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Lytton Savings Building

1 message

Anna Starzyk <astarzyk@hotmail.com>

Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 5:56 PM

To: "cd4.issues@lacity.org" <cd4.issues@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

I would like to voice my strong opposition to the planned demolition of the Lytton Savings/Chase Bank building at Sunset and Crescent Heights. This building is a historical treasure and important part of architectural history. We need to preserve this example of modernist architecture for all Angelenos as well as tourists to have access to. I understand there are plans to build a mixed-use development in its place, but surely the building can be saved and incorporated into the planned design instead. I find it unacceptable for the great city of Los Angeles to go around tearing down important, unique and attractive parts of its history, rather than preserving them for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Anna Starzyk



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Please Save Lytton Savings

1 message

Linda Arroz <lindaarroz@mac.com>

Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 6:23 PM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: Adrian Fine <afine@laconservancy.org>

Dear Councilmember Ryu and Mr. Lamborn,

I became aware that another one of our city's modernist buildings is in danger, Lytton Savings at the southwest corner of Sunset and Crescent Heights boulevards.

I want to suggest you seriously consider an alternative plan that allows for the building to be integrated and reused as part of the developer's overall design.

A perfect example of just such a situation is The Elysian, which was the former Metropolitan Water District building that was vacated in 1993, and repurposed into apartments in 2014, while the rest of the property will be demolished for mixed use.

Los Angeles is a modern city. The buildings from the sixties, post war era are important to our culture, they help tell the story of Los Angeles, the hopes and dreams of the future.

Tear down culture should be a thing of the past, as we seek alternative solutions to conserve our history, and house our citizens.

Thank you.

Linda Arroz

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Sunset / Cresecent Heights development

1 message

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Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 6:45 PM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org, Brian <bgroskam@yahoo.com>

Dear Councilman Ryu and Planner Lamborn: I am a life-long resident of Los Angeles, and currently reside close to the intersection of Sunset and Doheny.

I am writing for two reasons. First, to voice my continued opposition to the size and scope of the proposed Frank Gehry design for the re-development of the Sunset / Crescent Heights parcel. The current proposal is WAY too large for boht the site itself, and the surrounding neighborhood. The proposal is also way too tall, vastly out of place amidst the generally low-rise buildings located in every direction. Not even the DGA building is as tall as the proposed Gehry building.

Second, I am writing to oppose the unnecessarily demolition of the mid-century bank building on this site, now occupied by Chase Bank. This building is one of the last remaining mid-century, butterfly-roof commercial buildings in Los Angeles. This site can easily be re-developed while saving this iconic and historic structure.

I encourage you both to (i) preserve the Chase Bank building; and (ii) reign-in the overly large, overly tall, size of the current Frank Gehry proposal for this site.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Item #6 Lytton Savings

1 message

Chloe Ross <trstrap@aol.com>

Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 7:10 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

I am a long time customer of Chase and the one at Crescent Heights and Sunset is such a landmark. It is a piece of history and deserves consideration - it does not need to be demolished. Los Angeles has lost far too many important architectural wonders. The buildings that replace them are not examples of much but a way to make money fast. They are unappealing and easy to ignore. This city can move forward with these designed buildings intact; these treasures preserved. We are not New York City; born centuries ago from scratch. We are a new city and a young one. Every time we lose a significant building in the drive to make more money we lose a part the soul of the city.

Please help to keep this wonderful building intact. As gatekeepers of our own history - we must pay attention to the past that has created our present. This building can be part of both.

Respectfully,

Chloe Ross
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William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

save lytton building

1 message

rita garlington <ritadgnla@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 8:19 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

This building is a great example of modernism. On each trip I've made to this branch office through so many banks that revolved through this site. I always marvel at the facades, floors and even the cubies. Please don't tear this building down. When I travel to other countries much older than ours I am always taken by the history. The buildings that have stood for hundreds of years that mark a place in the world. Los Angeles needs its history too and the buildings make our place unique.

Rita Garlington
Chase Bank customer
and neighbor of Sunset & Crescent Height Branch



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Preservation of Lytton Savings Building

1 message

Toby Horn <thorn626@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 8:34 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

Mr. Lamborn,

I am requesting that the original Lytton Savings building be preserved and incorporated into the new development planned for that site.

Thank you,

Toby Horn
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William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Maintain this building

1 message

kate runyan <katethecook33@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 8:47 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

Please maintain this modernist structure, don't tear it down.



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Please save the 8150 bank !!

1 message

Wadley <wadleyb@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 9:35 PM

To: "william.lamborn@lacity.org" <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

This bank building is so amazing. The 1960 design in this shape is really hard to find.

I think it is SO worth saving !!!! We lose some many great older build and always wish they were still around ... Here is a chance to save this great build !!!

Please please please vote to land mark and save this build !

Thank you

Wadley

Sent from my iPhone



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Townscape Partners project (Chase Bank)

1 message

Alan Katz <AKatz@mindspring.com>

Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 10:26 PM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org

Cc: william.lamborn@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org

I understand the Planning Commission will be voting on the proposed project at Sunset and Crescent Heights boulevards on Thursday. I hope you will urge them to deny the project. I have two reasons for this request:

1. Traffic at this and nearby intersections is already terrible. Unless extraordinary mitigation efforts are implemented, the additional traffic from this development will make the intersection a gridlock nightmare in the long-term. The impact of construction will make the intersection a complete and total disaster. This is the primary outlet to Sunset Boulevard and south for me and my fellow Laurel Canyon residents. Unless you can assure us that the developers are taking realistic and meaningful steps to deal with the project's impact on traffic, this alone should cause you to oppose the project.
2. The second reason I oppose this project is the developers plan to demolish the Lytton Savings building. As the Los Angeles Conservancy has made clear, there are reasonable and appropriate alternatives to demolition available to the developers. The City should not reward developers for destroying our cultural heritage by approving development projects that needlessly destroy important architectural landmarks (and yes, I mean that in the non-legal sense of the word).

For these reasons I ask you to oppose the Townscape Partners project at Sunset and Crescent Heights. At the very least, I ask you to demand the Planning Commission preserve the Lytton Savings building.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alan Katz



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Please support the preservation efforts of the Lytton Savings

1 message

Heather Fox <hfoxen@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 11:59 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

Dear Mr. Lamborn,

Please support the preservation efforts of the Lytton Savings at 8150 Sunset. I pass by this beautiful historic Modernist building every day and it is my understanding that there are excellent alternatives to demolition that have not been considered. These alternatives would meet the majority of the proposed project objectives and while respecting an integral part of our history.

The demolition of historic buildings in Los Angeles has become a serious epidemic and it has become increasingly more important that the Planning Commissions support the organizations and individuals striving to protect our city's history and respecting the need to consider project alternatives -alternatives that better value our diverse architectural past and ease much needed environmental impacts.

Thank you for your consideration,

Heather Fox



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Please preserve the LYTTON SAVINGS building

1 message

Floself@aol.com <Floself@aol.com>

Wed, Jul 27, 2016 at 2:07 AM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

Dear Mr. Lamborn:

I urge you to please find a preservation-based solution to this property. While I can't say I think it's gorgeous, I've been in Calif. since 1960 and, to me, it's a fixture where it sits. With so many of our older buildings being torn down for one gigantic "upscale, mixed-use" project after another, it's important to retain some of our "historic" buildings.

Thank you.

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Please do not demolish Lytton Savings

1 message

Catherine Jurca <cathjurca@gmail.com>
To: william.lamborn@lacity.org
Cc: Adrian Fine <afine@laconservancy.org>

Wed, Jul 27, 2016 at 8:13 AM

Dear Mr. Lamborn,

I write to urge the City of Los Angeles not to demolish the historic Lytton Savings as part of redevelopment at Sunset and Crescent Heights.

Lytton Savings is perfectly positioned to be a vital part of an adaptive reuse project. The goal here is not to stymie development on the site but to retain the historic structure while allowing the developer to build a mixed-use project. Please select an alternative allowing the preservation of this unique structure.

LA's reputation as a fabulous City is in part linked to its historic architecture. And given the terrible toll that construction waste takes on our environment, and the needlessness of demolition in this case, saving this building is also the most responsible and sustainable thing to do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best wishes,

Cathy Jurca



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Save the Chase bank

1 message

Jaime Rummerfield <jaime@wandrdesign.com>

Wed, Jul 27, 2016 at 3:03 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: Ron Woodson <ron@wandrdesign.com>

Hello Mr. Lamborn,

As a member of the design community I can not stress how important it is to maintain our city's significant structures. The Chase bank on Sunset and Crescent heights is an iconic piece of Los Angeles history in the revolutionary spirit of Modern Architecture. I urge you to save it from demolition. Nothing can replace its priceless nature to our heritage. Please save it and find a builder that respects our history and can incorporate the old with the new. Our design and architecture community has had enough landmarks lost to greedy builders and cheap construction. LA is a special place - let's keep it that way.

Sincerely,

Jaime Rummerfield
Woodson & Rummerfield's
house of design
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Sent from my iPhone



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Save the Lytton/Chase bank on Sunset.

1 message

Richard C <reside123@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 27, 2016 at 5:19 PM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org, afine@laconservancy.org, Richard C <reside123@gmail.com>

Dear Sir/Ms,

As an owner of architectural homes and an activist Realtor specialized in architecture, I feel it is absolutely imperative that this historic, yet contemporary style building be saved from the wrecking ball.

By incorporating it, or at the very least, a great portion of it, (including it's very special roof and interior mosaics) into the project's plans, future generations will be able to witness and admire a great example of LA's built history firsthand, and not merely in the pages of a book etc.,.

In light of the recently minted Beverly Hills Historic Ordinance, (which I was proud to have played a small part in) the tide has now turned in favor of both local public and civic desire to save important LA structures!

Beverly Hills has moved to prevent the unwarranted destruction of a number of architectural masterworks and helped prevent the iconic, and now restored Richard Neutra designed Kronish house, coincidentally also on Sunset Blvd, from meeting an undeserved sad end.

Los Angeles would be doing itself a big favor by ensuring that the the distinctive modern roofline of this building lives on and does not meet an untimely death.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,
Richard Crowley

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1 message

Phyllis Present <ppresent1@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 27, 2016 at 9:52 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

The renewed call for people to attend a meeting tomorrow at 8.30 am in Van Nuys is a sham. Despite the anger this had aroused amongst residents in the neighborhood, despite the objections, this plan marches with little regard for those affected. No wonder the World is so angry...nobody listens to the wishes of the Public.

The owner had every right to build on his property...however NOT just anything he wants, but with an eye to public opinion and comfort that will not cause further hardships to the travelling neighbors. Traffic is already an issue. The triangle belongs to the City and maintained by our taxes...How dare the City allow it to be incorporated into a private venture.

Please do NOT allow this "plan of the Fruit and Nuts" go through as stated".

Thank you.

Phyllis Present



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Opposing 8750 Sunset Blvd. Construction

1 message

Kathleen Klein-Wakefield <wakefieldklein@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 28, 2016 at 3:24 PM

To: david.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

To Councilman David Ryu and William Lamborn of the Department of City Planning.

This will be another reason for me to avoid doing business in this area.

How are the current systems of infrastructure going to handle this extra load?

Traffic?

Parking?

Sewer?

I worry the stress will be on the public while the developer cashes in without care.

Please do your best for the citizens of Los Angeles and do not let this project be built.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wakefield

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Please Save the Lytton Savings Bank

1 message

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Wed, Jul 27, 2016 at 8:26 AM

Reply-To: Susana Miller <susanamiller@sbcglobal.net>

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To all the Agencies that can save this iconic building,

I am urging the City of West Hollywood and Los Angeles to please save this Modernist building and piece of architectural history that still stands in our City.

We have lost so many parts of our history that used to share this dynamic corner of town.

Googies, the Garden of Allah and Pandora's Box are just memories of that corner and deserve the ongoing lore and stories attached to their time in the story of LA.

The Lytton Savings building is still a glorious example of our Mid Century legacy and a part of the global interest in LA's architectural uniqueness.

This building can most certainly be incorporated into the design of the future development at the gateway to the Sunset Strip.

It is still a fresh looking structure with it's folded plate roofline and the beautiful illuminated glass tile wall glowing from the interior.

I urge all the City decision makers to PLEASE SAVE the LYTTON SAVINGS BANK building.

Most respectfully Yours,
Susana Miller

PS. I'm a longtime resident and Homeowner in West Hollywood and care deeply about saving our buildings, neighborhood and history.



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Lytton Savings building (Sunset & Crescent Hts.)

1 message

Evelyn Stern <stern123@earthlink.net>

Wed, Jul 27, 2016 at 10:42 AM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

I support the Los Angeles Conservancy's position advocating preservation of the Lytton Savings building, in particular because:

1. Two distinct preservation alternatives have been evaluated, but no substantial evidence or analysis has been provided to demonstrate why adaptive reuse of Lytton Savings would be infeasible.
 2. The preservation alternatives would meet the majority of the proposed project's objectives, as well as reduce environmental impacts.
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