Board Chair

April 10, 2020

VIA E-MAIL

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Re: **Opposition to Historic-Cultural Monument Application for 435 South Boyle Avenue
("Subject Property")**

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Our law firm represents the nonprofit International Institute of Los Angeles ("International Institute"), owner of the Subject Property, which strongly opposes the abovementioned Application. Both the Application and the City Planning Department's Recommendation Report ("City Report") are rife with inaccuracies and misleading statements, all of which underscore the fact that there is no reasonable justification for the proposed Historic-Cultural Monument status.

The City staff's recommendation to the Commission is to "take the property under consideration as an Historic-Cultural Monument...because the application and accompanying photo documentation suggest the submittal warrants further investigation". This is unnecessary and unfounded. We have conducted a thorough investigation, as detailed below, which unequivocally demonstrates that the only conclusion the Commission can reach is to fully deny the nomination.

I. Subject Property Is Not Listed in the National Register or California Register

The Applicant and the City Report attempt to portray the Subject Property as having obtained certain state or federally-approved historical status. The City Report plainly states, "The subject property was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and subsequently listed in the California Register of Historical Resources in 2000," while offering no supporting documentation. (See, City Report, P. 4)

This statement is flatly wrong. In response to the City's and the Applicant's misrepresentations, we verified that the Property is NOT listed on the National Register of Historic Places (See, **Exhibit C**) or the California Register of Historical Resources (**Exhibit D**); the Property is also not cited in the National Archives database (**Exhibit E**).

II. Subject Property Has Not Undergone the Proper Historic Review Process For Any State or Federal Designation

During its more than 90-year ownership of the Subject Property, the International Institute has never received any formal notification that its building was being considered for any kind of historic designation status until the instant Application. To be sure, there is no documented record of the Subject Property being formally considered for any historic designation by either the California State Historic Preservation Office or the United States National Park Service. Despite this fact, the City Report attempts to bolster a claim for special status by asserting that "the property was identified as a known historic resource in the SurveyLA Japanese-American, Latino, and Women's Rights historic context statements". (See, City Report, P. 4). Again, this is inaccurate and misleading. Two of these documents make no such finding, and only one—the Latino historic context statement—inaccurately states the Subject Property is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources. The Applicant's and the City's attempts to magically designate the Subject Property as a "historic resource" is simply groundless.

The absence of any due process for a historic resource designation of the Subject Property is further amplified by the City's own archived documents. According to materials uncovered by our office, the City, along with the California State Historic Preservation Officer ("SHPO") and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation ("Advisory Council") prepared a Programmatic Agreement Compliance Report in 2000 that identified properties that were recipients of certain types of grants as being potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. In the Ninth Reporting Period, (spanning from July 1, 1999 - December 31, 1999) the City and its Historic Preservation Consultant "evaluated two properties as eligible for individual listing in the National Register" – one of them being the Subject Property. The extent of this cursory process is detailed by the City in its report - "The determination of eligibility for the International Institute was documented and submitted to the SHPO during the Ninth Reporting Period. The SHPO did not respond within the allotted 15 days to the determination. Therefore, according to Stipulation VI, the City has assumed that the SHPO did not object to the determination, considered it to be a Historic Property under the PA, and proceeded in accordance with Stipulation VII." (See **Exhibit A**, pages 11-12.)

The reason the Subject Property was included in the City's Compliance Report mentioned above, was simply due to the fact that in 1999, the International Institute applied for, and obtained a "Community Development Block Grant" to allow provide funding for certain senior activities conducted at the Subject Property, including providing nutritional meals, transportation, recreation and English classes, as well as other social and community benefits to certain senior citizens. This grant was further conditioned on the Institute using the funds, at least in part, to renovate the existing building – specifically to rehabilitate or construct "two (2) Public restrooms on first floor and repair kitchen restrooms; installation of fire alarm system, emergency lighting and electrical throughout building as required and repair/install rain gutter and drinking fountains and walkways" all of which the Institute did in 2000. (See **Exhibit B**, page 5.)

Nowhere in the 37 page agreement (**Exhibit B**) between the Institute and the City is there any mention of the City's ability or inclination to use this agreement for the issuance of a Community Block Grant as a means to designate the Subject Property as historic. However, unbeknownst to the Owner at the time, within just two months of when the agreement was signed between the Institute and the City for a grant to be used to upgrade the building in order to provide community services, the City uses its oversight of the Community Block Grant and identifies the Subject Property as being potentially eligible for historic status with no public review process or notice to the Owner.

To reiterate – the Owner applied for a Community Block Grant to obtain funds for basic renovations to the deteriorating property in order to provide meals and other services to certain low income senior citizens over the course of ten to twenty years and, without any notice to the Owner, and outside of the rights and regulations contained in the agreement between the Owner and the City, the City privately lists the Subject Property as potentially eligible without any historical report, public process or even cursory notification to the Owner. Further, this potentially eligible status is NOT found on ANY of the state or federal websites.

In sum, the Subject Property NEVER underwent a single formal (public) eligibility process for historic review or significance at either the State level or National level.

III. Application Does Not Support Necessary Findings for Historic-Cultural Monument Status

According to the first page of the Application, the writer states, "The building is in overall good condition and retains all aspects of integrity." Not only is this patently false, but it cannot (and in fact, is not) backed by any documentation from a licensed contractor or structural engineer.

Further, to our knowledge, the Applicant did not go onto the Subject Property and certainly did not conduct a physical inspection. To be clear, the Subject Property is NOT in good condition and the Institute will provide pictures and additional facts to that issue. One final note to this issue is the comment made on Page four (4) of the Application – “Access to the interior was not granted by the owner, and therefore cannot be described beyond changes indicated by permits.” Access was never requested, so this statement is disingenuous and misleading.

While the architects of the Subject Property may have been notable, the Subject Property is NOT a notable work. The Applicant has not pointed to a single document or published article that highlights the architecture of the Subject Property. The fact that the philanthropic work of the Institute is notable and numerous articles about it have been published in the newspapers over the years does not in fact turn the Subject Property into a “notable work” of an architect.

Finally, the Owner would like the Commission to know that while this Application was filed in August 2019, the Owner did not receive any notice or even a courtesy copy from either the Applicant or the City and was not aware anything had been filed until they received notice from the City regarding the original hearing date. The Owner never received a certified letter or notice, as is indicated as the proper noticing requirements in the City’s regulations. Thankfully, both City staff and the Applicant agreed to a short continuance that allowed us to conduct some proper due diligence, but the City should be mindful that not complying with the proper noticing rules, puts a property owner at a severe disadvantage that is neither fair, nor lawful.

IV. The People and the Works of the Institute Are the Subject of the Documentation, Not the Subject Property

The vast majority of the historical narrative and accompanying pictures included as part of the Application center, not surprisingly, on the work and the people of the International Institute. This organization has been in existence for over 100 years and hopes to continue its important work for another century. But this building is long past its useful life and, in fact, no longer houses any staff or is used by the International Institute for any events – public or private. Unequivocally, it is in very poor physical condition, is not compliant with ADA laws, and is not structurally sound. It currently sits vacant and is for sale.

Interestingly, it was not until the Subject Property was put up for sale that anyone rushed to submit a nomination. This building has housed the International Institute for nearly 90 years, and at no time while serving a useful purpose and considered a vibrant resources for the community did anyone in the community decide that the building should be deemed historic. Only after the building has fallen into decay and is a financial burden for the International

Institute, does someone now insist the Subject Property be deemed historic, which will cause a huge burden on this important, philanthropic institute.

By deeming the building historic, it will simply sit idle and vacant as the Institute cannot afford to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to ensure the safety of people using an ill-designed building for modern use. The hallways are cramped and small with multiple doors leading off into different corridors – some with multiple small steps – and these hallways cannot be made to be ADA compliant without extreme costs and construction. The building needs significant structural work and seismic upgrades in order to be safe in the event of an earthquake, and the building's entire electrical and plumbing system would need a wholesale renovation in order to be properly used by the Institute's staff or the general public.

Likewise, no new owner has been identified as wanting to undertake such a monumental task – even before this historical nomination was submitted. Should the Commission decide to move forward with deeming the Subject Property an Historical Monument, it will prove very difficult to find anyone to buy this property, even at a huge loss to the Institute.

Conclusion

The Subject Property fails to meet the criteria for the City's designation as a Historic-Cultural Monument. Not only is the building itself architecturally unremarkable, but also in such a seriously dilapidated and altered condition that its functionality is significantly diminished. Contrary to the Applicant's and the City's assertions, the Subject Property is NOT listed in either the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historical Resources. The Applicant's proposed nomination, which centers largely on the decades of good work performed by the International Institute, only jeopardizes the organization's ability to continue its vital service to the community. We urge you to deny the Application.

Very truly yours,



Ellia M. Thompson

Cc: Melisa Jones, City Planning Associate
Vivian Escalante, Applicant

III. RESULTS OF ACTIVITIES

3.1 Summary of Activities

This section summarizes the specific activities carried out under the PA between July 1, 1999 and December 31, 1999. An activity report for each of the following is included at the end of this Ninth Reporting Period PACR: Summary of Activities, including a list by property address of all undertakings; Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties; Treatment of Historic Properties; Resolution of Adverse Effects; Consideration and Treatment of Archeological Resources; and Undertakings Not Requiring Review. Since no Standard Mitigation Measures Agreements were developed during this reporting period, none is included in this Ninth Reporting Period PACR.

The City and the HPC worked on the review of 142 undertakings under the PA during the Ninth reporting period which involved 150 properties. Of the 142 undertakings, 26 were Community Development Department (CDD) projects and 116 were Housing Department (LAHD) projects.

3.2 Identification and Evaluation

Identification and evaluation were carried out for 102 properties during the Ninth reporting period.

3.2.1 Listed and Eligible Properties

Of the 102 properties for which identification and evaluation were carried out during the Ninth reporting period, one had been previously determined eligible for listing in the National Register:

 3501 Valley Boulevard/3540 North Mission Road (Lincoln Park Boathouse)

One had been previously listed in the National Register:

1221 East 40th Place (Ralph Bunche House)

The City and HPC evaluated two properties as eligible for individual listing in the National Register and one property as a contributor to a district during this reporting period:

 435 South Boyle Avenue (International Institute)
5600 North Figueroa Street (Highland Theater)
1065 West 82nd Street (contributor to a district)

The determination of eligibility for the International Institute was documented and submitted to the SHPO during the Ninth Reporting Period. The SHPO did not respond within the allotted 15 days to the determination. Therefore, according to Stipulation VI, the City has assumed that the SHPO did not object to the determination, considered it to be a Historic Property under the PA,

II. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CONTRACTOR

\$201. Independent Contractor Status

The parties agree that the performance of the Contractor's services hereunder shall be in the capacity of an independent Contractor and that no employees of the Contractor have been, are, or shall be employees of the City by virtue of this Agreement, and the Contractor shall so inform each employee organization, each employee, and, if applicable, each collaborating subcontractor agency hired or retained under this Agreement.

\$202. Contractor Agreements

- A. The Contractor shall submit to the City a list of all grant or funding agreements entered into between the Contractor and other public or private organizations concerning the activities funded under this Agreement and of any termination, default, suspension or disallowed costs under said funding agreements. The Contractor shall inform the City in writing of all new sources of funding the Contractor may acquire during the term of this Agreement concerning the activities funded under this Agreement.
- B. A copy of any of the above agreements shall be furnished to the City upon its request.

\$203. Services to be Provided by the Contractor

International Institute of Los Angeles provides senior citizens a wide range of social services which consists of the following: nutritional meals, transportation, recreation, citizenship and English classes, Immigration services and legal representation services as required. Hours of operation are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A. Identification of Project Eligibility/National Objectives

1. This project is eligible under 24 CFR 570 as follows (indicate all appropriate letters and sub-numbers, project may be eligible under several criteria):

201 (a-1)	_____	204 (a-c)	_____
202 (a-e)	<u>A</u>	205 (a-b)	_____
203 (a-b)	_____	206 (a-g)	_____

2. All projects funded with HCDBG funds must meet one of three national objectives. This project meets the following national objective (check only one):

- 1) Activities benefiting very low and low income persons under 24CFR 570.208(a)

B. General Requirements

1. The Contractor shall, in furtherance of this Agreement:
- a. Renovate an existing building
 - b. All specific activities contained in Subsection C, Specific Requirements of the Contractor.
2. The Contractor shall use the funds provided in this Agreement as defined herein. It is further understood that there is neither an expressed nor implied assurance that the City will provide further funding to the Contractor beyond the completion of this Agreement.

EXHIBIT B

National Register of Historic Places

Public, non-restricted data depicting National Register spatial data processed by the Cultural Resources GIS Facility. Data last updated in April, 2014.

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



1	Ref#	Property Name	Status	Request Type	Status Date	Restricted Address	City	County
1570	65000517	Archaeological Site FS 05 06 58 25	Eligible	Federal DOE	4/7/1978	TRUE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1580	65000542	Archaeological Site HU 1	Eligible	Federal DOE	7/10/1975	TRUE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1581	65007309	Archaeological Site HU 5	Eligible	Federal DOE	7/10/1975	TRUE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1582	65000432	Archaeological Site CA LAN 1010	Eligible	Federal DOE	11/10/1982	TRUE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1583	65000433	Archaeological Site CA LAN 1051	Eligible	Federal DOE	11/10/1982	TRUE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1584	65007375	Archaeological Site CA LAN 1065	Eligible	Federal DOE	11/10/1982	TRUE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1585	65000560	Arroyo Seco Parkway	Eligible	Federal DOE	3/31/1983	FALSE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1586	65006827	Baldwin Park City Hall	Eligible	Federal DOE	3/16/1978	FALSE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1587	65000577	Beverly Gardens Park	Eligible	Federal DOE	4/15/1985	FALSE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1588	65007498	Big Tupajns Prehistoric Archaeological Site (04 LAN-167)	Eligible	Federal DOE	10/28/1975	TRUE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1589	65000787	Grassie House	Eligible	Federal DOE	3/31/1983	FALSE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1590	65000787	Hollywood Bowl	Eligible	Federal DOE	5/31/1983	FALSE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1591	65000877	Marlham Place District	Eligible	Federal DOE	3/31/1983	TRUE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1592	65000911	National Bank of Pico	Eligible	Federal DOE	11/9/1977	FALSE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1593	65001051	South of Mission District	Eligible	Federal DOE	3/31/1983	TRUE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1594	65001082	United Artists/Teraco Company Building	Eligible	Federal DOE	9/15/1982	FALSE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1595	65001076	Van Norman (or Los Angeles) Reservoir Archaeological District	Eligible	Federal DOE	5/18/1975	TRUE	City unavailable	Los Angeles
1596	65000456	Archaeological Site CA-Mari-176	Eligible	Federal DOE	6/19/1975	TRUE	City unavailable	Madera
1597	65000453	Archaeological Site CA-Mari-177	Eligible	Federal DOE	6/19/1975	TRUE	City unavailable	Madera
1598	65000781	Archaeological Site CA-Mari-178	Eligible	Federal DOE	6/19/1975	TRUE	City unavailable	Madera

1	Ref#	Property Name	Status	United Date	NHL Designated Date	Restricted Address	Name of Multiple Property Listing	State	County	City
6683	65000204	Hollywood Boulevard Commercial	Listed	4/4/1985		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6684	65000550	Hollywood Cemetery	Listed	5/4/1990		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6685	65000969	Hollywood High School Historic District	Listed	5/4/1992		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6686	65000934	Hollywood-Melrose Historic District	Listed	7/9/1983		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6687	65000662	Hollywood-Paladium	Listed	9/10/1980		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6688	65000378	Hollywood Western Building, The	Listed	7/7/1935		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6689	65000202	Holmes-Staircase House	Listed	3/26/2008		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6690	65001470	Hotel Chancellor	Listed	2/2/2005		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6691	65000580	Hotel Rossmore Annex	Listed	8/13/2011		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6692	65001010	Irving, Washington, Branch	Listed	3/23/1987		FALSE	Los Angeles Branch Library System TR	CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6693	65001011	Jackson, Helen West, Branch	Listed	5/10/1987		FALSE	Los Angeles Branch Library System TR	CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6694	65001012	Jefferson Apartments	Listed	10/26/1980		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6695	65001012	Jefferson Branch	Listed	5/10/1987		FALSE	Los Angeles Branch Library System TR	CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6696	65001013	Julien Studios	Listed	3/25/1999		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6697	65000774	Kerckhoff Building and Annex	Listed	8/2/2005		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6698	65001116	Knox, George B., House	Listed	9/15/1988		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6699	65000259	La Casa Del Rey	Listed	12/13/2016		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6700	65000904	Lady-Belle-Barn	Listed	9/14/1914		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6701	65001014	Lautner, John and Mary, House	Listed	9/14/1914		FALSE	RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE OF JOHN LAUTNER II SAN	CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6702	65001015	Lincoln Heights Branch	Listed	6/10/1987		FALSE	Los Angeles Branch Library System TR	CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6703	65000911	Lincoln Place Apartments	Listed	12/12/2015		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6704	65000549	Lincoln Theatre	Listed	3/5/2/2009		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6705	65001470	Little Tokyo Historic District	Listed	8/17/1986	6/17/1986	FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6706	65000765	Los Aliso Apartments	Listed	7/1/1959		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6707	65000536	Los Angeles Central Library	Listed	12/18/1970		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles
6708	65000810	Los Angeles Harbor Light Station	Listed	10/14/1980		FALSE		CALIFORNIA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles

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April 10, 2020

City of Los Angeles
Cultural Heritage Commission
200 North Spring St., Room 272
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CHC_2020-899-HCM (International Institute of Los Angeles, 435 South Boyle)

Dear Members of the Cultural Heritage Commission,

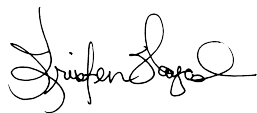
On behalf of the Japanese American National Museum (JANM), I am writing in support of a City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument (HCM) designation for the International Institute of Los Angeles in Boyle Heights.

For years, JANM staff from our curatorial, collections, and media arts department have worked to preserve the history of the International Institute and the impact it had on the local Japanese American community. Our permanent collection includes photographs, ephemera, and oral histories that document the institution's history and the impact of its services and programs. The International Institute helped immigrant Japanese families establish themselves and adapt to life in the United States in the early half of the 20th century. During World War II, staff at the International Institute supported Japanese Americans who were forcibly removed from the greater Los Angeles area and subsequently incarcerated in America's concentration camps. Following the war as many Japanese Americans returned in Boyle Heights and surrounding neighborhoods, the International Institute provided a safe and welcoming space for Nisei to gather and socialize. Staff at the International Institute acted as mentors and advisors to social and sports-related activities, which was critical to helping Japanese American youth transition to life in mainstream society once again.

An HCM designation for the International Institute would increase the number of historic buildings and sites that help to tell the Japanese American experience in Los Angeles. Moreover, since the International Institute profoundly impacted numerous communities over the years, it remains a site that is truly representative of the great ethnic and racial diversity in Los Angeles.

I hope that you share my appreciation for the role that the International Institute played in the lives of many Angelenos and that you will support the proposed HCM nomination.

Sincerely,



Kristen Hayashi, Ph.D.
Curator and Director of Collections
Japanese American National Museum



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

HCM Kuhns House

1 message

Laura Moody <lauramoody@me.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 11:25 AM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: Barbara Lamprecht <bmlamprecht@gmail.com>, Scott Moody <scottymoody@gmail.com>

Dear HCM Board and interested individuals;

My intent with this nomination is to extend the custodianship of the Kuhns family home to members of the community. With this comes visibility to the history of the home and the lifelong loyalty and appreciation of the design and craftsmanship that it represents. Richard Neutra became friends with my family but he will always be our architect. It's important to me that the future integrity of the house is maintained as much as possible. The home provides a space for its occupants to be their best selves while connecting with nature and the city of lights.

Yours truly,

Laura Kuhns Moody



April 12, 2020
Melissa Jones
Office of Historic Resources, Department of City Planning
221 N. Figueroa St., Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Email: chc@lacity.org
cc: Vivian@BoyleHeightsCommunityPartners.com
melissa.jones@lacity.org

RE: CHC-2020-899-HCM 435, Support the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of the International Institute of Los Angeles, 435 S. Boyle Avenue

Dear Ms. Jones,

I write this letter of support on behalf of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation and the Healthy Housing Foundatio, supported by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. We strongly support the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of the International Institute of Los Angeles for the property located at 435 S. Boyle Avenue in the Boyle Heights neighborhood. Since 1924, the subject property has been associated with the International Institute of Los Angeles (IILA), one of more than fifty immigrant-serving agencies to open nationwide under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in the early twentieth century. The International Institute of Los Angeles is significant for its associations with Progressive Era reform, women's social movements, and patterns of immigration in Los Angeles. As a community-serving institution, the subject property is emblematic of represents Boyle Heights' ethno-racial diversity prior to World War I and through the post-World War II-era. The subject property is an excellent example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture in an institutional setting. We recognize and wish to see honored the influence this property had in affecting our local and national history, that legacy is admirable and deserves our support as community leaders.

Given the subject property is zoned R4, within a transit priority area, and currently on the market, we are concerned about the potential for demolition and/or loss of character-defining features of this important historic and cultural site. To document and conserve an important part of Los Angeles heritage, we submit the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for the International Institute of Los Angeles.

[If you wish, insert brief information about your organization here, including name of organization, mission, etc]

There are many historic and culturally significant resources in Boyle Heights, yet few have been locally designated. We urge you to take into consideration the designation of the International Institute of Los Angeles. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [insert phone] or [insert email] should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michael Weinstein
President
AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF)



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

Fwd: International Institute

1 message

Melissa Jones <melissa.jones@lacity.org>
To: Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 4:01 PM



Melissa Jones
City Planning Associate
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From: **Nancy Oda** <nancyoda64@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 3:58 PM
Subject: International Institute
To: <melissa.jones@lacity.org>

April 13, 2020

It is my honor to represent my family that had lived in Boyle Heights from 1927 to 1999.
The International Institute was a long time center for the new minority community after WWII.
It was a place where life could begin again.

It will be a beacon of hope once again as we face the fear and confinement.

In addition, it is a landmark that stands today as a testament to the spirit of Los Angeles and well deserving of special status as a Historic Cultural Monument in the city of Los Angeles.

I also represent the many neighbors and friends that have passed whose memory must be recorded in history.

On behalf of the Tatsuo Inouye family,
Nancy Kyoko Oda
signed



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April 9, 2020

Cultural Heritage Commission
c/o Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate
201 N. Figueroa Street, 4th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Case File: CHC-2020-899-HCM

Dear Melissa Jones:

Please consider this a letter of support towards the recognition of the International Institute in Boyle Heights at 4358 S. Boyle Avenue with an historic cultural monument status on behalf of the Studio for Southern California History. We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to critically chronicling and sharing the region's social history in order to foster sense of place and conduct programming towards that end across the region.

The International Institute is a significant place in the creation of several generations of Los Angelenos. It was established over 100 years ago through the YWCA – an organization whose foundation still supports our most vulnerable communities. Moreover, its model of multicultural cooperation has always provided a more representative history of our nation; we are more diverse and have been more diverse than those in Washington DC would like to imagine for a very long time. While I believe the United States is a multicultural nation, the government's refusal to recognize all of its citizens is an ongoing problem for its minority populations. Places like the International Institute provided avenues of agency for the formation of different "rainbow coalitions" over its history.

I have researched Boyle Heights through the vantage of Evergreen Cemetery; I have produced a significant history of this cemetery, and the International Institute bears similar importance. Los Angeles is a city that is constantly throwing away the people and neighborhoods that make it wonderful in favor of corporate chains or interests of people who don't live in the community; the International Institute is no different. When we throw away history that actually built the working-class culture of the United States, we throw away our ancestors' labor. Recognizing the best of our culture before it is destroyed is a way to build sense of place for future generations and a way to teach the public about the role of history in shaping our worlds. Moreover, such a designation would only increase the value of the property and signal that future development should be prohibited.

Should you require further support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Digital copy with electronic signature. Original was sent through the postal mail.

Sharon Sekhon PhD
Executive Director and Founder

International Institute of Los Angeles

3845 Selig Place
Los Angeles, CA 90031

April 9, 2020

Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission
Office of Historic Resources, City Planning Department
221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Historical-Cultural Monument Application and City Staff's Recommendation for 435-455 South Boyle Avenue

Dear Commissioners:

As the owner of the abovementioned property, the International Institute of Los Angeles (the "International Institute") an IRC Section 501(c) (3) charitable institution does not consent to this unsolicited application and vehemently disagrees with many of the statements made in both the application which are not supported by any facts as well as the City's staff report and recommendation. Our land use attorney, Ellia Thompson, will address the veracity of these statements and all legal issues in a separate letter. It is imperative that the Commission gain a thorough understanding of the history, physical condition and current lack of use of this property, including the reasons why it stands vacant and in disrepair, and will likely remain so if this Commission decides to grant historic status to this property.

For more than one hundred years, the International Institute has been at the forefront of championing minority women's rights, devoting its resources and efforts to improving the lives of our nation's immigrants and many of our community's most vulnerable members. Certainly, the tireless work the International Institute has done over the years—much of which has taken place at the 435 S. Boyle Avenue property—has earned a place in our City's history books.

Unfortunately, over the past couple of decades, this property, which was built decades ago, has become physically dilapidated and is no longer a safe place to work or hold any type of community function. That is why, nearly a year ago, we moved all remaining staff from this property and have not held any events here. Specifically, the building (1) is not ADA accessible, and cannot meet the current ADA standards without extremely costly, significant renovations to the entire property; (2) has several structural deficiencies that need immediate attention should someone decide to begin any use of the building; (3) has not had any earthquake/seismic upgrades in the past 20 years; (4) has current maintenance and utility costs which are exorbitantly high; and (5) is poorly configured for any current, modern use.

Because the International Institute simply does not have the funds to move forward with the type of major renovation required to update this property for any viable use, we have been forced to vacate the building and are currently in the process of trying to find a buyer. Our Board of Directors labored for

many months to develop a plan that would allow us to properly renovate the building and continue using it, but the costs were just too substantial. Also, in order to provide community events—especially for seniors who had used our building for several decades—we would have to incur hundreds of thousands of dollars in retrofit costs to provide proper accessibility and safety for all visitors and staff.

Even before the submittal of this application to have the property deemed historic, it was challenging to find a buyer for this property. Although several potential buyers expressed interest in being able to repurpose this property for a new use—such as live/work residential units—the prospect of the property obtaining historical status has since driven them away. The Commission needs to understand that if it decides to deem this building an historical/cultural monument, it will greatly limit any future use of the property, which will destroy the value of this building and the ability to repurpose the building into a higher and better use which will be a benefit to the area not an eyesore. This would, in turn, significantly harm the International Institute's ability to continue its vital services, as we are depending on selling this property for market value in order to fund our current programs. Moreover, any historical/cultural monument status will guarantee that the property remain vacant in its dilapidated state indefinitely.

Beyond these practical considerations, the fact remains that the application does not support granting historic/cultural monument status to this property. Since this building is not a notable work of a renowned architect, does not embody any particular type, period or method of construction and in fact, has undergone extensive renovations, additions and changes over the years, it appears to us that the key element to this cultural nomination is the actual hard work and dedication of the International Institute that occurred at this site as opposed to the structure. It would be tragically ironic if the Commission takes this action due to the history of this amazing organization only to enforce the Institute keep an abandoned, unuseable building that jeopardizes the financial stability of the very organization whose work continues to improve the lives of many Los Angelenos.

We urge you to reject this application for historical/cultural monument status for all of the reasons contained in this letter, as well as the reasons cited by our land use attorney in her documentation.

Thank you for your consideration.

E. Stephen Voss

E. Stephen Voss
President & CEO
(714)335-8710



















April 9, 2020

Transmitted via email

Cultural Heritage Commission
c/o Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate
Office of Historic Resources, Department of City Planning
221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of the International Institute of Los Angeles,
435 South Boyle Avenue (CHC-2020-899-HCM)**

Dear Cultural Heritage Commission Members:

On behalf of Latinos in Heritage Conservation (LHC), we write in strong support of the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for the International Institute of Los Angeles (IILA).

Based on our reading of the nomination and our understanding of the historical and architectural contexts within which the IILA achieved its significance, we believe the property—and the historical activities associated with it—clearly reflect important trends and events of national, regional, and local history.

The IILA represented a local/regional manifestation of several national trends during the first half of the twentieth century, including the growth and impact of immigration to the U.S. and the evolution and impact of Progressive Era reform movements and women's social movements. During the 1930s and 1940s in particular, the IILA touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of immigrants, primarily women and girls. Its leadership faced many of the same challenges and wrestled with many of the same issues faced by other women and men who worked with immigrant communities across the nation, yet the IILA demonstrated a remarkable respect for and commitment to cultural diversity—a respect and commitment that informed its everyday work but also its opposition to the deportation of Mexican immigrants and Mexican Americans during the 1930s and its opposition to the federal policy of Japanese and Japanese American internment during World War II. The work of the IILA also reflected the local community context in which it occurred—the neighborhood of Boyle Heights. It thus serves as an important reminder of the distinctly multi-ethnic and multi-racial demography and social dynamics that characterized Boyle Heights before the significant shifts that came in the wake of World War II.

We believe the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style, with its irregular footprint, brick construction, interior courtyard, red barrel tile, wood balcony, and decorative ironwork. The property also represents the collaborative work of Southern California architects Sumner Spaulding and Walter Webber, both of whom were prominent in the field and influential in the profession. The property is in good physical condition and it retains the integrity of its character-defining features, allowing for full appreciation of its historical and architectural significance.

In closing, we would like to emphasize the importance of extending the benefits of Historic-Cultural Monument designation to a property in Boyle Heights, which counts only 17 of the 1,185 properties that have received this designation. Noting that only 15 Historic-Cultural Monuments in Los Angeles are associated with women and only 2 of those are associated with women of color, we would be particularly excited to see this designation bestowed on a such a deserving property—one that helps us fully understand and appreciate not only the history of Los Angeles, but the history of the region and the nation.

About Latinos in Heritage Conservation (LHC)

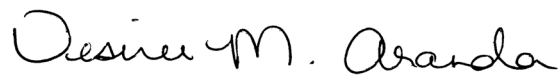
Founded in 2014, LHC is the leading organization for the preservation of Latina/o places, stories, and cultural heritage in the United States. We are a diverse network of intergenerational advocates conserving Latina/o sites and living cultures in the fabric of American society, affirming the value of our history in the hemispheric struggle for social justice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Zenaida Gould, Ph.D.
Co-Chair



Desiree Aranda
Co-Chair

cc: Boyle Heights Community Partners
Los Angeles Conservancy



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April 15, 2020

SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

James K. Williams
Commission Executive Assistant II
City of Los Angeles
Department of City Planning, Office of Historic Resources
200 N Spring St #667,
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Email: chc@lacity.org

RE: Proposed Monument: The John Lary and Pauline Kuhns House, CHC-2019-7535-HCM

Dear Cultural Heritage Commissioners:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Conservancy, I am writing to express our strong support for the nomination of the John Lary and Pauline Kuhns House as a City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument. The residence is an excellent and highly intact example of the Mid-Century Modern style designed by master architect Richard Neutra.

Constructed in 1964, in the Woodland Hills neighborhood, the residence exemplifies Richard Neutra's later work. The residence successfully conveys Neutra's principles of "biorealism" and his desire to bring good Modern design to middle-class Americans and peoples with modest means.

Mid-Century Modern style residences with this high level of integrity are becoming increasingly rare. During the last fifty-six years, the property has experienced few alterations, limited only to maintenance work. Because the property has been so well maintained with few alterations, the house is able to convey its significance exceptionally well.

Therefore, we urge the Cultural Heritage Commission to approve the nomination for review by the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee.



About the Los Angeles Conservancy:

The Los Angeles Conservancy is the largest local historic preservation organization in the United States, with nearly 6,000 members throughout the Los Angeles area. Established in 1978, the Conservancy works to preserve and revitalize the significant architectural and cultural heritage of Los Angeles County through advocacy and education.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (213) 430-4203 or afine@laconservancy.org should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Adrian Scott Fine

Adrian Scott Fine
Director of Advocacy



DAY OF HEARING SUBMISSIONS



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

INTERNATIONAL 435 S BOYLE SUPPORT NOMINATION FOR HISTORIC MONUMENT1 message

amyg93@aol.com <amyg93@aol.com>
To: rsagara@laconservancy.org

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 7:10 PM

To whom it May Concern,

Please support Nomination. I belong to Beverly Wilshire Home Owners, and Greater Fairfax Residents Assoc. We aspire to save historic properties, and this property is worth saving for our history, culture and lovely architecture.

Thank you,

Amy Galaudet
Thomas Challenger
[6120 W 5th St.](#)
[LA 90048](#)



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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE, 435 SOUTH BOYLE1 message

Ann <annchayman@aol.com>
To: chc@lacity.org
Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 3:56 PM

Dear Chair Barron and members of the Commission,

I urge the Commission to recommend designation of the International Institute of Los Angeles (IILA) as a Historic-Cultural Monument.

Constructed in 1931, the IILA is significant for its association with Progressive Era reform, women's social movements, and patterns of immigration in Los Angeles. The property is also significant for its associations with the development of the Boyle Heights neighborhood. It was a branch of the YWCA, an organization which I am personally involved with and support. It is also an architecturally significant site in Boyle Heights and worthy of recognition.

Please save this part of Los Angeles history.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ann C. Hayman
Westwood
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Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle - Council District 141 message

avak sarafian <avaka@msn.com>

Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 8:16 AM

To: "chc@lacity.org" <chc@lacity.org>

Cc: "rsagara@laconservancy.org" <rsagara@laconservancy.org>

Hello Cultural Heritage Commission members,

I am a life long resident of the City of Los Angeles and I urge a vote to preserve the International Institute in Boyle Heights. We need to preserve our City's history and the physical places that are connected to it.

This building is a part of women's history in Los Angeles, the history of minority populations such as Japanese Americans, and the Progressive Era reforms of the 1930's.

There is no doubt that our City will change in the future and that many historic building will be lost. **You have significant influence to save the International Institute in Boyle Heights from the bulldozer and I urge you to vote in support of preservation.**

Thanks,
Avak S.

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Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle1 message

Bud Coffey <coffeybud@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 2:50 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

Commission Chair and Commissioners,

Dear Chair Barron and members of the Commission

I strongly urge the Commission to recommend designation to The International Institute Los Angeles because of its significant association with women, women of color, and the Progressive Era Reform in Los Angeles.

Designed by Webber & Spaulding, a prominent architecture firm in Los Angeles in the 1920s, the International Institute of Los Angeles is an architecturally significant site in Boyle Heights worthy of recognition.

Sincerely

Bud Coffey

Bud Coffey Productions
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International Institute, 435 South Boyle

1 message

Bronwyn Jamrok <bsjamrok@me.com>
To: chc@lacity.org

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 9:07 PM

Dear Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission,

I urge the Commission to recommend designation of the International Institute at [435 South Boyle](#) a Historic-Cultural Monument. Los Angeles is too quick to erase its own history—particularly that of women and people of color. Please keep this piece of our shared culture alive.

Sincerely,

Bronwyn Jamrok



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle

1 message

Chuck N. Baker <Bakerwriter@cox.net>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 7:13 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

TO: Commission Chair & Commissioners

Dear Chair Barron and members of the commission:

Hello —

I am contacting you to ask that you please take the International Institute HCM nomination under consideration as a historic-cultural monument.

Los Angeles is NOT a movie set, we should not "strike the set" when it comes to saving our heritage.

Thank you,

Chuck N. Baker

Bakerwriter@cox.net



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

"INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE,435 South Boyle"1 message

Diane Clark <diclarkie@yahoo.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 4:26 PM

To: chc@lacity.org, "rsagara@laconservancy.org" <rsagara@laconservancy.org>

Please take under consideration the Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) nomination of the International Institute of Los Angeles (ILA). Please support the landmarking of the ILA.

Thank You,
Diane Clark

Born and raised in the heart of Los Angeles where my heart still resides but now living at:

[430 Hillsborough St.](#)

[Thousand Oaks, Ca.](#)

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Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

"International Institute, 435 South Boyle"

1 message

Diane Levine <lfevents@aol.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 3:29 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

*Dear Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission,
I urge the Commission to recommend designation for this property. It is an integral part of our city's history and of my family's history too. My entire family came here from NYC and settled in Boyle Heights where I was born. I avidly request your support to nominate the International Institute of Los Angeles. It is an important landmark from our city's history.
Thank you so much for your attention to my request.
Diane Levine*

Diane Levine**phone/fax 818 783-0273 - cell 818 429-0155**

*"Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul on another."
George Eliot*



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 S. Boyle Ave.

1 message

David Morin <morin91754@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 3:56 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

Dear Chair Barron and member of the Cultural Heritage Commission,

I am sending this email in support of preserving the International Institute at [435 S. Boyle Avenue](#). The International Institute has served the Boyle Heights community since the 1920's, giving the community a place for meetings, teen dance venue, educational activities. and other community activities.

In addition to being a vital community resource it is an architectural treasure for the community.

Please give serious consideration to recognize the International Institute as a Historic-Cultural Monument for the city of Los Angeles.

David Morin

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What we have been makes us what we are, it is never too late to be what you might have been.



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

Support for International Institute of LA nomination

1 message

Eugene Moy <ewmoy49@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 10:02 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: Vivian@boyleheightscommunitypartners.com, Susan Dickson <dickson.susan.g@gmail.com>, Linda Bentz <lindabentz@gmail.com>

Dear Commissioners:

Attached please find a digital copy of a letter from the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California supporting the nomination of the International Institute of Los Angeles for L.A. Historic-Cultural Monument recognition. Our board of directors fully supports this letter. We would appreciate, if possible, a public reading the letter, and its filing into the public record. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eugene W. Moy

past president

cc: Susan Dickson, president

Linda Bentz, vice president

Vivian Escalante, Boyle Heights Community Partners

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Eugene W. Moy

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Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute of Los Angeles

1 message

Giancarlo Mercado <gianmercado@yahoo.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 5:28 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: "rsagara@laconservancy.org" <rsagara@laconservancy.org>

Dear Esteemed LA City Council,

I have chosen to reside in the great City of Los Angeles for the past 55 years for a variety of reasons, one being the architectural character and history of its dwellings. Cookie cutter communities do nothing for me. That is why I am asking you to please designate and protect the International Institute of Los Angeles in Boyle Heights. Being Latino, I am also concerned that we, as a city, are not protecting elements of our past which we can use to educate and inspire our current and future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Giancarlo Mercado
2549 Veteran Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90064



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle

1 message

Hilary Stevens <hilary@hilarystevens.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 2:50 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

Dear Chair Barron and members of the Cultural Heritage Commission,

I urge you to consider the nomination of the International Institute for both its cultural as well as architectural significance, specifically:

- International Institute Los Angeles is significant for its association with women, women of color, and the Progressive Era Reform in Los Angeles
- Designed by Webber & Spaulding, a prominent architecture firm in Los Angeles in the 1920s, the International Institute of Los Angeles is an architecturally significant site in Boyle Heights worthy of recognition

Best regards,
Hilary Stevens

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Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle

1 message

Jeff Bens <Jeff.Bens@mville.edu>
To: "chc@lacity.org" <chc@lacity.org>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 2:55 PM

I urge the Commission to recommend designation.

Thank you.

J. Bens

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Support designation in Boyle heights

1 message

Judy Reidel <jjreidel@hotmail.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 7:06 PM

To: "chc@lacity.org" <chc@lacity.org>

Cc: "rsagara@laconservancy.org" <rsagara@laconservancy.org>

international building is beautiful and important in our history. Thanks

xxx judy reidel
323-731-4200
Sent from my iPhone

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Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

international institute, 435 South Boyle

1 message

Judy Tuwaletsiwa <tuwalets@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 5:02 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

Dear Chair Barron and Members of the Commission,

I urge the commission to recommend designation of the International Institute for HCM recognition.

I am no longer a resident of Los Angeles, though I spent my first eighteen years as a resident of East Los Angeles, from my birth in 1941 to my graduation from Roosevelt High School in 1958.

Yes to the International Institute. I played basketball in a league that used its courtyard on a team we called the Karnalles. The make up of the team was Japanese, Mexican and Jewish. We loved the Institute. It was a welcoming and safe place to be. It is worthy of recognition and preservation for the many stories that live there. Perhaps you can ask all of us who are writing to you to tell our stories from a time of deep meaning in Los Angeles, just after WWII with the progressive movements, the dislocation of the Japanese, the immigration of Mexicans and others (like my grandparents who immigrated from Poland and Russia). This Institute, designed by Webber and Spaulding, could become a museum of those stories, each one held in our hearts.

Please, think about the past and the future and recommend the designation.

Best Wishes,

Judy Averbuck Tuwaletsiwa
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Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle

1 message

kimberly fay <slendermeans@hotmail.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 3:33 PM

To: "chc@lacity.org" <chc@lacity.org>

Dear Members of the City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission,

I am a resident of City Council District 14, and I am writing to implore you to grant Historic Cultural Monument Status to the International Institute.

Now more than ever we need to preserve the city's architectural and cultural heritage. For too long, development has ignored community bonds and history in favor of profit.

The International Institute is significant for its association with women, women of color and Progressive Era Reform in Los Angeles. Its architecture, designed by Webber & Spaulding, adds to its cultural value.

On a personal level, I consider the Institute a reflection of all that I love about this city. It welcomes those from other countries and cultures and invites them to join our beautiful, diverse community. With so much exclusion creating fear throughout our country, we need the International Institute more than ever - as is, so that past meets presents and guides us into the future.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

With warm regards,
Kim Fay

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Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyl

1 message

Katy Palmer <thekaty@rocketmail.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 3:13 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

Hello,

Please designate the International Institute in Boyle Heights as a historic landmark in Los Angeles county.

I am a resident of South Glendale and frequently visit Boyle Heights. The historic nature of the entire area is important to the heritage of Los Angeles. This building is a perfect example of the 1920's architecture that anchors the neighborhood in it's rich heritage.

This building also stands as a beacon of hope as it shows our history of progressive reform and inclusion of women, immigrants and women of color.

Our beautiful city is made great by it's rich history, progressive nature and diversity. Designating this as a historical landmark will help to remind people of that.

Thank you for your consideration,

Katy Palmer



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle1 message

Leora Glass <leoraglass@me.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 3:09 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

Dear Chair Barron and members of the Commission

I urge the Commission to designate the Historic Cultural Monument to the International Institute of Los Angeles in Boyle Heights.

International Institute Los Angeles is significant for its association with women, women of color, and the Progressive Era Reform in Los Angeles. Designed by Webber & Spaulding, a prominent architecture firm in Los Angeles in the 1920s, the International Institute of Los Angeles is an architecturally significant site in Boyle Heights worthy of recognition

We need to save these important structures/buildings in Los Angeles so we don't destroy our history and legacy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leora Glass

Leora Glass

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Los Angeles 90048



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle

1 message

Lauren Mateen <lauren.mateen@gmail.com>
To: chc@lacity.org, rsagara@laconsetvancy.org

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 3:33 PM

Dear Chair Barron and members of the Comission,

My name is Lauren Mateen Kanani, I am a board member in the Miracle Mile North HPOZ. I urge the Cultural Heritage Comission to recommend International Institute for local landmark status. As a 27 year old Los Angeles native, I am concerned about the future of my city. I hope to raise children, and grandchildren here, and want them to see Los Angeles as a cultural and historic city. Protecting the buildings that define Los Angeles will determine whether our city will retain its cultural fabric, or if it will loose its essence in the years to come.

Thank you.

Best,
Lauren

Sent from my iPhone



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute of Los Angeles

1 message

Lillian Utsumi <lutsumi2445@yahoo.com>

Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 8:53 AM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: "rsagara@laconservancy.org" <rsagara@laconservancy.org>

Dear City Council Members,

I am a native born Los Angeles resident for 79 years (except time I spend in a concentration camp during WWII). As a youth in the 1950's, the International Institute was a prominent cultural center for the community. It was always bustling with cultural events, such as Balkan dance performances, charity events, and home to a dozen or more youth clubs that provided refuge and social events for many in the Japanese American community of Los Angeles. It was, however, a center used by many different groups--a truly multicultural gathering place. Post WWII was not easy for Americans of Japanese descent, and the International Institute provided nurturing for youth, like myself during that era.

The beautiful site needs to be preserved as a cultural landmark and a living site for cultural events. It's a place cherished in the hearts of many community members with a legacy of cultural unity.

Please preserve the International Institute as a rich cultural resource!!

Thank you,

Lillian Utsumi

Roosevelt Class of 1958

Youth Club sponsored by IILA - "Karnelles"



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle

1 message

Art Deco Society Los Angeles ADSLA <artdecola.adsla@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 8:43 AM

To: Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing today to urge the commission to designate the International Institute building in Boyle Heights, an historic cultural landmark.

The building is culturally significant for its association with women, women of color, and the Progressive Era Reform in Los Angeles. Additionally, having been designed by the important Webber & Spaulding architecture firm, is architecturally significant and worthy of recognition.

Sincerely,
Margot Gerber

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Margot Gerber

President

Art Deco Society of Los Angeles

Preserve, Protect, Cherish

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Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

Recommend Disgnation for International Institute, 435 South Boyle

1 message

Melissa <melmiamichelson@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 3:49 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

Dear Chair Barron and members of the Commission:

I urge the Cultural Heritage Commission to PROTECT the International Institute Los Angeles for its significance in local Los Angeles history, its association with women, women of color, and the Progressive Era Reform. As native Angelina, I do not want the history of women in our City erased. Once the structures are gone, they are gone forever, and this one not only had a special use, but was designed by a prominent home-grown architecture firm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Melissa Michelson



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle1 message

Michelle Myra <mmarchila@yahoo.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 8:28 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

URGENT:

Help us preserve history. The YMCA did a lot for the minority community by offering shelter and programs. In times like this we need remember and hallmark organizations that assisted those in need. The gentrification movement is happening quite fast in Boyle Heights and we need to do our part to protect the Webber & Spaulding building from being destroyed. As a Los Angeles native I visited and have walked around the landmark numerous times. It is a part of Boyle Heights and its rich minority community history. Destroying this monument is destroying the Progressive Era Reform history in Los Angeles.

Kind regards,
Ms.Michelle Myra

Email: mmarchila@yahoo.com

Consider the environment. Please don't print this e-mail unless you really need to.

The purpose of education is to encourage and guide man as a conscious, thinking and perceiving being in such a way that he becomes a pure and perfect representation of that divine inner law through his own personal choice; education must show him the ways and meanings of attaining that goal. (Friedrich Froebel 1826 Die Nenschenerziehung, pp. 2)



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle

1 message

plf@grabados.org <plf@grabados.org>
To: chc@lacity.org

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 3:24 PM

Dear Chair Barron and members of the Commission

I live in LA, I am an art historian, and I care about preserving LA's cultural heritage.

Especially when it concerns ethnic minority communities, whose heritage is always at greater risk.

PLEASE PRESERVE THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE!

The International Institute of Los Angeles is significant for its association with women, women of color, and the Progressive Era Reform in Los Angeles. Designed by Webber & Spaulding, a prominent architecture firm in Los Angeles in the 1920s, the International Institute of Los Angeles is an architecturally significant site in Boyle Heights worthy of recognition.

I urge the Commission to declare this building a Historical and Cultural Monument. The Boyle Heights Community Partners favors this designation, and I too favor it. You should favor it too. Thank you for your attention.

yours cordially
Patrick Frank
1622 Crescent Place
Venice 90291



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle

1 message

Prisca Gloor <priscagloor@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 4:14 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

Dear Chair Barron and members of the Commission,

I urge the Commission to recommend designation

- International Institute Los Angeles is significant for its association with women, women of color, and the Progressive Era Reform in Los Angeles
- Designed by Webber & Spaulding, a prominent architecture firm in Los Angeles in the 1920s, the International Institute of Los Angeles is an architecturally significant site in Boyle Heights worthy of recognition
- Include your own connections to the International Institute and why it is an important place for you

Thank you,
Prisca Gloor



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle1 message

Richard Anderson <rta3rd@me.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 4:46 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

Dear Chair Barron and members of the Commission,

I am writing in support of the International Institute for Historic-Cultural Monument recognition. As a lifelong resident of Los Angeles, we need to remember the critical role Boyle Heights has played in our history. And I especially want to recognize its role as a YWCA. Women are shamefully under appreciated for the crucial role they play in our every day lives. It is time for us to make amends.

Richard Anderson
966 Indiana Avenue
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“Wherever you stand, be the soul of the place.” ~ Rumi



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle

1 message

Robert Butler <rbutler8888@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 9:28 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

Dear City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission,

I urge the Commission to recommend Historic Cultural Monument designation to the International Institute Los Angeles in Boyle Heights because:

- The International Institute Los Angeles in Boyle Heights is significant for its association with women, women of color, and the Progressive Era Reform in Los Angeles.
- Designed by Webber & Spaulding, a prominent architecture firm in Los Angeles in the 1920s, the International Institute of Los Angeles is an architecturally significant site in Boyle Heights worthy of recognition.

As a Los Angeles native, I have unfortunately witnessed the destruction of innumerable historic resources at the hands of ignorant and tasteless developers. I am a long time member and supporter of the Los Angeles Conservancy and its work.

Especially as we approach National Preservation Month in May 2020, I urge you to prioritize historic preservation over short-sighted developer greed and further cultural destruction.

<https://savingplaces.org/stories/31-ways-to-celebrate-preservation-month#.XpktnlNKiYU>

Thank you,
Robert Butler
Los Angeles
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Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute

1 message

Samuel Garcia <uscsgarcia@icloud.com>
To: chc@lacity.org

Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 9:05 AM

Please save the International Institute, 455 Boyle Ave. as a Landmark! Many of us

Sent from my iPhone



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute of Los Angeles, Boyle Heights

1 message

semayfield@aol.com <semayfield@aol.com>
To: chc@lacity.org, rsagara@laconservancy.org

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 4:15 PM

Dear Representatives:

The International Institute Los Angeles has historical importance to our city. It is significant for its connection to Progressive Era reforms in Los Angeles, and the 1920s era architecture of the building is worth preserving for future generations. I hope you will recommend historic designation for this storied site.

Sincerely,
Suellen Mayfield



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April 9, 2020

Cultural Heritage Commission
c/o Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate
201 N. Figueroa Street, 4th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Case File: CHC-2020-899-HCM

Dear Melissa Jones:

Please consider this a letter of support towards the recognition of the International Institute in Boyle Heights at 4358 S. Boyle Avenue with an historic cultural monument status on behalf of the Studio for Southern California History. We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to critically chronicling and sharing the region's social history in order to foster sense of place and conduct programming towards that end across the region.

The International Institute is a significant place in the creation of several generations of Los Angelenos. It was established over 100 years ago through the YWCA – an organization whose foundation still supports our most vulnerable communities. Moreover, its model of multicultural cooperation has always provided a more representative history of our nation; we are more diverse and have been more diverse than those in Washington DC would like to imagine for a very long time. While I believe the United States is a multicultural nation, the government's refusal to recognize all of its citizens is an ongoing problem for its minority populations. Places like the International Institute provided avenues of agency for the formation of different "rainbow coalitions" over its history.

I have researched Boyle Heights through the vantage of Evergreen Cemetery; I have produced a significant history of this cemetery, and the International Institute bears similar importance. Los Angeles is a city that is constantly throwing away the people and neighborhoods that make it wonderful in favor of corporate chains or interests of people who don't live in the community; the International Institute is no different. When we throw away history that actually built the working-class culture of the United States, we throw away our ancestors' labor. Recognizing the best of our culture before it is destroyed is a way to build sense of place for future generations and a way to teach the public about the role of history in shaping our worlds. Moreover, such a designation would only increase the value of the property and signal that future development should be prohibited.

Should you require further support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Digital copy with electronic signature. Original was sent through the postal mail.

Sharon Sekhon PhD
Executive Director and Founder



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

International Institute, 435 South Boyle1 message

Toby Horn <thorn626@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 3:22 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: rsagara@laconservancy.org

I am a lifelong resident of Los Angeles, and have ties that precede me by three generations to Boyle Heights. The II is immeasurably important to the cultural fabric of East Los Angeles, and the role it played in the assimilation and cultural education of many immigrant groups coming to Los Angeles via the "Port of Boyle Heights".

Your Commission cannot permit the erasure of another essential piece of the multicultural identity of ELA - the erasure of the appellation "Brooklyn Avenue" from another critical thoroughfare. (thanks to its bulldozing by Gloria Molina).

Please do the right thing and ensure that the International Institute receives HCM status.

Thank you,

Toby Horn
[146 South Fuller Avenue](#)
Los Angeles 90036
(323)934-5611

if applicable, please add), if you are a resident or business owner in Los Angeles City Council District 14 ([refer to this page to check](#))

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- Include your own connections to the International Institute and why it is an important place for you

TMH



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

save international institute

1 message

Valerie Dunlap <vdunlap5@att.net>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 3:32 PM

To: "chc@lacity.org" <chc@lacity.org>

Cc: "rsagara@laconservancy.org" <rsagara@laconservancy.org>

Please save our history. International Institute deserves saving.
Thank you.



Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

435 S. Boyle Ave, Intl. Institute nomination for HCM

1 message

Stephen Schafer - SCHAF PHOTO <schaf@west.net>
To: chc@lacity.org

Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 12:42 AM

I support the nomination of [435 S. Boyle Avenue](#) for Historic-Cultural Monument status.

Because the International Institute of Los Angeles has significant historic associations to women's social movements and immigration in Los Angeles. These associations are important and we must endeavor to tell the story of ALL cultures in Los Angeles not just the wealth, powerful and white, but also the worthy people, places and organizations significant to other cultural backgrounds in Los Angeles. The property can and should be developed sensitively and in context with the surrounding neighborhood through adaptive reuse and this HCM status does not foreclose harmonious infill. HCM status will ensure that the International Institute is not developed into unrecorded oblivion.

Stephen Schafer
Ventura California
805-652-1000



No CHC response yet to UNNC requests RE: Planning Commission meeting next Thurs/1537 S. Wilton Place - DIR-2018-5925-TOC-1A

1 message

Laura Meyers <lauramink@aol.com>

Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 10:26 AM

To: chc@lacity.org, irene.gonzalez@lacity.org, cecilia.lamas@lacity.org, helen.jadali@lacity.org, kevin.keller@lacity.org, shana.bonstin@lacity.org, arthi.varma@lacity.org, lisa.webber@lacity.org

Cc: elizabeth.carlin@lacity.org, jamie.hwang@lacity.org, andrew.westall@lacity.org, jeff.camp@lacity.org

Good morning. It is Friday, April 17, 2020. The City Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2020. None of the CPC staff has ever responded to my specific questions or requests regarding this matter. I have sent multiple emails.

It is more than unfortunate. The Planning Department is on the edge of abridging the rights of a senior citizen.

So first the easy but unanswered question:

1). A lot of material was submitted previously from more than one party (including the United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council, who I represent, which submitted a Board Resolution) for the meeting that was scheduled for March 12 and cancelled part way through.

DO ALL THE SUBMISSIONS NEED TO BE RESUBMITTED OR NOT? I have asked this question repeatedly. In the past, if a Commission Meeting is continued, staff "shredded" documents and everything had to be resubmitted. Is that still the case.

This truly is a yes-or-no question, I do not know why I am unable to get an answer. Sorry to be, well, direct.

2). MUCH MORE IMPORTANT: I have asked repeatedly that this item be continued certainly past this first, "experimental" (with new technology) meeting and best until such time as we can have in-person Planning Commission meetings.

The Appellant is an elderly woman. I hope she is well (she was fine two weeks ago, but I have not spoken with her since). But -- as Helen Jadali knows full well -- she is not adept at technology; she has a phone that is filled with static and it is difficult for her to hear the caller. Helen knows this because Helen called her when we were on the way to the March 12 CHC meeting (I had picked Ms. Stevenson up as well as another participant in a carpool situation). Ms. Stevenson could not tell what Helen was saying -- I could barely hear her myself when I grabbed the phone and spoke directly to Helen to find out why she was calling.

How on earth will Ms. Stevenson present her case in this situation?

Nobody is able to go over to her house to help, of course. Stay Safer at Home. I do not see any manner in which you can offer her (or many individual Applicants or Appellants who do not have access to these new technologies) any special accommodations. Unlike Staff or some Applicants/Appellants (with their own expert staff) who have access to new technology systems at their homes.

So, unfortunately, in this case in particular, holding this hearing in this manner really does open the door to a claim that Ms. Stevenson's rights were abridged.

Her son, Andre (co-Appellant) is an essential worker (postal carrier) who works during the day M-F and likely would not be able to either participate nor visit with his mother.

3). Part 2 of UNNC's request that this matter be further continued: There is no reason why this case cannot be further continued. Mayor Garcetti issued an emergency order tolling (suspending) Time to Act deadlines in the LAMC/Municipal Code and the City Administrative Code.

Yet on the agenda, it still shows that the "Last Day to Act" is April 23, 2020.

No, it is not.

I understand that the City wants to move forward in its essential business. But "in this time of crisis there is an important human side" -- I am quoting Ken Bernstein, who just said these words to the Cultural Heritage Commission (meeting happening now). Slightly different context...but applicable.

This project doesn't need to rush forward. It will be equally available for discussion and approval or adjustment or disapproval a month from now, or at a time when the City can provide Applicants and Appellants alike a better access to Commission meetings so their cases can be fairly presented.

Please let me know how this matter will be handled. If the case is not deferred...then EXACTLY WHAT IS REQUIRED regarding the prior-submitted materials?

Thank you,

Laura Meyers

UNNC President and Planning & Zoning Chair

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