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Date: Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 2:56 PM

Subject: Item No. 14-1604, 15-0554

To: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org,  
councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

Cc: Adrian Fine <afine@laconservancy.org>

Tomorrow, December 13, the Entertainment and Facilities Committee will review and vote on a recommendation regarding the City's environmental analysis for Parker Center.

The city's Bureau of Engineering, Chief Legislative Analyst and City Administrative Officer recommend demolishing this historic building to clear the site for construction of new high-rise towers. What the hell are they thinking?

Parker Center is a vital part of the fabric of Los Angeles, and I strongly urge you to support its preservation and adaptive reuse.

Once it's gone, it's gone. When have you ever heard your constituents say, "I'm so glad we tore down that historic building"?

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From: gfrkas@aol.com <gfrkas@aol.com>  
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Cc: Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org, afine@laconservancy.org

Honorable Councilmembers/Entertainment and Facilities Committee,

I strongly urge your support for Parker Center and its preservation through an adaptive reuse project.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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LA City Council Entertainment & Facilities Committee Item No. 14-1604, 15-0554 - Parker Center Site  
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Cc: sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org, afine@laconservancy.org

Dear Chair O'Farrell and Councilmembers Buscaino and Krekorian:

I am writing you today to strongly urge you to support the preservation of Parker Center through an adaptive reuse project

Parker Center is an iconic presence in downtown Los Angeles and deserves our full consideration before being replaced with something solely for the sake of being new.

Sincerely,  
Blake

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From: jill croce <j\_croce@hotmail.com>

Date: Tue, Dec 13, 2016 at 2:16 AM

Subject: Parker Place - Item No. 14-1604, 15-0554

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Dear Councilmember,

I urge you to preserve Parker Center through adaptive reuse.

Moving forward with demolition without input from the preservation community is wrong. Moving forward with demolition without including Parker Place in the Master Plan for the Los Angeles Civic Center is wrong. We all know two wrongs do not make things right. So, why is the city so quick to demolish this historic property and dismiss its past?

The city should be setting an example that preservation coupled with reuse is a viable alternative. Los Angeles has a rich history, but it is disappearing before our eyes. Los Angeles is losing too many cultural monuments. Once these structures are lost they cannot be replaced. This frenzy to demolition and build new is ruining the fabric of our city. Billions of dollars are spent on tourism in Europe each year, so people can visit its rich culture. We are a young country, but will never achieve any sense of history if we do not preserve what we have today.

The building holds an important and significant history in Los Angeles. As noted on the Conservancy's website, "when built in 1955, Parker Center was touted by Popular Mechanics as the "best law-enforcement facility in the world." Breathe new life into Parker Place and give it the opportunity to be the best again.

As one of our city's leaders I ask you to lead by example and preserve Parker Center through adaptive reuse. Stop this mad rush to demolish our history.

Thank you for your consideration,

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From: Kim Fay <slendermeans@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, Dec 13, 2016 at 11:16 AM

Subject: Item No. 14-1604, 15-0554 - Parker Center - Adaptive Reuse

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Dear Councilmember Krekorian,

I am writing today to respectfully ask that you support the preservation of Parker Center through an adaptive reuse project.

As a novelist who has spent the past 3 years researching and studying Los Angeles history, I have come to value the immense significance of the city's historic architecture in shaping our neighborhood cultures. A city that loses its historic architecture loses a piece of its spirit. I learned this first-hand living in Saigon, Vietnam, in the 1990s. Since that time, the majority of the city's historic buildings have been torn down, replaced by generic malls and apartment complexes that erased the city's multi-layered past.

I am aware that Parker Center has a controversial history, but L.A. is a dynamic city that learns from its controversies, I feel that the preservation of Parker Center could be used as a history lesson, an example of our city's unique civic architecture, and a cutting edge showpiece that puts L.A. in the forefront when it comes to adaptive reuse.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this email and consider the preservation of Parker Center.

With warm regards,

Kim Fay

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Honorable Councilmembers:

Please give your utmost support and commitment to saving Parker Center. In addition to its design and decades long successful functioning, the building represents a critical part of Los Angeles history.

Don't be hasty in recommending the demolition of this important structure, as it is always cheaper to rehabilitate a building rather than demo'ing and and rebuilding with inferior materials and modern construction.

Please, save Parker Center.

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From: Ron Fleming <ron@yyes.org>

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councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org

Cc: Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org, afine@laconservancy.org

As a child, I wanted to move to LA based almost entirely on the spectacular and unique architecture. I knew the names of LA's buildings by the time I was 10 years old. I pressed my face to the window of the car when we'd visit, and dream of living here.

I'm here now, and more than Nostalgia, it is the feeling that these buildings evoke — endless possibility and the promise of the California dream — that give the buildings meaning to me now. You can't replicate that in a building that isn't born of and aged with, the city that surrounds it.

Please preserve Parker Center. Thank you.

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councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

Dear Councilmembers of the Entertainment and Facilities Committee,

I'm writing to and strongly urge your support for the Parker Center and its preservation through an adaptive reuse project. Please do not demolish this distinctive mid-century gem.

I stand with the LA Conservancy in questioning why the City is proceeding with a plan to redevelop the Parker Center site before the Master Plan for the Los Angeles Civic Center is complete. I agree with the LA Conservancy that this is short-sighted and undermines the purpose of the Master Plan and the need for broad, big-picture planning within the Civic Center. Now that a plan is underway we should allow it to proceed and analyze the full range of options rather than being limited by some who wish to demolish and redevelop Parker Center.