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RE: Charles Fisher, Historic Consultant

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Mr Fisher for over 30 years, I first met Charlies when we were both community activists in Highland Park. We worked together on creating the seventh & largest HPOZ in the city of Los Angeles.

I believe Mr Fisher has successfully been the applicant for more Cultural Monuments than any other consultant.

I realize that Mr Fisher does not have a degree in preservation. But he has over 30 years of experience working in the historic preservation field.

I have been on the Cultural Heritage Commission for 14 years and have worked with many people who are considered preservation professionals. It has been relatively recently that planning and architectural schools have offered education in building preservation. Many of the people I work with at the Commission do not have specific education in preservation. I for one, have a degree in architecture, but I never had a class in historic preservation. My office has won many awards in historic preservation. I like many have a fondness for persevering our architectural heritage and I learned on the job. I believe I am qualified to call myself a historic preservation professional.

I have no doubt that Mr Fisher is a qualified historic preservation professional and he has learned this craft by his love and devotion to the subject, which in my mind is more important than any degree.

When Charles called and asked for a letter of support, I was humored. I can think of so many successful people that are not degree holders that have made major contributions to our well being and culture. Charles Fisher is just another one on that list.

I support Mr Fisher as a Historic Consultant to the fullest degree.

Sincerely



Richard Barron

Cultural Heritage Commission, President