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Sharon Gin <sharon.gin@lacity.org>
To: Etta Armstrong <etta.armstrong@lacity.org>

Wed, Aug 14, 2013 at 2:08 PM

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From: <Floself@aol.com>

Date: Wed, Aug 14, 2013 at 11:47 AM

Subject: PROTEST Bishop Mansion (West Adams) Exemption

To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Dear Ms. Gin,

I am writing to protest the Categorical Exemption of the Bishop Mansion on West Adams Blvd. for student housing.

(from a letter sent by West Adams Heritage Ass'n - WAHA) Although it is true that the owner/applicant has somewhat adjusted the project – for example, more of the original leaded glass windows are now slated to remain in place – the project as a whole, with its drastic alterations to the historic residence, basically takes away forever the chance to restore the Bishop Mansion.

But even worse, from WAHA's perspective, is the Planning Department's skewed decision to allow this project to go forward with a categorical exemption, which as the name implies, means that staff and decision-makers believe that the entire project is literally exempt from any true environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This has extremely negative implications for anyone working to save historical resources in the City of Los Angeles. In April, WAHA's membership voted to pursue all legal means to assure a proper CEQA clearance and future protections for the historic Bishop Residence and, by implication, all of West Adams' historic resources.

I know you have the full story. I am a member of West Adams Heritage Association but I don't live in West Adams. I love West Adams and our city's historic structures.

Sincerely,

Flo Selfman

Los Angeles, Calif.

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From: judy reidel <jjreidel@hotmail.com> Date: Wed, Aug 14, 2013 at 1:19 PM

Subject: Support WAHA position on project at 1342 West Adams Boulevard

To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Cc: laura myers <Lauramink@aol.com>

i want to support the position of WAHA for the preservation of our city's historical assets at 1342 West Adams Boulevard. i am sorry to see the destruction of the interiors. i am an hooz board member for country club park and want to add my voice to the arguments put forth by WAHA. please help save this landmark. thanks, judy reidel

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