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CHC-2024-6633-HCM - Support preservation of Mayfair bungalows in El Sereno

1 message

Jay Ross <ross_jay@hotmail.com>

Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 1:44 PM

To: "chc@lacity.org" <chc@lacity.org>, "councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org" <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>

To LA City:

I support the LA Conservancy in preserving these unique bungalows in El Sereno.

We can build housing in so many other places. LA has miles of underutilized commercial corridors with vacant, rundown businesses that can be redeveloped with mixed use retail/office/housing.

LA's policy is to first destroy historic neighborhoods, then destroy beautiful single-family neighborhoods, and after that build in high density areas and C zones.

Stop doing that.

For the last 15 years, community members in El Sereno, centered around the Eastside Café advocacy group, have worked to restore the bungalows and convert them into a cultural center—a vision supported by the Conservancy.

Despite community requests to preserve and adaptively reuse the bungalows, Caltrans sold the property to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), which initially proposed demolishing the bungalows and redeveloping the site with new affordable housing. We aim to collaborate with HACLA for a "win-win" outcome, preserving and modernizing the bungalows while adding new affordable housing units, but feel HCM designation is necessary given the threat of demolition.

J. Ross

WLA 90064



Support for Marycrest Bungalow Court for a Historic-Cultural Monument (CHC-2024-6633-HCM.)

Kelly Dewing Wedel <advocacy@laconservancy.org>
Reply-To: Kelly Dewing Wedel <wedelathome@verizon.net>
To: Cultural Heritage Commission <chc@lacity.org>

Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 4:44 PM

Dear Cultural Heritage Commission :

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I urge you and the City of Los Angeles to prioritize the HCM designation for the Maycrest Bungalow Court to preserve its historical significance and facilitate a thoughtful collaboration with HACLA that honors our community's heritage.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing commitment to historic preservation.

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Support for Marycrest Bungalow Court for a Historic-Cultural Monument (CHC-2024-6633-HCM.)

Patricia Morton <advocacy@laconservancy.org>
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Los Angeles, CA 90039



Support for Marycrest Bungalow Court for a Historic-Cultural Monument (CHC-2024-6633-HCM.)

Sandra Hise <advocacy@laconservancy.org>
Reply-To: Sandra Hise <s_hise_02@yahoo.com>
To: Cultural Heritage Commission <chc@lacity.org>

Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 8:09 PM

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Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing commitment to historic preservation.

Sandra Hise
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Support for Marycrest Bungalow Court for a Historic-Cultural Monument (CHC-2024-6633-HCM.)

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3 messages

Walter Dominguez <advocacy@laconservancy.org>
Reply-To: Walter Dominguez <weavingthepast@yahoo.com>
To: Cultural Heritage Commission <chc@lacity.org>

Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 11:52 AM

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Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

I support HCM status for the Marycrest Bungalow Courts

1 message

Walter Dominguez <weavingthepast@yahoo.com>

Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 11:51 AM

To: chc@lacity.org

I Fully SUPPORT the effort to give Historical-Cultural Monument status to this important bungalow court, which is a great example of this multi-family style of housing, and the community there wants it to become a cultural center. El Sereno is underserved with historic monuments, while having so much of historical value there worthy of preserving. Thank you.

Walter Dominguez
1209 S. Alfred St.,
Los Angeles, CA 90035



#:CHC-2024-6625-HCM

1 message

carrie brown <br8176@yahoo.com>

Sat, Oct 26, 2024 at 6:47 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: Yaroslavsky@lacity.org, dylan.sittig@lacity.org, asalimian@laconservancy.org, ken.bernstein@lacity.org, preservation@artdecola.org, lambert.giessinger@lacity.org

Dear Cultural Heritage Commission:

As a member of the Art Deco Society of Los Angeles, I support the organization's nomination of the 1930 Art Deco E. Clem Wilson building ([217-5231 West Wilshire Boulevard](#), and [672-682 South La Brea Avenue](#)) for Historic Cultural Monument designation. The population of historic resources in the Miracle Mile area is dangerously low. This is one of the three towers that defined the district prior to World War II. Designed and constructed by the acclaimed Master design-build firm of Meyer & Holler, it is a wonderful example of Art Deco architecture with its use of setbacks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Brown
Laguna Beach, CA



CHC-2024-6625-HCM

1 message

crule rcgla.net <crule@rcgla.net>

Sat, Oct 26, 2024 at 2:14 PM

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

Cc: "Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org" <Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org>, "dylan.sittig@lacity.org" <dylan.sittig@lacity.org>, "asalimian@laconservancy.org" <asalimian@laconservancy.org>, "ken.bernstein@lacity.org" <ken.bernstein@lacity.org>, "preservation@artdecola.org" <preservation@artdecola.org>, "lambert.giessinger@lacity.org" <lambert.giessinger@lacity.org>

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Thank you for your consideration.

Cara Rule



#:CHC-2024-6625-HCM

1 message

Elise Kane <kane.elise@gmail.com>

Sat, Oct 26, 2024 at 12:41 PM

To: chc@lacity.org, Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org, dylan.sittig@lacity.org, asalimian@laconservancy.org, ken.bernstein@lacity.org, preservation@artdecola.org, lambert.giessinger@lacity.org

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Elise Kane



#:CHC-2024-6625-HCM / ENV-2024-6626-CE

1 message

mb kalis <mbkalis@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 10:24 AM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org, dylan.sittig@lacity.org

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(Ms) MB Kalis

Thank you for your consideration.

SECONDARY SUBMISSIONS



Maycrest Bungalows - Hearing 7 November 2024

1 message

Claire Bogaard <cwbogaard@icloud.com>

Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 12:08 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org

RE: Case Number CHC-2024-6633-HCM

5 November 2024

To: Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission

Meeting of 7 November 2024

Regarding: the El Sereno Maycrest Bungalow Court

Today, I am writing as the Director of the NO 710 Action Committee. Only recently have our members learned about discussions now underway about the nomination of the Maycrest Bungalows as an Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM). The NO 710 Action Committee enthusiastically supports the nomination of the Maycrest Bungalow Court, located in El Sereno, as an historic property. During the years that the Bungalow Court was owned by Caltrans, there were many community requests to preserve and to restore the historic Maycrest Bungalow Court.

A little Background:

For several decades, I have been involved with discussions relating to the proposed 710 Freeway, which was designed to be built through the communities of El Sereno, South Pasadena, and Pasadena. For the past 15 years, I worked closely with the NO 710 Action Committee which includes members from the west San Gabriel Valley, Los Angeles, and representatives from multiple Neighborhood Groups.

The NO 710 Action Committee continues to work in cooperation with numerous elected State officials, as well as mayors, city councils and their staff members.

On numerous occasions during these many years of the 710 Freeway discussions, we have met with Caltrans officials to express our concerns about the lack of care and proper maintenance of Caltrans properties. We met with Caltrans officials a number of times to urge increased care and protection of the Maycrest Bungalow Court, an historic resource in El Sereno.

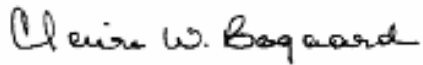
Large numbers of the properties owned by Caltrans along the former 710 Freeway Corridor are already listed on the National Register of Historic Places or have been determined eligible for listing on the National Register and/or the California Register. The City of Pasadena already has 30 different bungalow courts listed on the National Register within its city limits. Surely, the Maycrest Bungalow Court should also be determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

In Conclusion:

We are writing to urge the Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission to support the Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) nomination for the Maycrest Bungalow Court. This nomination will be discussed at your regular meeting scheduled for November 7, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration of the listing of this important historic property in the community of El Sereno.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claire W. Bogaard". The script is cursive and fluid.

Claire W. Bogaard cwbogaard@icloud.com

[2212 El Molino Avenue M143](#)

[Altadena, CA 91001](#)



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November 3, 2024

Dear Cultural Heritage Commission,

The purpose of this letter is to express the full support by the El Sereno Historical Society (ESHS) in regards to:

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MAYCREST BUNGALOW COURT

CHC-2024-6633-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2024-6634-CE in El Sereno, Council District: 14, Northeast Los Angeles

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4215-4221-1/2 North Maycrest Avenue

ESHS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working towards collecting, preserving, and sharing El Sereno's heritage and history. Although ESHS has worked in preserving local landmarks, El Sereno is underrepresented in historic preservation. There are currently no Historic-Cultural Monuments in El Sereno. In 2017, the El Sereno Berkshire-Craftsman HPOZ became the neighborhood's first HPOZ. Most recently in 2022, the El Sereno Old Farmdale School became the first building to be listed on the National Register.

Bungalow courts are a significant and historic type of housing that are a model for dense, affordable housing that fosters community connection. Bungalow courts are becoming rare across the city, especially in northeast LA. Bungalows in the Tudor-Revival style are even more rare. The Maycrest Bungalows are an excellent and intact example of a bungalow court. The Maycrest Bungalow Court would be El Sereno's first Historic-Cultural Monument.

This nomination is an opportunity to recognize our community's history and culture.

Sincerely,

Jorge Garcia
President



CHC-2024-6633-HCM

1 message

Karin Liljegren <karin@omgivning.com>

Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 5:04 PM

To: "councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org" <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>, chc@lacity.org

Cc: Alex Inshishian <ainshishian@laconservancy.org>, Andrew Salimian <asalimian@laconservancy.org>, Adrian Fine <afine@laconservancy.org>

Hi,
I have the following public comment for this nomination on 11/6 but I cannot find the council file number.
I am sending my comment via email.

Karin Liljegren FAIA
karin@omgivning.com

I am writing to express my strong support for designating the Maycrest Bungalow Court in El Sereno as a Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM).

I am the Principal and Founder of Omgivning, an Architecture firm in Chinatown. I have focused the last 25 years of my career to the adaptive reuse of existing and historic buildings in the Los Angeles area. This bungalow court represents our history and a cultural identity of this neighborhood. In particular, based on my extensive experience and a pro-bono study that we performed, we feel confident that these bungalows can be renovated for reuse as housing and also have the ability to provide new infill housing in the rear to increase the total unit count for the site. Renovation of these structures is achievable and is an example of existing housing stock that needs to be repaired and reused. Please support this nomination.

—

Karin Liljegren, FAIA
Founder + Principal

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October 29, 2024

Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

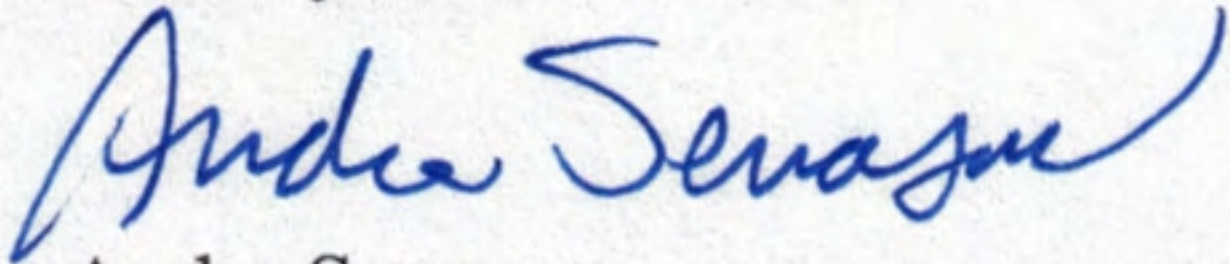
RE: CHC-2024-6625-HCM / ENV-2024-6626-CE

Dear LA City Council,

As a member of the Art Deco Society of Los Angeles, I support the organization's nomination of the **1930 Art Deco E. Clem Wilson building** (217-5231 West Wilshire Boulevard, and 672-682 South La Brea Avenue) for **Historic Cultural Monument designation**.

Designed and constructed by the acclaimed Master design-build firm of Meyer & Holler, it is a wonderful example of Art Deco architecture. Please preserve this historic beauty for future generations.

Thank you,



Andre Senasac

Los Angeles, CA 91306

cc: : chc@lacity.org

Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org

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CHC-2024-6625-HCM / ENV-2024-6626-CE

1 message

Kelle Leonard <kelle.brey@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 2, 2024 at 10:59 AM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org, dylan.sittig@lacity.org, asalimian@laconservancy.org, ken.bernstein@lacity.org, preservation@artdecola.org, lambert.giessinger@lacity.org

Hi,

As a native Angeleno, I support the Art Deco Society of Los Angeles' nomination of the 1930 Art Deco E. Clem Wilson building (217-5231 West Wilshire Boulevard, and 672-682 South La Brea Avenue) for Historic Cultural Monument designation. The population of historic resources in the Miracle Mile area is dangerously low, and this is a distinct, memorable building for the area. This is one of the three towers that defined the district prior to World War II. Designed and constructed by the acclaimed Master design-build firm of Meyer & Holler, it is a wonderful example of Art Deco architecture with its use of setbacks and deserves to be honored and protected.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kelle Leonard



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Thank you for your consideration.

DAY OF HEARING SUBMISSIONS



Letter of Support for Maycrest Bungalow Court Historic Cultural Monument nomination, Case No. CHC-2024-6633-HCM

1 message

Betsy Merritt <emerritt@savingplaces.org>

Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 4:59 PM

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

Cc: "lmulcahy@laconservancy.org" <LMulcahy@laconservancy.org>, "councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org" <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>

Please see the attached letter from the National Trust for Historic Preservation in support of the nomination of the Maycrest Bungalow Court as a Historic Cultural Monument. In addition, I have attached a Historic Resources Survey Report for the Maycrest Bungalows commissioned by the National Trust in 2012.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Merritt

Elizabeth S. Merritt, Deputy General Counsel
National Trust for Historic Preservation
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2 attachments



National Trust comments on Maycrest Bungalows nomination - Nov 6 2024.pdf
134K



Maycrest Bungalow Historical Report_Layout 2012-10-18.pdf
10533K



National Trust *for*
Historic Preservation®

November 6, 2024

Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission
City Hall, Room 1010
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Via email to chc@lacity.org

**Re: Letter of Support for Maycrest Bungalow Court
Historic Cultural Monument nomination
Case No. CHC-2024-6633-HCM**

On behalf of the National Trust for Historic Preservation,¹ I am writing to support the nomination submitted by the Los Angeles Conservancy for the historic Maycrest Bungalow Court to be designated as a Historic Cultural Monument. The goal is to initiate the process of reclaiming and rehabilitating these buildings to serve El Sereno as a local community center for creative arts and culture.

The National Trust is proud to have contributed thousands of dollars as seed money toward this goal, to fund the preparation of a Historic Resources Survey Report for the Maycrest Bungalows in October 2012. (See attached.) This report confirms the unique significance of these historic properties. In our view, the Maycrest Bungalow Court is significant under Criterion 3 as a rare and intact example of a bungalow court in northeast Los Angeles.

The National Trust is one of the parties that fought hand in hand with local preservation groups and the City of South Pasadena to stop the Route 710 freeway extension back in the 1990s. The National Trust also included the communities of El Sereno and South Pasadena on our list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places for a record five years – from 1989 to 1993. These and other historic properties in the Route 710 freeway corridor suffered years of neglect in the hands of Caltrans, but their significance remains, and it is not too late for them to be preserved and rehabilitated.

¹ The National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States is a private nonprofit organization chartered by Congress in 1949 to “facilitate public participation” in the preservation of our nation's heritage, and to further the historic preservation policy of the United States. 54 U.S.C. § 312102(a). With more than one million members and supporters around the country, the National Trust works to protect significant historic sites and to advocate historic preservation as a fundamental value in programs and policies at all levels of government. In addition, the National Trust has been designated by Congress as a member of the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, which is responsible for working with federal agencies to implement compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. *Id.* §§ 304101(8), 304108(a).

Now, thanks to the hard work of the El Sereno Bungalows Collective, the Los Angeles Conservancy, the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, and others, the vision for the future of the Maycrest Bungalows would resurrect these historic properties for the benefit of the public, which renews our faith in the power of local communities to take control of their own destiny through their heritage.

We urge the Commission to approve the Historic Cultural Monument nomination for the Maycrest Bungalow Court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth Merritt". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Elizabeth" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Merritt".

Elizabeth S. Merritt
Deputy General Counsel

Attachment
Maycrest Bungalows Historic Resources Survey Report (Oct. 2012)

Cc: Lindsay Mulcahy, Los Angeles Conservancy
Councilmember Kevin de León (councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org)



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Ann Rubin <emailamr@aol.com>

Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 2:31 PM

To: chc@lacity.org

Cc: councilmember.yaroslavsky@lacity.org, dylan.sittig@lacity.org, Andrew Salimian <asalimian@laconservancy.org>, Ken Bernstein <ken.bernstein@lacity.org>, preservation@artdecola.org, lambert.giessinger@lacity.org

Dear Cultural Heritage Commission:

As a nearby resident and a member of the Art Deco Society of Los Angeles and the LA Conservancy, I support the Art Deco Society nomination of the 1930 Art Deco E. Clem Wilson building ([217-5231 West Wilshire Boulevard](#), and [672-682 South La Brea Avenue](#)) for Historic Cultural Monument designation. The population of historic resources in the Miracle Mile area is dangerously low. This is one of the three towers that defined the district prior to World War II. Designed and constructed by the acclaimed Master design-build firm of Meyer & Holler, it is a wonderful example of Art Deco architecture with its use of setbacks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ann Rubin
resident of Carthay Circle 90048, in CD-5