

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: TO: LA Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM), Councilmembers Harris-Dawson, Blumenfield, Price, Cedillo & Smith FROM: Gay Parrish - Resident Carthay Circle - Board Member Friends of the Doheny Greystone Estate in Beverly Hills - Member, Carthay Circle Homeowners Association, LA Conservancy, Santa Monica Conservancy, Miracle Mile Residents Association, SUBJECT: Please Vote Yes for Item #6 at the PLUM Hearing tomorrow, 5/21, to include Tom Bergins at 840 South Fairfax on the list of Historic Cultrual Monuments in Los Angeles. There is no real doubt that the Bergin structure (circa 1930) is a significant remaining landmark in the Miracle Mile, representative of the romantic "road house" of the early 20th century. Nestled between the dramatic 21st century structures of the Peterson Museum to the North and the new architecture of the School and Condos to the South it is a priceless representation of what the neighborhood and scale of Fairfax Boulevard was for most of the 20th century. I can imagine Raymond Chandler stopping by for a drink. And it has great parking for patrons! I can imagine there are all sorts of lucrative uses for the Tom Bergin structure with exterior preservation and restoration. I was thrilled when I heard it had been acquired by new proprietors who wanted to continue the Pub tradition. I was severely disappointed when I heard it had closed in 2018. I have lived in Carthay since the 1970's and have been going and taking friends to Bergin's ever since. I consider it a treasure of the neighborhood. We need to save good pieces of the best of the best of our LA heritage (not to mention the Irish), and Tom Bergin's should qualify on every level - Architecturally, Culturally and Historically. Sure miss the Irish Coffee! Gay Parrish, 988 Stearns Drive #2, LA, CA 90048