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## Council File #: 15-0719 Letter to be added to the Administrative Record

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To Whom it May Concern:

I respectfully submit this letter in regards to Council File #: [15-0719](#) and the Joint Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday August 4th, concerning **Mobility Plan 2035**. I include the letter below as well which was originally sent to the City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission. Thankfully, they have decided to consider the property at La Brea & Hollywood Blvds. for Historic Designation. The attached letter addresses some of my concerns in addition to an endless stream of changes to city ordinances regarding zoning, out of control building heights in our *city of fault lines*, and commercial invasion of residential neighborhoods. It is time for council members to put quality of life before the greed of compulsive developers. I thank you in advance for your careful consideration and thorough perusal of the attached letter that follows also in the body of this email.

Sincerely,  
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July 15, 2015,

City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission  
Office of Historic Resources, Department of City Planning  
200 North Spring Street, Room 559, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: Shannon Ryan

RE: Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist/Designation as Historic and Cultural Monument

Dear Ms. Ryan:

I have lived in Hollywood for over 20 years and am concerned with the effects of over zealous developers on our quality of life. I am writing in support of the Historic Designation of the former Fifth Church of Christ Scientist, presently known as the Mosaic Church. Our neighborhood has a richly diverse community and cultural background. Over the years, we have experienced the addition of a plethora of high-rise residential structures as well as shopping, dining, and recreational establishments. Many of these buildings are scarcely populated as even more apartment and condo dwellings continue to go up. The traffic becomes more congested every day with the influx of more residents & revelers who are constantly laying on their horns outside my windows when frustrated with the endless blockages due to movie premiere closures, film projects, award galas, and events at the Magic Castle as well as the Hollywood Bowl. The anger and frustration of the frequenters of Hollywood can be witnessed in confrontations between drivers, pedestrians, and tour group employees on a daily basis. Violent crime is also on the rise in conjunction with these events.

What the community *does experience a shortage of* is the opportunity to find places that offer an alternative to the constant blare of towering cacophony. I enjoy visiting a variety of places offering spiritual solace to our community and have attended Mosaic Church on numerous occasions. A large and diverse number of residents attend this church. Indeed, in the several years of my visits there, it is

always packed even though they offer three or more services daily. It would be a travesty to replace this community treasure with yet another mega-dwelling-mall structure. Hollywood was founded historically as a haven for residents seeking a reverent existence; a church has existed on this property almost since Hollywood incorporated with the City of Los Angeles in 1910. This current structure on the NW corner of Hollywood and La Brea, which replaced the original structure in mid 1950, is an excellent example of Mid-Century Modern Architecture and is a major work by local architect Howard Ewell. It would be a disservice to our cultural history to replace this oasis of community and architectural beauty with yet another monstrosity of the maddening and mundane. The building provides an architectural and visual demarcation between the residential community of Hollywood and the business district east of La Brea Avenue and provides an iconic view of the Hollywood Hills. The site lies directly south of the Women's Club of Hollywood and together these two buildings integrate the historic and cultural history of the neighborhood.

I would respectfully request this building be given every consideration as a Cultural and Historic Monument. If developers are crazed to make a community grab, let them turn the gorgeous Gothic structure now vacant on the NE corner of Hollywood & Highland into more condos and corporate outlets. ( <http://iainyours.com/3534/a-towering-ghost-6777-hollywood-blvd/> ) Thank you for giving this matter your serious consideration in regards to the obsession of a few over the needs of the many and additionally, respecting residents seeking a well rounded existence and quality of life.

Respectfully,

Kennon B. Raines



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