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May 20, 2019

**BY EMAIL (clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org)**

Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair  
Planning Land Use Management Committee  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Attn: Rita Moreno, Legislative Assistant

Re: **Case No. CHC-2018-5803-HCM; ENV-2018-2847-CE**  
Location: 840 S. Fairfax Avenue (“Tom Bergin’s”)  
Petition Opposing Historic-Cultural Monument Designation  
**Council File No. 19-0293**

Dear Chair Harris-Dawson and Honorable Members of the PLUM Committee:

As you know, our office represents the owner of 840 S. Fairfax Avenue (the “Property”), a currently vacant property that is the former location of the “Tom Bergins” pub. An improper and illegitimate proposal to designate the former pub into a Historic-Cultural Monument (“HCM”) is scheduled to be heard by the PLUM Committee tomorrow, Tuesday, May 21. In preparation for this hearing, we wanted to share with you the signatures and letters of nearly one hundred residents - most of whom live adjacent to the Property and/or have children in school nearby - that **strongly oppose the proposed HCM designation**. See **Exhibit A**. As you might imagine, this community takes issue with the City's proposal to create city-wide monuments out of local bars, especially when neighbors do not support the bar use in the first place. This is particularly true here, where the bar is located right next door to a local school. Also included is a letter from Joe Bergin, the grandson of the former owner Tom Bergin. **Mr. Bergin also opposes this nomination**. Consistent with the demands of the neighbors and Mr. Bergin, we urge the City Council deny this nomination and protect the City from these types of illegitimate HCM designations.

Sincerely,



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Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP

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Enclosure(s)

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Hannah Lee, Chief of Staff, Councilmember Smith

Terry P. Kaufmann-Macias, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney

# EXHIBIT A

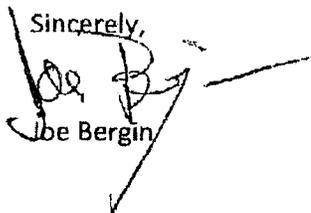
Cultural Heritage Commission  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring St.  
Room 1010, City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Commissioners;

My name is Joe Bergin, Tom Bergin's youngest grandson. The property at 840 S. Fairfax is one I know intimately. As my grandfather's bar, I essentially grew up going to Bergin's, playing in the office as a kid, getting to know the patrons and staff, etc. Eventually I came to know the long-time owners that purchased Bergin's from my grandfather in 1973, TK Vodrey and Mike Mandecick, and then Derek Schreck who purchased it in 2012.

I am writing to you in **strong opposition** to the HCM nomination for the property. Not only is it baseless to call Bergin's at its current location a "cultural monument," the nomination is extremely short sighted. I've had the opportunity to see the financials from the business, and as much as anyone understand the difficulty of that location. It has gone out of business now 3 times in the past several years, and by insisting it remain as-is prohibits any future efforts to make it work. The business has already been moved once before due to a changing neighborhood. Derek Schreck has already pledged to me the Intellectual property, interior, and signage, and it is my hope to be able to relocate and reopen Bergin's in a location in the city where it can again thrive. The nomination kills this possibility and ensures that the building remain useless to the community.

As a Bergin, this business means a lot to me, and I cannot allow its ability to be moved and reopened to be quashed based on a factually incorrect nomination that's been spearheaded by a gentleman who I don't believe has patronized Bergin's in at least a decade. By reopening Bergin's in a new location I will assure Bergin's remains a vibrant and important part of the Los Angeles community. I urge you to deny this nomination.

Sincerely,  
  
Joe Bergin

PETITION TO THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION

I OPPOSE THE CITY'S PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE THE TOM BERGIN'S BAR AS A "HISTORIC CULTURAL MONUMENT."

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: BARRY H. MANGIERS  
Address: 1140 N. FORMOSA AVE

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Marcellus Knight  
Address: 319 S. Detroit St.  
90036

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Judson S. Brown  
Address: 1111 S. Meadowbrook Ave.

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Donald Grandy  
Address: 16134 Wagon St

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: JUANITA JENNINGS  
Address: 2131 6th Ave,  
LOS ANGELES CA

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Sandra Janusz  
Address: 625 N. ORANGE DR #7  
LOS ANGELES CA 90036

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: JAMES MORGAN  
Address: 427 W. WASHINGTON AV. CA.  
90060

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Humberto Cruz Long  
Address: 1143 S. Cochran Ave

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: ROBERT S. RAY  
Address: 4716 STELMO DR  
#7, LOS ANGELES, CA  
90019.

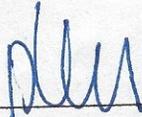
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Address: MAXWELLM5@GMAIL.COM

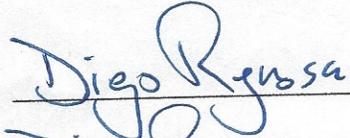
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Print: JUSTIN BROUGHTON  
Address: 13605 S. Vermont Ave.  
LA, CA 90247

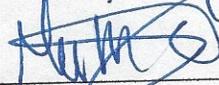
Signature: [Signature]  
Print: John M. Murphy  
Address: 564 N. LARCHMOUNT BLVD #302  
LA CA 90004

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Signature:   
Print: PATRICIA CASAPOLA  
Address: 1146 S. Highland Ave  
LA, CA 90019

Signature:   
Print: Diego Reynosa  
Address: 4441 Sunset Dr  
Los Angeles 90027

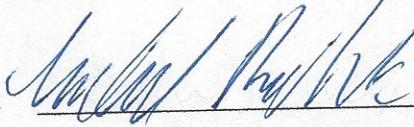
Signature:   
Print: Mark Cunningham  
Address: 2001 CATERPILLAR AVE  
HOLLYWOOD CA  
90068

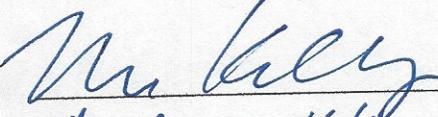
Signature:   
Print: KODY HARRIS  
Address: 503 N GARDNER  
ST.

Signature:   
Print: SOMALI KOLO  
Address: 5106 W <sup>6th</sup> street #103  
Los Angeles CA 90036

Signature:   
Print: Jimmy Jato  
Address: 1152 S. WYOMING AVE.

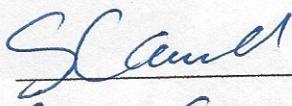
Signature:   
Print: Anthony Ray  
Address: 123 S. Maynarth #101  
LA CA 90048

Signature:   
Print: MICHAEL BOCHENEK  
Address: 123 S. LAUREL AVE.

Signature:   
Print: Melissa Kelly  
Address: 344 S. Detroit St. LACA 90036

Signature:   
Print: Mara Kraus  
Address: 107 S. CROFT AVE

Signature:   
Print: Michael Kelly  
Address: 344 S. Detroit St. LACA, 90036

Signature:   
Print: Susan Carroll  
Address: 631 N. Ogden Dr 90036

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Signature: Cynthia Samuel  
Print: Cynthia Samuel  
Address: 110 S. Sutherland Ave #203  
LA CA 90048

Signature: Steve Langius  
Print: Steve Langius  
Address: 5168 Edgewood Pl LA 90019

Signature: Stacey E. Leon  
Print: STACEY E. LEON  
Address: 410 N. Ross St #507  
LA CA 90004

Signature: Paul W. Edwards  
Print: PAUL W. EDWARDS  
Address: 464 N. Orange Grove Ave, LA 90036

Signature: Teresa Kiely Feldman  
Print: Teresa Kiely Feldman  
Address: 6115 Orange St #5  
CA, CA 90048

Signature: Christy Edwards  
Print: CHRISTY EDWARDS  
Address: 22411 Philiprim St W.H. CA 91367

Signature: Cheryl Santos  
Print: Cheryl Santos  
Address: 838 S. Sierra Bonita  
WA CA 90036

Signature: Bruce Edwards  
Print: Bruce Edwards  
Address: 22411 Philiprim St  
Woodland Hills CA 91367

Signature: Patricia Goldstein  
Print: Patricia Goldstein  
Address: 2301 So. Beverly Glen  
LA, CA 90064

Signature: Randy Soure  
Print: Randy Soure  
Address: Pull La Brea, Lot.  
423 S. Main Ave  
Los Angeles CA 90013

Signature: Lucian Cucchiarella  
Print: Lucian Cucchiarella  
Address: 4150 N. Curson 90036

Signature: Rudy Soure  
Print: RUDY SOURE  
Address: 410 S. HAUSER BLVD.

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I OPPOSE THE CITY'S PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE THE TOM BERGIN'S BAR AS A "HISTORIC CULTURAL MONUMENT."

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Don Meeg  
Address: 579 S. Burnside Ave.

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Duane Dillman  
Address: 6125 Barrows Dr.

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Shirley Hurnan  
Address: 972 S. Lynn Bough

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: LANCE BOGART  
Address: 6170 Barrows Dr.  
LA CA 90048

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Janrod Jacobus  
Address: 169 N. Almont Dr. Beverly Hills, CA  
90211

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: DAVID WEISSMAN  
Address: 6175 BARROWS DR  
4A CA 90048

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Judy Lee Vank  
Address: 6114 Barrows Dr.

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Ashley Gruentbaum  
Address: 6201 San. Vicente Blvd.  
L.A., CA 90048

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: MARK LEWIS  
Address: 6119 BARROWS

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: BARNEY VOK  
Address: 6290 DEL VALLE DR

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: AAK AHITOV  
Address: 6155 BARROWS DR.

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: BOB WILLIAMS  
Address: 6106 DEL VALLE DR

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I OPPOSE THE CITY'S PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE THE TOM BERGIN'S BAR AS A "HISTORIC CULTURAL MONUMENT."

Signature: Laura Or  
Print: LAURA Cohen  
Address: 61st Barrows Dr

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: JASON HINTON  
Address: 5707 Kellifer Rd

Signature: Max Broude  
Print: Max Broude  
Address: 6135 Barrows Dr.

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: STACEY C LEON  
Address: 410-N. ROSSMORE #507

Signature: Paul J. Sober  
Print: PAUL J. SOBER  
Address: 852 HAUSER BLVD

Signature: Azjanai Villegas  
Print: Azjanai Villegas  
Address: 1558 W 2nd St

Signature: Judith Romero  
Print: Judith Romero  
Address: 116 Witmer St. LA 90026

Signature: Holly A Brown  
Print: HOLLY BROWN  
Address: T.bhollyb@sbcbglobal.net

Signature: Anthony Azevedo  
Print: ANTHONY AZEVEDO  
Address: 153 GLENDALE BLVD. LA, 90026

Signature: C. Deloss Pickett  
Print: DeLoss Pickett  
Address: BHEM@ME.com

Signature: JS  
Print: JEREMY THOMAS  
Address: 4859 W. 12th St  
LA CA 90019.

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: CHRISTOPHER DIAZ  
Address: 6151 ORANGE ST.

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I OPPOSE THE CITY'S PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE THE TOM BERGIN'S BAR AS A "HISTORIC CULTURAL MONUMENT."

Signature: Philip McGrade  
Print: PHILIP MCGRADE  
Address: 6100 BARROWS DRIVE

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Bridget Hoffman  
Address: 6144 Barrows Drive

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Jeremy Weinstein  
Address: 6108 Barrows Drive

Signature: Martha R. Sklar  
Print: MARTHA R. SKLAR  
Address: 6150 BARROWS DR

Signature: Alex Ahitov  
Print: Alex Ahitov  
Address: 6155 Barrows Dr.

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: ALAN MARINO  
Address: 6130 DEL VALLE

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Laura Rogers  
Address: 6131 Barrows Dr

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Rebekah Powell  
Address: 6151 Barrows Dr.

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: FRANCO CAMP  
Address: 6131 BARROWS DR  
CA. CT 90048

Signature: Lila Ahitov  
Print: Lila Ahitov  
Address: 6155 Barrows Dr.

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Manica Carlos  
Address: 6141 Barrows

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: [Signature]  
Address: 6189 Barrows Dr.

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I OPPOSE THE CITY'S PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE THE TOM BERGIN'S BAR AS A "HISTORIC CULTURAL MONUMENT."

Signature: Morley

Print: MORLEY WALKER

Address: 735 N. Hollywood Ave  
LA CA 90028

Signature: Arlen Thomassian

Print: Arlen Thomassian

Address: 8013 Blackburn Ave #7  
Los Angeles CA 90048

Signature: Skiron Phoenix

Print: Skiron Phoenix

Address: 3235 Willock Dr

Signature: Alex Creich

Print: ALEX CREICH

Address: 1216 W. 65. Place 90044

Signature: John H Gray

Print: JOHN H GRAY

Address: 4260 W 3rd  
LA 90036

Signature: Gary Twian

Print: Gary Twian

Address: gary@FMBus.com.

Signature: Laura Goulet

Print: LAURA GOULET

Address: 1349 N. CHEROKEE AVE.  
#211 90028

Signature: Brad Tomoth

Print: Brad Tomoth

Address: 1349 N Cherokee Ave  
#211 90028

Signature: Vincent Twinn

Print: Vincent Twinn

Address: 420 N Detroit St

Signature: Gary Phillips

Print: Gary Phillips

Address: 514<sup>3/4</sup> N. Spangley Ave  
90036

Signature: Chris Cavanagh

Print: CHRIS CAVANAGH

Address: 6500 W. Olympic Blvd  
#1 LA CA 90048

Signature: Teressa Chorman

Print: Teressa Chorman

Address: 1221 S. Citrus Ave  
LA CA 90015

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I OPPOSE THE CITY'S PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE THE TOM BERGIN'S BAR AS A "HISTORIC CULTURAL MONUMENT."

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Terrence Sconnell  
Address: 1312 S. Spaulding Ave.

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Paula Placido  
Address: 1336 N. Citrus Ave

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Dobrah El Sahbeh  
Address: 1336 N. Citrus

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Skyler Hilliger  
Address: 1210 N. Cherokee

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: Willow Mahakian  
Address: 838 S. Sierra Bonita Ave

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: ERIK ALBERTS  
Address: 1432 Yale St. #1  
S.M. CA 90404

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: T.H. Vodrey  
Address: 1284 Kay Vista Dr.

Signature: [Signature]  
Print: MIKE FOSTER  
Address: 1121 N. LACIENSA W.H. CA  
APT 115 90069

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Print: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_



Derek Schreck <schreck.derek@gmail.com>

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## Bergin's HCM

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Joel Grossman <[REDACTED]>  
To: Derek Schreck <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: Fran Grossman <[REDACTED]>

Sun, Mar 3, 2019 at 10:01 AM

Derek,  
We are traveling this week and won't be around to sign a petition but please know we agree with you 100%. Just because Cary Grant had dinner there doesn't mean that you shouldn't have the right to sell your own property as you wish. We strongly protest the nostalgia buffs who want to deprive you of this fundamental right. Best of luck at the hearing.  
Fran and Joel Grossman

Sent from my iPhone  
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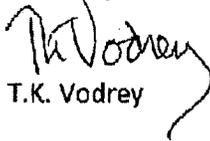
Cultural Heritage Commission  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring St.  
Room 1010, City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Commissioners;

My name is T.K. Vodrey. I purchased Bergin's Tavern at 840 S. Fairfax Ave. from Tom Bergin himself in 1973, and owned/operated it with my business partner Mike Mandecick for nearly 40 years. As such, I know Bergin's and the business as well as anybody, and I am writing in **strong opposition** to the HCM nomination for this property.

Not only does it not qualify as a "cultural monument," but I know first-hand the difficulties that the location poses through getting to know subsequent owners, Derek Schreck included. The nomination does **NOT** reopen a closed business, and in fact makes it impossible to reopen elsewhere. I understand that the interior and signs have been gifted to the Bergin family to reopen elsewhere. This cannot happen if the nomination succeeds. I urge you to deny it.

Sincerely,

  
T.K. Vodrey



March 4, 2019

Cultural Heritage Commission  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring St. Room 1010, City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Cultural Heritage Commission:**

My name is David Passman and I am a Real Estate Broker and founder of The Passman Group. I am a native Angeleno have been working in Real Estate in Los Angeles for a dozen years and I have extensive experience working in the sales and leasing of commercial buildings including restaurant spaces. My office is down the street from 840 S. Fairfax Ave, and I have been retained by Derek Schreck to help find a new owner for the property. As such, I am very familiar with the workings of Tom Bergin's as a business.

While reaching out to potential tenants and buyers that were owner-users interested in Tom Bergin's, they had similar concerns. As indicated in their review of financials, the restaurant/bar had not been successful for a very long time, has closed for extended periods three times in the last eight years, and has not succeeded even with repeated ownership changes. Even with the last two renovations and thoughtful and impressive changes that Mr. Schreck put in to the property, the business fundamentally suffered from a lack of support from the community, a lack which buyers and tenants have good reason to believe will persist regardless of ownership. In my opinion, it is very difficult to sustain a business based only on one day a year and with the exception of St. Patrick's Day, it seems that a lot of people forget about Tom Bergin's.

Quite a few buyers and tenants were also concerned that due to the nomination status, they potentially had a building that ultimately could not be changed in an attempt to keep the business alive. Indeed, retaining the signage would greatly limit the ability to attempt to even rename a space which has repeatedly failed. It also may prohibit the business from being moved somewhere where it may thrive. Mr. Schreck has committed to gifting the Intellectual property, interior, and signage to Joe Bergin of the Bergin family who wishes to move the business somewhere in the City where it may again be profitable. I believe you may be aware that Tom Bergin's has already been moved once before and had a second location, Bergin's West, at 11600 San Vicente Blvd.

Ultimately, based on the previous sales, the rent or purchase price a tenant/owner-user is willing to pay is not feasible in this market and may not cover the debt already associated with the parcel.

Best regards,

David Passman

David Passman | Founder  
The Passman Group, Inc.  
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[dp@thepassmangroup.com](mailto:dp@thepassmangroup.com)  
DRE#: 01795153

**Email to "chc@lacity.org"**  
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City of Los Angeles  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Tom Bergin's is NOT a Historic Monument!**  
Case No. CHC-2018-5803-HCM

Dear Commissioners,

I am a parent of a 10 year old in the area where *Tom Bergin's* is located. I'm a big believer in preserving history, but I don't think the restaurant bar is enough of a landmark to outweigh the other uses for the land in this important area of the city.

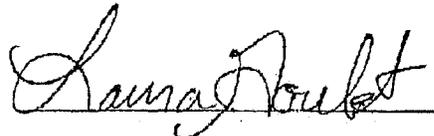
My son walks in front of the location every school day. If the building is left unattended, it can become a safety issue. I would like to see the place used for something that my son can feel safe walking by every day.

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I think every piece of land in the community should be active and useful. No location should be left to deteriorate or promote bad behavior. I know many parents who are in the same situation and have similar opinions. I hope you take our concerns seriously.

Sincerely,

Signature:



Print:

LAURA GOULET

Address:

1349 N. Cherokee ave  
#2111

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a City of Los Angeles resident and have been visiting the area around *Tom's Bergin's* for over 30 years. I believe the restaurant/bar had a purpose years ago. However, the area no longer needs a bar. As a frequent visitor to the area, there are other, newer places in the nearby area I prefer going to. From the looks of its closure, other people agree with me as well.

It is also not iconic enough to become a historical monument, although I do appreciate its history. The region also already has other landmarks like LACMA and The La Brea Tar Pits. As a visitor of the area, I would not appreciate a traffic increase from visitors looking for the bar as a "historic site" only to find it and be unimpressed. Although I don't live in the area, I believe residents would prefer using the land for something that will benefit the local population and not drive in traffic from outside for unnecessary reasons.

Thank You,

Signature:

*John H Gray*

Print:

JOHN H GRAY

Address:

6260 W 3rd St  
Los Angeles 90036

Email to "che@lacity.org"  
Cultural Heritage Commission  
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Dear Commissioners,

As someone who lives in the neighborhood around *Tom Bergin's*, I strongly believe the space needs to be actively used. At this point, the property is not being used to its potential and has become a waste of space. It should be sold to someone who will not let the building die down or be vacant. If considered historically relevant, it will be pigeon-holed to remain the same bar that has been proven not to work in the area. If the building itself isn't architecturally significant, then you really are stating that it should just remain a bar.

I have lived in the neighborhood for 9 years and have been to the bar several times. I will admit that I've had some good times there. However, that doesn't make it historic.

Our neighborhood has changed and is continuing to change. While everything else has been updated, the idea that we would keep the *Tom Bergin's* building, even if it wouldn't be the same bar and restaurant, makes little sense. Why not allow someone to use the name and idea for a bar in a location that would be more successful? .

If left alone, the building can become a hazard for the neighborhood. The parking lot can become a place for loitering, and the building itself will continue to age poorly. I would hate to see it turn into something like the Johnny's restaurant on Wilshire. Although that building is architecturally significant (unlike Tom Bergin's), it has been underused for about a decade and is still covered in political campaign materials from 3 years ago. It would be a shame for something like that to happen in our community,

Sincerely,

Signature:



Print:

Teressa Cherman

Address:

1221 S. Citrus Ave  
LA CA 90019

Email to "chc@lacity.org"  
Cultural Heritage Commission  
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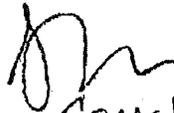
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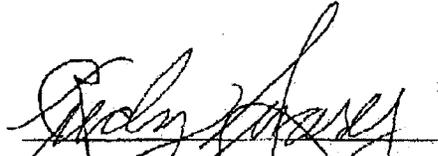
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6151 Barrows Drive



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**Tom Bergin's**

1 message

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**Arik Ahitov** <[redacted]>  
To: [redacted]

Sun, Mar 3, 2019 at 10:56 AM

To Whom It May Concern,  
I am a neighbor and oppose the bar being designated a cultural monument.  
Regards,

Arik Ahitov  
6155 Barrows Dr  
Los Angeles, CA 90048



Derek Schreck &lt;schreckderek@gmail.com&gt;

## Bergin's HCM

Laura Cohen <[REDACTED]> Sun, Mar 3, 2019 at 1:02 PM

To: [REDACTED], Derek Schreck <schreckderek@gmail.com>

Cc: david weissman <davidweissman4@gmail.com>, Sarah Stitt <[REDACTED]>, Maggie Wunsch Scott <[REDACTED]>, Philip McGrade <[REDACTED]>, James Moll <[REDACTED]>, Allie Weinstein <allieweinstein@gmail.com>, Jeremy Weinstein <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED], Yelena Orel <yelenareid@gmail.com>, Jimmy Sassoon <[REDACTED]>, Judy Wunsch <[REDACTED]>, Arline Dillman <[REDACTED]>, Duane Dillman <[REDACTED]>, Sharon Hall <[REDACTED]>, Todd Kessler <[REDACTED]>, Laura Rogers <[REDACTED]>, Brandon Camp <[REDACTED]>, Joel Grossman <[REDACTED]>, Fran Grossman <[REDACTED]>, Megan Broude <[REDACTED]>, Max Broude <[REDACTED]>, Leslie Wallis <[REDACTED]>, William Wallis <[REDACTED]>, Monica Carlos <[REDACTED]>, Daniel Tellalian <[REDACTED]>, Bridget Hoffman <[REDACTED]>, Rif Hutton <[REDACTED]>, Kevin Jones <[REDACTED]>, Martha Sklar <[REDACTED]>, Rebekah Powell <[REDACTED]>, Jonathan Sklar <[REDACTED]>, Laura Cohen <[REDACTED]>, Arik Ahitov <[REDACTED]>, Kristin Londgren <[REDACTED]>, Alex Worman <[REDACTED]>, Bari Bogart <[REDACTED]>, Lance Bogart <[REDACTED]>, Susan Nemetz <[REDACTED]>, Howard Nemetz <[REDACTED]>, Janet Rich Weissman <[REDACTED]>, Cathy Tuch <[REDACTED]>, Miguel 90048 <[REDACTED]>, Mari <[REDACTED]>, Vincent Bryson <[REDACTED]>

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Laura

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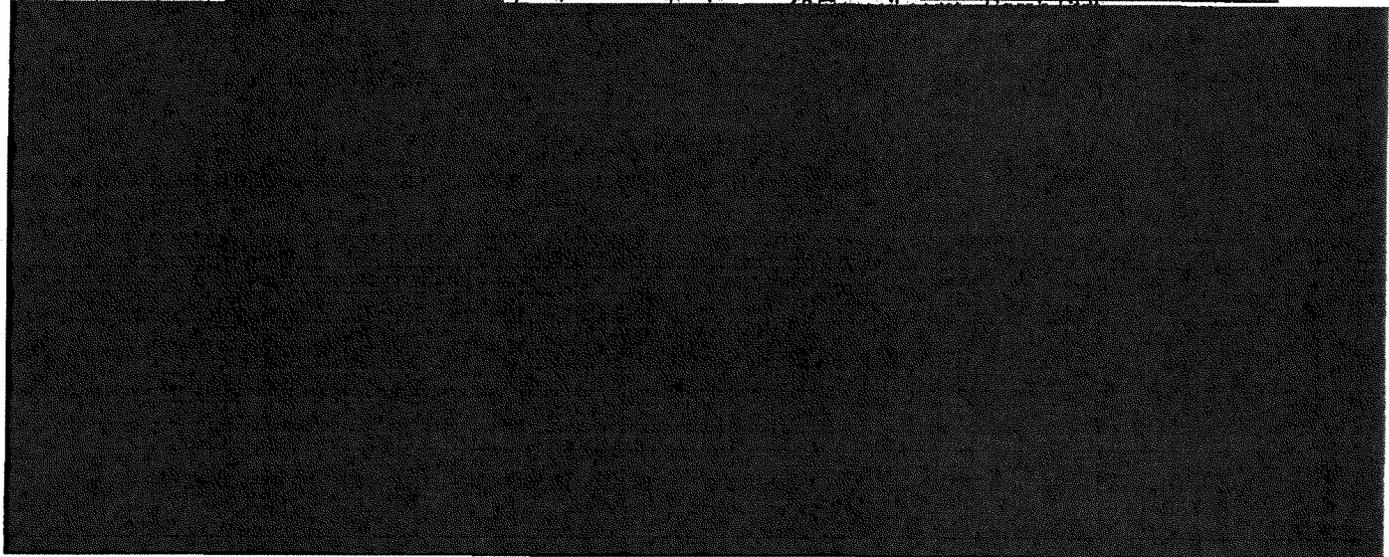
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**Bergin's HCM**

Bridget <[REDACTED]> Mon, Mar 4, 2019 at 12:06 PM  
To: Lance Bogart <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: Laura Cohen <[REDACTED]>, " [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> >, Derek



I agree whole heartedly with Laura.

And I also think Johnnies Diner is an eyesore... and magnet for an element that is not desirable. I wish something could be done. For those of us who live so close it is painful. For me anyway. Bergin's is a nice place. .. but shouldn't you as the owner be able to sell it. How can that decision be made by people who have nothing invested in it? It doesn't make any sense .... I'm so very sorry this is even an issue for you, costing you so much money too Derek. And aggravation. It's amazing to me that it is allowed to be.

Sent from my iPhone

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Derek Schreck <schreck.derek@gmail.com>

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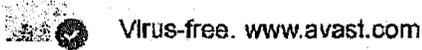
Vince Bryson <[REDACTED]>  
To: Derek Schreck <[REDACTED]>

Sun, Mar 3, 2019 at 7:27 PM

To whom it may concern:

I live down the street from Bergin's and am opposed to the site being designated in any special way by the city of Los Angeles.

Vince Bryson  
6191 Barrows Drive



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Derek Schreck <schreck.derek@gmail.com>

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**Bergin's HCM**

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Martha Sklar <[REDACTED]>

Sun, Mar 3, 2019 at 1:59 PM

Reply-To: [REDACTED]

To: Derek Schreck <[REDACTED]>

I oppose the cultural monument status

Martha at 6150 Barrows Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90048

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David Schreck <schreckdavid@gmail.com>

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**Tom Bergin's**

1 message

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**Jonathan Sklar** <[REDACTED]>  
To: [REDACTED]

Mon, Mar 4, 2019 at 8:32 AM

I have lived down the street from Tom Bergins for the last 40 years and I strongly oppose the HCM nomination.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Sklar  
6150 Barrows Dr.  
LA, CA 90048



Derek Schreck <derekschreck@derek@gmail.com>

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**Bergins HCM**

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Paul <[REDACTED]>  
To: Derek Schreck <[REDACTED]>

Sun, Mar 3, 2019 at 12:27 PM

I oppose the HCM for Tom Bergin's.

Paul Sobel  
852 Hauser Blvd.

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