



**Council File # 14-0225 City Monument Nomination John L. Mathewson House, et all**

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**To:** Sharon Gin, Legislative Assistant PLUM Committee, LA City Council  
**Re:** *Continuance Action Requested for a period of 30 days from the Tuesday 16 December 2014 Agenda for Council File # 14-0225*  
**Owner Support for the Nomination:** in the *Affirmative*, such that a continuance is obtained for at least a month.

**Reason for Continuance Action Request:** To provide significant additional documentation that will directly impact Criteria for determining Monument eligibility, as follows:

**1. Prepare and Present Comprehensive Historic American Building Survey Record (HABS) Cultural Site Documentation.**

HABS Documentation Standards can be accessed via National Park Service (NPS) link:  
<http://www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/habsguidelines.htm>  
The documentation packet will contain Full Plans and Elevations of the Structure which would identify accurate and durable square footage declarations which are estimated to be **20-30% in error**, under reported from current County Tax Assessor Records.

**2. Permit Application for a Certificate of Occupancy (CofO) for the existing structure, from the Department of Building and Safety.**

The comprehensive site documentation package will be Engineer Stamped for Permit Clearance of a new CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY into the Public Record. Building and Safety link as follows:  
LADBS-Frequently Asked Questions

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It takes approximately 8 to 10-weeks to complete the evaluation of the product information and issue a Research Report Approval Letter from the date the app...

View on [ladbs.org](http://ladbs.org)

Preview by Yahoo

**3. Increase Adherence to City of LA, Historic-Cultural Monument Application Criteria**

Full Enumeration of Character Defining Features from the Structure and the Site that could not previously been enumerated due to a lack of full access into the structure and grounds during the Public Hearing/Tour of the Property, that WAS NOT coordinated, nor noticed to the property owner. Access was made through a Realtor lock box, and not with the knowledge of any Property Representative. City Guidelines for Criteria are via link:

<http://www.preservation.lacity.org/commission/what-makes-resource-historically-significant>

#### **4. Revised and Expanded Property History.**

Provide important documentation not cited by the original applicant, as no coordination for research was made through the out of State Property Owner's family. The additional documentation will result in a revised **Statement of Historical Significance** and **Statement of Architectural Significance** contributing to a much more accurate and clearly vetted analysis for Determination of Historic Cultural Monument eligibility.

[http://www.preservation.lacity.org/files/HCM\\_Application%20Guidelines\\_0.pdf](http://www.preservation.lacity.org/files/HCM_Application%20Guidelines_0.pdf)

These revisions will greatly increase understanding of why the site is historic, what makes it historic, and what features of the building are of primary and secondary significance to the intrinsic Historic Character of the site. These documents will comprise a significant increased declaration of Environmental impact, and would thus meet any reasonable basis for accepting a friendly continuance request of the PLUM Committee. We would ask that this be accomplished prior to the scheduled meeting on the matter next week, via an administrative concurrence with the assertions stated herein, that a significantly under declared and documented application will be vastly improved with durable documents demanding Permit Application and administration of Guidelines developed for Federal properties.

If administrative accommodation cannot be obtained to obtain a continuance prior to the PLUM Meeting of December 16, then I would request a revision to the hearing Agenda of 16 December 2014, to allow for me to present facts desired for public knowledge that I have been contracted to compile, and then convey to the PLUM committee what benefits would be accessed via a 30 day continuance. The benefits would be significant for the Property and its owners, assuring long term viability and economic sustainability well into the future.

Thank you for your prompt response to this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

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