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8150 Sunset Blvd (Lytton Savings/Chase Bank Historic Resource), Case No. VTT-72370-CN-1A; CHC-2016-2522-HCM

1 message

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 9:13 PM

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Dearest Plum Committee members and Planning Assistant Lamborn,

I ask you to consider a Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for the Lytton Savings/Chase Bank building. It meets the HCM criteria and would preserve a monument to mid century design that Los Angeles is so known for.

The optimism of mid century design and its thoughts to bring the future in to a tactile interpretation continues to invigorate the eye to this day.

We need to preserve these buildings through adaptive reuse and blend both the past and the future of Los Angeles as we know it. If the city is unable to provide reasoning as to why the two proposed preservation alternatives are inviable.

Additionally, adaptive reuse allows the city to retain its commitment to being environmentally responsible by reducing the environmental impacts that result int tearing down just to build again.

Best,
Bridget Bojorquez
Long Beach, California



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity .org>

DO NOT DELAY Lytton Savings HCM! 8150 Sunset Blvd (Lytton Savings/Chase Bank Historic Resource), Case No. VTT -72370-CN-1A; CHC-2016-2522-HCM

1 message

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 3:07 PM

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Dear Councilmember Huizar,

It has come to my attention that your office has requested to delay the PLUM vote on Item No. 16-1074.

I urge you to take action on Tuesday October 25th to approve the recommendation to include the Lytton Savings building at 8150 Sunset Blvd in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments (HCM).

There is no reason to delay this vote, as **all parties agree to the HCM designation—even Townscape Partners**, the developer of the property as clearly stated in the conclusion to their study of the building as performed for the EIR (ENV - 2013-2552-EIR).

It would be irresponsible to let this building be destroyed. The Lytton Savings building is an outstanding example of Mid Century architecture by master architect Kurt Meyer .

Kurt Meyer was vital to Los Angeles,. He dedicated much of his life to making Los Angeles a vibrant city , both with his professional work as an architect and in his service to many city and civic committees and agencies.

Much of today's renaissance of Downtown Los Angeles can be put at the foundation Mr Meyer laid as head of the CRA in the 1970s.

It would be a great disservice to our city not to endorse this HCM as soon as possible .

Respectfully,

Steven Luftman
Friends of Lytton Savings



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity .org>

Save the Lytton Savings Bank as a Historic Cultural Monument

1 message

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 3:05 PM

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Cc: "councilmember.ryu@lacity.org" <councilmember.ryu@lacity.org>

To all the Council Members,

I have lived and owned property in West Hollywood for 30 years now and am saddened by the disappearance of many buildings that are the soul of our City.

Please save 8150 Sunset Blvd (Lytton Savings/Chase Bank Historic Resource), Case No. VTT -72370-CN-1A; CHC-2016-2522-HCM

What are we doing to the future of our historic part of LA history?

The Lytton Savings Bank is a beautiful example of Mid Century Modern architecture and still in pristine condition.

There is every reason to incorporate this iconic designed building into the design plans of 8150 Sunset.

We have already lost a few buildings that were built around this busy intersection of the past history of early Hollywood and Laurel Canyon, let's not lose another one.

I ask you to please preserve this special building with it's folded plate roofline and gorgeous stained glass interior 'art' wall for our future generations to enjoy and connect with.

Let's save as much of Los Angeles history, architecture, stories and lore that we can possibly save NOW and not lose it to another oversized development on the beloved Sunset Strip!

Thank You and with my Sincerest Wishes for Preservation,

Susana Miller



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Case No. VTT-72370-CN-1A; CHC-2016-2522-HCM

1 message

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Cc: david.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Dear Councilmembers,

I strongly urge you to do the right thing on October 25th and grant the recommendation to include the **Wilton Savings** building at 8150 Sunset Blvd in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments (HCM).

It is clear to me that this outstanding Mid-Century Modern building by Master Architect Kurt Meyer is of great importance to the history of Los Angeles. If we do not retain brilliant examples of architecture throughout the decades, what kind of city will we become? I will tell you..a city that will be void of any culture, character, charm, integrity and history. This is an outstanding example of mid-century architecture.

It is possible to have growth and modernization and to blend the two seamlessly. Wallis Annenberg preserved the Italian Renaissance style Post Office and artfully juxtaposed it with the low beautiful Zoltan Pali structure. She also preserved the Marion Davies home in Santa Monica while adding new structures to the property. Old and new can co-exist and she did it brilliantly. Wallis along with the architect and developers respected what was there and made it work.

Just look at the show of support from the following ...

- CD4 Councilperson David Ryu, whose district includes **Wilton Savings/8150 Sunset**
- Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) – unanimously voted in support of the HCM
- Office of Historic Resources (OHR) recommended to declare the property a HCM
- SurveyLA as eligible for historic listing on the National, State and Local levels—featured on the cover of the report for the Hollywood area
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- The Historic Resources Assessment in the EIR for 8150 Sunset Boulevard

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I was at the CHC hearing and heard these statements..

CHC Commissioner **Richard Barron**, President stated:

"In my mind this building has maintained its integrity to be worthy of being supported as a monument."

Barry Milofsky, Commissioner, stated:

"This (HCM) goes into the realm of a no brainer"

Jeremy Irvine— Commissioner

"anyone that was saying that this building has diminished significance, or diminished character would be grasping at straws. It's in excellent condition. And in the frenzy over single family residences from this period, I find it shocking and sad that a commercial building like this, which was so groundbreaking, would be threatened. So I'm in MAJOR favor of it."

Gail Kennard—Vice President

"I had the privilege of touring the bank. When you walk in you just have this amazing sense of being in this space that I think is really emblematic of mid century modern architecture.

I commend the applicants "Friends of Lytton Savings." Thank you very much for your work on this, I wholeheartedly support the nomination."

It would be irresponsible to delay adding this building to the list of HCMs. Over the past year Townscape Partners has spent close to \$500,000 lobbying for this project. Please do not let their deep pockets influence our city's decision making process.

Sincerely,

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1 message

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 2:27 PM

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Cc: councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Please add to the record. File No. 16-1074 CD 4

Dear Councilmember:

On Tuesday October 25th, I urge you to not delay voting on the Historical-Cultural Monument designation for Lytton Savings/Chase Ban at 8150 Sunset Boulevard, agenda item 16-1074, and to instead delay voting on agenda item 16-1011-S1 until the HCM has been resolved.

I do not understand how PLUM can vote to approve the proposed 8150 Sunset development tomorrow and at the same time delay this HCM which affects the development. How can a decision be reached with such a large issue pending?

It is obvious from the many recommendations for this HCM that this outstanding Mid-Century Modern building by Master Architect Kurt Meyer is of vital importance to the history of Los Angeles.

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- L.A. Conservancy strongly supports the HCM and preservation including adaptive reuse.
- The Historic Resources Assessment in the EIR for 8150 Sunset Boulevard

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
Karen Smalley
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Dear Members of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

I am writing to ask that you please move forward with the HCM nomination for the Lytton Savings building. I am not opposed to development at this location, but it is unnecessary to tear down this unique midcentury landmark, when existing building can be integrated and reused as part of the new project. I think Frank Gehry is up to the challenge, don't you?

Los Angeles is losing far too much of its extraordinary architectural heritage..

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Cathy Jurca



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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1 message

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 2:16 PM

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Cc: councilmember.ryu@lacity.org

October 24, 2016

To:

Honorable Councilmembers David Ryu, Jose Huizar, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Gil Cedillo, Mitch Englander, Curran D Price

Planning Assistant William Lamborn

Re:

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It would be irresponsible to delay adding this building to the list of HCMs. Over the past year, Townscape Partners has spent close to \$500,000 lobbying for their project at this site. Please do not let their deep pockets influence our City's decision making process. In the words of Cultural Heritage Commissioner Barry Milofsky "this (HCM) goes into the realm of a no brainer". Another Commissioner said "I find it shocking and sad that a commercial building like this, which was so groundbreaking, would be threatened. So I'm in MAJOR favor of it." Please support the Commission's **unanimous** decision and approve the Lytton Savings building as our next Historic Cultural Monument.

Sincerely,
Carol Cetrone
Silver Lake Heritage Trust
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Urban Design and Preservation Committee

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1 message

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 1:51 PM

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1 message

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 1:45 PM

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Cc: councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, afine@laconservancy.org

Hi,

I'm contacting you all concerning the future of the Lytton Savings building at 8150 Sunset Blvd. Due to its historical significance to not only architecture, but to the city of Los Angeles, we need to preserve this structure. Getting rid of these cultural and historical landmarks is leading to the demise of where this city came from and prevents us and our children from learning about it all. Please help save this structure from nonsensical demolition and consider the bullet points below:

- 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.
- 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.

Sincerely,

Jason Figliozzi



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8150 Sunset Blvd (Lytton Savings/Chase Bank Historic Resource), Case No. VTT - 723

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 12:15 PM

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I live in Laurel Canyon and not only do I drive by this building several times a day, I take great pleasure in banking there, admiring it's dramatic roof-line and stained glass walls.

I have no love for the mall that surrounds it - and I am NOT opposed to re-development of this property But I am sick and tired of our city losing every building of any interest, historical value, and human scale to be replaced by over-sized, bland, unfriendly, impenetrable, fortress-like glass boxes. Sunset Boulevard is already at risk of losing whatever character that made it a special part of our city .

OVER-DEVELOPMENT WITH NO REGARD FOR PRESERVATION HAS *DESTROYED* OUR CITY.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE -- **SAVE THIS BUILDING!!!** Please require the developers of this property to integrate it into their new plans. It will be an asset to their project - as it has been as asset to the streetscape, the neighborhood and the city as a whole.

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> Dear Councilmember,

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> I am a homeowner and landlord just a mile from this amazing historic resource. I and my tenants choose our homes based on the interesting historic properties around us. My building was built in the 1920s and has inspired me to seek out the other excellent examples of the decades represented in Los Angeles. There is no commercial structure that represents mid century modern better than Lytton Savings. Barry Milofsky of the Heritage Commission said, "I agree (In support of this as a monument), one of the things we typically look at is character defining features and this building has probably 90% of the character defining features intact. And as a symbol too—within the city and to the layperson without an architectural background, it probably has 110% [of its features] intact. So I'm in favor of it." I am that layperson. I love this iconic building.

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It would be irresponsible to delay adding this building to the list of HCMs. Over the past year, Townscape Partners has spent close to \$500,000 lobbying for this project. Please do not let their deep pockets influence our city's decision making process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cherilyn Smith

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Fwd: Action Alert: Write/Attend Hearing Tomorrow for Significant Modern Bank

1 message

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Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 3:43 PM

To: councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.englander@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org, afine@laconservancy.org

Dear PLUM Committee,

Los Angeles is unique in many ways. Our mid century buildings are part of what keeps us that way . I started banking at the Lyton building when Great Western was still United California Bank. I remember how amazed and impressed I was with the wood paneling and stone floors. My account was still at that branch until my last checks arrived. now they say chase.com. I know the city needs to move forward and make room for more people, but not at the expense of our history and style. LA is LA and no place else is like it. Our history and buildings are part of what makes us who we are. Lets keep LA Mid Century Modern. It is our time and place in history .

Rita Garlington

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From: **L.A. Conservancy Action Alert** <news@laconservancy.org>

Date: Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 10:39 AM

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**LOS ANGELES
CONSERVANCY
ACTION ALERT**

Show Support for Threatened Modern Bank Building – Attend Meeting Tuesday, October 25



Photo by Hunter Kerhart.

Help us save a significant Modernist bank building! This is the meeting where we need your support most.

Developer Townscape Partners is planning to redevelop the southwest corner of Sunset and Crescent Heights boulevards. The project includes demolition of the 1960 Modernist Lytton Savings (currently Chase Bank) building and the construction of 65,000 square feet of commercial space, 249 residential units with 28 affordable units, and subterranean and semi-subterranean parking.

Last month, the City's Cultural Heritage Commission voted in strong support of the Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) nomination of this significant Modern bank building. **Tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday, October 25 at 2:30 p.m.)**, the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee will hear both the proposed project and the pending HCM nomination.

The Conservancy is not opposed to the development of a mixed-use project at this location, but we strongly object to the needless demolition of a historic building when clear preservation alternatives are available. These alternatives show how the building could otherwise be integrated and reused as part of the overall design. We are working to achieve a win-win solution for the site.

Lytton Savings is most recognizable for its distinctive and playful zigzag folded plate roof, and it is important as a significant example of postwar-era bank design in Los Angeles. [Learn more about its design and history >>](#)

We need your help in sending a message to the City and the project applicant that tearing down a historic Modernist building is unacceptable, especially when alternatives exist.

If you can, please attend and speak at the PLUM Committee meeting on Tuesday:

Tuesday, October 25
2:30 p.m.*
 Los Angeles City Hall
 200 North Spring Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012
Room 350 (3rd floor)

*The proposed project and HCM nomination are last on the PLUM agenda, as items number 13 and 14. The PLUM Committee may not get to these until around 3:30 p.m.

Fill out a speaker's card and say a few words (one minute max) about why this Modern bank building should be preserved and incorporated into the new development. Points you may mention include:

- 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 in viable.
- 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.

If you can't attend the meeting, please take five minutes right now to email members of the PLUM Committee. Mention the points noted above, and urge the committee to preserve this distinctive part of L.A. history.

Include in the subject line:

8150 Sunset Blvd (Lytton Savings/Chase Bank Historic Resource), Case No. VTT-72370-CN-1A; CHC-2016-2522-HCM

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Copy Councilmember David Ryu: councilmember.ryu@lacity.org

Copy the City Clerk for PLUM to insure your message is included in the official record, at sharon.dickinson@lacity.org.

Also, please copy the Conservancy at afine@laconservancy.org so we can track progress.

Thank you for your support!

 **Learn more about Chase Bank / Lytton Savings »**

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DO NOT DELAY Lytton Savings HCM! 8150 Sunset Blvd (Lytton Savings/Chase Bank Historic Resource), Case No. VTT-72370-CN-1A; CHC-2016-2522-HCM

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Dear Councilmember Huizar,

It has come to my attention that your office has requested to delay the PLUM vote on Item No. 16-1074.

I urge you to take action on Tuesday October 25th to approve the recommendation to include the Lytton Savings building at 8150 Sunset Blvd in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments (HCM).

There is no reason to delay this vote, as **all parties agree to the HCM designation—even Townscape Partners**, the developer of the property, as clearly stated in the conclusion to their study of the building as performed for the EIR (ENV-2013-2552-EIR).

It would be irresponsible to let this building be destroyed. The Lytton Savings building is an outstanding example of Mid Century architecture by master architect Kurt Meyer.

Kurt Meyer was vital to Los Angeles,. He dedicated much of his life to making Los Angeles a vibrant city, both with his professional work as an architect and in his service to many city and civic committees and agencies.

Much of today's renaissance of Downtown Los Angeles can be put at the foundation Mr Meyer laid as head of the CRA in the 1970s.

It would be a great disservice to our city not to endorse this HCM as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Steven Luftman
Friends of Lytton Savings



16-1074

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