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Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 4:15 PM

To: jose.huizar@lacity.org, Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

Dear Councilmember Huizar,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the preservation of the Lytton Savings/Chase Bank at 8150 Sunset Blvd. This significant building undoubtedly meets the criteria for HCM designation and should be landmarked. The Lytton Savings Bank is a wonderful and important example of the mid-century architecture Los Angeles is known for; and the vote by the Cultural Heritage Commission last month to nominate the building as a Historic Cultural Monument only confirms this further. Since there is a clear path for the preservation of the bank that would not disrupt Townscape Partners plans for the redevelopment of the site, I can think of no reason other than negligence why this building should not be saved. I urge you to protect the distinctive architecture that makes Los Angeles a special place to live and a significant city to visit both by scholars and tourists alike. We should not let new development erase the distinctive landscape of the city, especially when there is a clear alternative that makes room for both.

The sad irony is that, as Los Angeles now is written about almost daily in our national newspapers as desirable place to live and visit, the very buildings that make it unique seem to be threatened more than ever. Please protect our cultural heritage and do not allow for the demolition of this building.

Respectfully,

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Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 2:31 PM

To: Councilmember Paul Koretz <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, Sharon Dickinson <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

Cc: Adrian Fine <afine@laconservancy.org>

Tomorrow, on December 13, the City Council will hear the pending Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for Lytton Savings, submitted by the Friends of Lytton Savings. I strongly urge you to support the Lytton Savings HCM nomination.

Thank you, Shelley Wagers



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Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 2:51 PM

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Honorable Councilmember Huizar,

I strongly urge your support for the Lytton Savings HCM nomination.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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Los Angeles City Council Item No.16-1074-S1 - Lytton Savings HCM nomination

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Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 1:27 PM

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

Dear Council President Wesson:

I write in support of Lytton Savings Historic Cultural Monument nomination.

I am resident of the Harvard Heights HPOZ in CD 10 and am very interested in the benefits of historic preservation.

The Garden of Allah was razed in 1959 from this site. It feels like we have an opportunity to prevent another loss tomorrow.

Please vote in support of Lytton Savings HCM nomination.

Regards,
Blake

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Lytton Savings Item No.16-1074-S1

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Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 11:35 PM

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 Cc: "afine@laconservancy.org" <afine@laconservancy.org>

Dear Councilmember ,

I urge you to confirm the HCM nomination of 1960 Modernist Lytton Savings (currently Chase Bank) and save the property. Lytton Savings is historic and meets the HCM designation criteria. The property is an important as a significant example of postwar-era bank design in Los Angeles. It should be preserved and not demolished.

- Lytton Savings is historic and meets the HCM designation criteria
- Two distinct preservation alternatives have been evaluated, but no substantial evidence or analysis has been provided by the City or applicant to demonstrate why adaptive reuse of Lytton Savings would be infeasible or inviable
- The preservation alternatives would meet the majority of the proposed project's objectives, as well as reduce environmental impacts
- A win-win outcome that would retain the building is possible; it would allow a substantially similar project that would not violate the California Environmental Protection Act (CEQA) to move forward

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.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jill Croce

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Lytton Savings HCM nomination: "Item No.16-1074-S1"

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Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 9:39 PM

Begin forwarded message:

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I'm lucky to live in your district but will be even luckier if you rescue **Lytton Savings** (HCM nominee) on Sunset Boulevard, from another wrecking ball!

As a 4th GENERATION NATIVE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIAN (won't find many of us in LA...even a first generation!!), it's so sad to see previous architecture throughout our city torn down for another architect's new vision. The over-building of Hollywood and West Hollywood is downright ugly, and this will look like everything else that has taken over our city. The **Lytton** building is an architectural gem from the mid-century, but more importantly, such a part of West Hollywood's history...and a relic from my hippie days at that corner. It's a lovely building and I think they can **INCLUDE** it in their new design.

PLEASE SAVE THE **LYTTON SAVINGS** architectural gem!

Thank you!

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Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 6:02 PM

To: Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org, Paul Koretz <paul.koretz@lacity.org>

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Ms. Dickinson,

Please register my strong support for declaring the Lytton Savings building on Sunset Blvd as a Historic Cultural Monument.

The building, a prime example of midcentury architecture is representative of an exciting period of growth in our city and is a touchstone of the Sunset- Crescent Heights neighborhood. The site, in its previous life as the Garden of Allah, exists only in memory and fleeting documentation. Do not permit the memory of Lytton Savings become a footnote as well.

Councilmember Koretz, please do your utmost to convince City Council to do the right thing and vote for the declaration of the Lytton Savings building as a Historic Cultural Monument.

Thank you,

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Please vote for the Lytton Savings HCM designation

Karen Smalley <karen.smalley@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 4:57 PM

To: councilmember.koretz@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Koretz,

Tomorrow the city council will vote on whether to add the Lytton Savings building at 8150 Sunset to the list of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monuments.

I implore you to vote yes. The Lytton Savings Bank - currently Chase - should be preserved both for its outstanding mid-60s architecture by important LA architect Kurt Meyer, and for its place in the cultural heritage of the city of Los Angeles. As an early Saving & Loan, Bart Lytton's building was a pioneer in the new face of banking as well as in the role of corporations' involvement in the arts.

Designating the building as an HCM is a separate issue from the proposed development, and while this vote should not have been delayed until after the 8150 Gehry project was approved by the council, the city should not let that interfere now with giving the building and architect its just rewards.

Thank you for your continued support of preserving historic LA. Please help us save this landmark property - or at the very least give it the recognition it is due.

Sincerely,

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SAVE LYTTON SAVINGS

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Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 3:20 PM

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To all the Agencies that can save this iconic building,

I am urging the City of West Hollywood and Los Angeles to please save this Modernist building and piece of architectural history that still stands in our City.

We have lost so many parts of our history that used to share this dynamic corner of town.

Googies, the Garden of Allah and Pandora's Box are just memories of that corner and deserve the ongoing lore and stories attached to their time in the story of LA.

The Lytton Savings building is still a glorious example of our Mid Century legacy and a part of the global interest in LA's architectural uniqueness.

This building can most certainly be incorporated into the design of the future development at the gateway to the Sunset Strip.

It is still a fresh looking structure with it's folded plate roofline and the beautiful illuminated glass tile wall glowing from the interior.

I urge all the City decision makers to PLEASE SAVE the LYTTON SAVINGS BANK building.

Most respectfully Yours,
Susana Miller

PS. I'm a longtime resident and Homeowner in West Hollywood and care deeply about saving our buildings, neighborhood and history.

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December 12, 2016

Submitted Electronically

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RE: Item No. 23, Historic-Cultural Monument Nomination of the Lytton Savings Bank, 8150 West Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles City Council Meeting of December 13, 2016

Dear Councilmembers:

The West Hollywood Preservation Alliance (WHPA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) community organization whose mission statement includes preservation of historic structures in our adjacent communities. The WHPA fully supports the preservation of the important Kurt Meyer Lytton Savings Building, and we urge you to designate Lytton Savings as a Historic-Cultural Monument.

Of the 20 financial institution structures built by Meyer, Lytton Savings is considered the apotheosis of his visual style and an important achievement in his canon of work. The building is a stellar example of postwar bank architecture exhibiting innovative use of materials, an integrated art program, and a high level of craftsmanship. It is an outstanding example of California mid-century-modern design and is a one of a kind masterwork that deserves its place in the canon of Los Angeles architectural history.

And we trust that the current development team and its renowned architect Frank Gehry can put their creative minds together to retain this historic building in the proposed new development at 8150 Sunset Boulevard. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Victor Omelczenko
Board Member
West Hollywood Preservation Alliance

Cc:
Steven Luftman and Keith Nakata, Friends of Lytton Savings
Adrian Scott Fine, Los Angeles Conservancy

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