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To: PLUM Committee

Survey LA has just completed their exhaustive, 10 year task of documenting historic resources all over the City of LA. They presented their final report last week at the Cultural Heritage Commission, with impressive scope and meticulous attention to detail. This is a relatively new project and it has already exposed a major problem in the system where planning and preservation collide. There is an ongoing "miscommunication" between Planning and and LADBS. If properties are contenders for historic status, as has been demonstrated by SurveyLA, then demolition permits should be held until a determination is made by OHR. Emergency motion must be drafted to address this gap.

When a developer buys property and wants to demolish the existing structures, there should be some oversight between LADBS and the Office of Historic Resources. LADBS should not be issuing demolition permits without investigating first the historic significance of that parcel. A property might be identified and catalogued by Survey LA as an historic resource, yet the City continues to generate demolition permits for these historic properties with no crossover and no review of it's historic documentation. This has to stop.

Before a demolition permit is approved, the address must be cross-checked with the Office of Historic Resources and the office of Survey LA. All demolition permits should be cleared by the Office of Historic Resources before approval. There must be a motion that ensures this will happen.

How can we get a motion introduced which will guarantee this oversight and protect our historic properties?

thank you,
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