

Public comment for multiple items for the PLUM 8/7/2018 meeting

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Public comment on 8/7/2018 agenda items 5, 6, 7, and 8 (Item numbers 18-0465, 18-0499, 18-0500, 18-0501).
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I ask the Planning and Land Use Management Committee to deny the assorted historical landmarking designations requested for various structures in the footprint of the proposed Crossroads Hollywood development. Each of these agenda items represents a transparent and despicable ploy by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation to deny homes to Angelenos of all income levels by derailing the Crossroads Hollywood project and its planned 105 units of below-market housing in the midst of a profound housing crisis. Granting any of these designations guarantees that future bad-faith abuse of the landmarking process by the AHF and other groups will continue and expand to serve as a backdoor process through which the AHF and likeminded groups will hold arbitrary, unaccountable veto powers over the future of Los Angeles and its residents.

Measure S was decisively rejected at the ballot box – I do not see why the Planning and Land Use Management Committee should enact it behind the scenes via landmarking designations.

Sincerely,
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