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Hon. Jose Huizar, Chair, PLUM Committee  
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Office of the City Clerk, c/o Ms. Sharon Gin  
Attn: PLUM Committee  
200 North Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Case Number: CHC-2015-4255-HCM  
ALBERT VAN LUIT COMPLEX  
4000-4010 E CHEVY CHASE DRIVE

Dear Chairman Huizar and Councilmembers:

In 2009, the Los Angeles City Council established the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee to address equine and equestrian issues in the City of Los Angeles. Our committee is dedicated to the protection and preservation of the all too rare equestrian activities and spaces within Los Angeles.

On November 25, 2015 we wrote a letter (copy attached) in support of the Van Luit Complex Historic-Cultural Nomination. In doing this, we joined with numerous community organizations, professionals, and more than 70 stakeholders in the area. We were gratified when the Commission voted 3-0 to include this Complex in the list of Historic-Cultural monuments, subject to adoption by the City Council.

This letter reaffirms our support for the preservation of the Van Luit Complex.

Sincerely,

Dale Gibson  
President

CC: The Honorable Mitch O'Farrell, Council District 13



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Richard Barron, AIA, Chair  
The Cultural Heritage Commission  
c/o Shannon Ryan, Planning Associate  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 620  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

November 25, 2015

Re: Historic-Cultural Monument Nomination: Albert Van Luit Complex

Mr Barron,

In 2009, the Los Angeles City Council established the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee to address equine and equestrian issues in the City of Los Angeles. Our committee is dedicated to the preservation of equine and equestrian activities and spaces. Far too many of these rare places, many of historic importance, have already been lost forever because they were not identified and protected.

The Van Luit Complex is a stunning example of how buildings, though larger than others in the neighborhood, can be compatible with the equestrian nature of the area. This complex was obviously planned to enhance, rather than detract from, the unique equestrian neighborhood. Mr. Van Luit was careful to place the buildings in an appropriate location that would complement the community rather than serving to frighten or intimidate the horses. The buildings are set back from the perimeter of the property, and the property is bordered by suitable trees and other plantings. Mr. Van Luit himself was an equestrian and kept his horse in a stable at his home, adjacent to these beautiful and functional buildings. These buildings are historically important as they have stood the test of time in this jewel of an equestrian neighborhood. They deserve to remain.

The K Zone protecting the equine keeping facilities in Atwater Village was approved in 2007. Although Mr. Van Luit could not have foreseen the need for such protection, his buildings are the perfect buffer between the protected equestrian properties and nearby residences and traffic to the North Atwater Park and the Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Service Yard.



Our committee urges you to approve the Nomination of the Albert Van Luit Complex as a Historic-Cultural Monument in the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

R. Dale Gibson, President  
Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Dale Gibson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Dale Gibson, President  
Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee

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