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## historic Lytton Savings Building

1 message

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**Dianne Roybal** <ebbieroy@sbcglobal.net>

Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 11:39 AM

To: cd4issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

Please find a way to preserve the modernist building at Sunset & Crescent Heights. We need to honor and preserve this type of construction to continue to give our city character and respect for its past.

Best Regards, Dianne Roybal



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Fw: Lytton Savings

1 message

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Gail Ostergren <gostergr@yahoo.com>

Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 10:48 AM

Reply-To: Gail Ostergren <gostergr@yahoo.com>

To: "william.lamborn@lacity.org" <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Cc: "afine@laconservancy.org" <afine@laconservancy.org>

Dear Mr. Lamborn,

I'm writing in opposition to the proposed demolition of the Lytton Savings building at Sunset Boulevard and Crescent Heights. Lytton Savings is a significant example of postwar bank design, which appears to be eligible for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources and as a Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument. It is a significant contributor to the streetscape at the entrance to the Sunset Strip.

While preservation alternatives have been evaluated as part of the DEIR process, there is no substantial evidence showing that the Lytton Savings building could not be incorporated into the new development while meeting project objectives. Rather than erasing history, the new development could incorporate this striking reminder of the past into a dynamic new design. Please support the full evaluation of preservation alternatives for Lytton Savings.

Sincerely,

Gail Ostergren  
1226 N. Havenhurst Drive #11  
West Hollywood, CA 90046



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Lytton Savings building (currently Chase Bank)

1 message

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**Ana Ramirez** <am.ramirez.02@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 9:41 AM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to address a concern, tearing down a historic Modernist building is unacceptable, especially when it otherwise could be retained and incorporated as part of the proposed project, as previously planned by developer Townscape Partners.

I am writing so you can prevent this from happening.

Thank you,

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Ana Ramirez  
[562.413.6761](tel:562.413.6761)



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Lytton Savings Building

1 message

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Scott K <oaklandis@hotmail.com>

Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 9:38 AM

To: "william.lamborn@lacity.org" <william.lamborn@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ryu@lacity.org" <councilmember.ryu@lacity.org>

Dear Mr. Lamborn and Councilman Ryu,

I am writing to you in support of the preservation of the iconic Lytton Savings (now, Chase Bank) Building. Please require the new owners to incorporate the existing Modernist structure into their development plans, and prevent the destruction of yet another architectural gem in this city.

Thank you,  
Scott Kravitz  
2796 Casiano Rd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90077



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Chase Bank/Lytton Savings

1 message

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**Susan Wichter** <swichter@aol.com>

Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 9:27 AM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

Good morning.

I am appealing to you to insist that the developer of this property at the corner of Sunset Blvd. and Crescent Heights Blvd. incorporate the 1960s iconic architecture in to the new development. I am sure with a little creativity the architects can find a way to keep the zig zag structure. It's a very dynamic design and modern.

Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

Susan Wichter  
Native Angeleno who banked at Lytton Bank.



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## 8150 Sunset Blvd. project

1 message

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**Lore Hilburg** <Lore@hilburglaw.com>

Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 9:11 AM

To: councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org, sentemails@hilburglaw.com

Dear Councilmember Ryu and Mr. Lamborn;

I would like to voice my support for keeping and integrating this iconic Lytton Savings, 1960 modern architectural building into the planned project. Too often Los Angeles destroys its architectural history and every time it does an important piece of the LA story is lost. I went to Hollywood High in the 1960s and remember the bank when it opened. That is where my mother took me to open my first savings account as we lived right up the hill on Nichols Cyn. Keeping the structure will help Hollywood keep its identity and its draw for residents and visitors alike. This has long term ramifications for the area which should be considered.

If you want to see how wonderful it is when historic communities are preserved, come to the West Adams Heritage Asso. walking tour on Sat. June 4 at Victoria Park Circle. The check-in home is located at 4325 Victoria Park Dr. Enter from Pico at Rimpau. This development was begun in about 1910.

Also, the most environmentally friendly buildings are those already built.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lore Hilburg

Member of LA Conservancy

Board member of West Adams Heritage Asso.



William Lamborn <[william.lamborn@lacity.org](mailto:william.lamborn@lacity.org)>

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## Chase Bank Building

1 message

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**Judith Alban** <[jeaco@aol.com](mailto:jeaco@aol.com)>

Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 8:44 AM

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Cc: [afine@laconservancy.org](mailto:afine@laconservancy.org)

Dear Mr. Ryu and Mr. Lamborn:

Each morning I drive by the wonderful Chase Bank building at Sunset and Crescent Heights. There are so few mid-Century modern buildings left in Los Angeles, that are in such beautiful and pristine condition. The beauty in the roof lines certainly is eye-catching to those who pass by. So many of the buildings in West Hollywood have been demolished and replaced. I also imagine that inside the building, the glass and open affect that the roof line affords, is very attractive.

I now understand that the building is set to be demolished for a huge Gehry complex. This may be a good move for the community but I would implore you to figure a way to incorporate this building within the project. A mixed aged project can be very successful as has been done at 3rd Street Grove and also at the 3rd Street Promenade in Santa Monica, to name two projects.

Please consider the preservation of the fine architectural beauty.

Sincerely,

Judith Alban  
[Jeaco@aol.com](mailto:Jeaco@aol.com)



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## 1960 Lytton Savings preservation

2 messages

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**Chip Mosher** <chipm@mac.com>

Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 8:23 AM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org

Cc: william.lamborn@lacity.org

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to my attention that there is a s proposed redevelopment at the corner of Sunset and Crescent Heights threatens the historic 1960 Lytton Savings, now used as a Chase Bank. Lytton Savings is a significant example of postwar-era bank design in Los Angeles and is one of the earliest that remain. I urge you to work with the preservationists and developers to save this buildings for the enjoyment of Los Angelenos in the future. It is only by saving our past, that we can learn from and enjoy our heritage!

All the best,

Chip Mosher

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Cc: william.lamborn@lacity.org

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All the best,

Chip Mosher



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## Save the Lytton

1 message

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**wendy anne lindsay** <walindsay@hotmail.co.uk>

Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 8:12 AM

To: "cd4.issues@lacity.org" <cd4.issues@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ryu@lacity.org" <councilmember.ryu@lacity.org>, "william.lamborn@lacity.org" <william.lamborn@lacity.org>  
Cc: "afine@laconservancy.org" <afine@laconservancy.org>

Dear Sirs,

As you are aware, a redevelopment project at Sunset and Crescent Heights Boulevards calls for the demolition of the former Lytton Savings building (currently Chase Bank).

This bank is an historic and important construction in Los Angeles and one that should be preserved for future generations to love and appreciate.

Built in 1960, this Modern bank building is distinguished by its zigzag folded plate roof. It might not seem to many at this point in time, that this building has historic importance, but if it is demolished now and not valued as it should be, people may well ask questions in future about who was responsible for this terrible decision. After all, if the Clifton Cafeteria on Broadway and been destroyed in the 1960's, everyone would look back with dismay now. Instead LA can now be proud that it stands today and is a beautiful example of good preservation and restoration in the city.

We can't just see these planning decisions as important in our lifetimes, we make decisions for the good of future generations to come. How great will it be for residents and visitors to LA, to admire the Lytton in 2060, as a prime example of classic 1960's modernist architecture.

Finally, I should mention that I am actually English and a resident in the UK. I make this bid to persuade you to save the Lytton, purely from the point of view of a tourist and visitor to your great and historic city. When I first came to LA, I was so impressed by the number of buildings that had been preserved there. I joined the LA Conservancy in order to support the great work they do in highlighting instances when these buildings could be under threat. The Conservancy truly deserves to be listened to and respected as guardians of LA's history and I am proud to try and support their efforts from afar.

All LA 'Natives' should be proud of the preservation work carried out over the years so far, throughout the city. The care and concern for LA's historic buildings that previous planning committees and residents organisations have shown is truly admirable and you should make sure that you continue to add to this legacy and save this wonderful building from demolition.

Yours respectfully (and hopefully)

Wendy Lindsay  
Dunstable, Bedfordshire, England.



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Please save LYTTON Savings building

1 message

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**Floself@aol.com** <Floself@aol.com>

Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 1:27 AM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

I stand with the LA Conservancy in urging you to incorporate the former Lytton Savings Bank building at Sunset and Crescent Heights into any new development project. It is certainly a landmark and needs to be preserved.

Thank you.

Flo Selfman  
Los Angeles



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## preserve Lytton Savings/Chase Bldg at Crescent Heights and Sunset

1 message

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**adriana z** <adrianazla@yahoo.com>

Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 12:29 AM

Reply-To: adriana z <adrianazla@yahoo.com>

To: "william.lamborn@lacity.org" <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Cc: "afine@laconservancy.org" <afine@laconservancy.org>

Dear Mr. Lamborn,

I am writing to ask you to please help in pushing for preservation of the historic Lytton Savings building (now Chase Bank) at the corner of Crescent Heights and Sunset Blvd. and propose its incorporation into the proposed project by Townscape Partners at this location.

While I am not against projects to modernize this area and others, I don't support unnecessary demolition of functional buildings that are a part of the history of the city we live in. Continued use of historic buildings gives complexity to a city and enjoyment to its residents and visitors alike. Please help us to come to a satisfactory solution in this matter.

Thank you very much.

Adriana Zoppo



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Modernist Bank at Crescent Heights and Sunset

1 message

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**Keller Wortham** <kellerwortham@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 11:28 PM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

Dear Councilmember Ryu,

I am writing as a proud resident of Los Angeles and as a person who holds dearly so many of the architectural gems this city has to offer, to urge you to block the demolition of the Modernist Bank at Sunset and Crescent Heights. This structure is not only exemplary of a period of Los Angeles history from which so few buildings remain, but is also a pleasing and aesthetic structure that deserves to be preserved.

Please do not allow its destruction. Please help preserve our heritage in a time when so many buildings in LA are giving way to tasteless, uninteresting, and simply cheap-looking developments. I am sure there is a way to develop this city and specifically this intersection of Hollywood, while incorporating beautiful buildings like this one into new developments.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Keller Wortham



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Save the Lytton Savings Building!

1 message

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**Krystal Messer** <gwomantoo@hotmail.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 10:16 PM

To: "councilmember.ryu@lacity.org" <councilmember.ryu@lacity.org>, "cd4.issues@lacity.org" <cd4.issues@lacity.org>, "william.lamborn@lacity.org" <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Cc: "afine@laconservancy.org" <afine@laconservancy.org>

There has to be another way.

Too much of our city's grand architecture has already been destroyed...don't let that be your legacy in office!

Krystal Messer  
DTLA Resident



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Chase Bank / Lytton Savings | Los Angeles Conservancy

1 message

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**Cynthia Hoffman** <u2poodle@ca.rr.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 9:53 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

Dear Mr. Lamborn,

Please work with the LA Conservancy to preserve the Chase Bank/Lytton Savings building in West Hollywood. This Modernist building should be incorporated in any future building/redevelopment plans, rather than torn down, as previously planned by developer Townscape Partners.

Please preserve our historic buildings in Los Angeles where we can. Thank you!

Best, Cynthia

Cynthia Hoffman  
Los Angeles, CA



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## preserving Lytton Savings building

1 message

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**Barbara Petersmeyer** <barbaraapetersmeyer@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 9:51 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

Mr. William Lamborn,

Please request that the new project alternative by Frank Gehry as commissioned by developer Townscape Partners include as much of the original Lytton Savings building as possible. We are trying to save our historic buildings, not tear them down. This Modernist building (currently Chase Bank) has a unique zigzag folded plate roof, a design that could be incorporated into the new project in a creative way that would help preserve the 1960 historic building. It could then be repurposed to suit the needs of the developer.

Thank you.

Barbara Petersmeyer  
2716 Honolulu Ave. #105  
Montrose, CA 91020





William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## 8150 Sunset Boulevard Mixed-Use Project

1 message

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**Vincent Tiplado** <vincent@tipaldo.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 9:25 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

A redevelopment project at Sunset and Crescent Heights Boulevards calls for the demolition of the former Lytton Savings building (currently Chase Bank).

Tearing down a historic Modernist building is unacceptable, especially when it otherwise could be retained and incorporated as part of the proposed project, as previously planned by developer Townscape Partners.

Please do NOT tear down this gem!!

Sincerely,  
Vincent Tiplado



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Chase Bank/Lytton Savings

1 message

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**Sarah Evans** <sarah-evans@sbcglobal.net>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 8:05 PM

Reply-To: Sarah Evans <sarah-evans@sbcglobal.net>

To: "cd4.issues@lacity.org" <cd4.issues@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ryu@lacity.org" <councilmember.ryu@lacity.org>, "william.lamborn@lacity.org" <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

Cc: "afine@laconservancy.org" <afine@laconservancy.org>

Hello,

Please consider a preservation-based solution for re-developing this area. If given a chance, this can be successful, as it's been in other parts of the city. Don't add to the litany of demolished history in Los Angeles in the name of "progress." At what cost? Why are we always looking for the next big thing instead of valuing the beauty in what we already have?

Best regards,

Sarah Evans

90016



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Lytton Savings Building

1 message

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**Jess** <jessduus@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 7:42 PM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

Dear Mr. Ryu and Mr. Lamborn,

I urge you to not let the historic Lytton building be demolished to make way for bland, new construction. This is a piece of history that makes LA what it is today.

Too many buildings have already been torn down. Let's not continue demolishing history.

Regards,  
J. Duus



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Please save Chase Bank / Lytton Savings

1 message

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**Jodi Summers** <jodi@jodisummers.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 7:30 PM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

Good day Councilmember Ryu,

Please find a preservation-based solution for the Chase Bank / Lytton Savings property @ Sunset and Crescent Heights. Remember, the greenest building is the one already built...particularly if the building is loved by the neighborhood.

Thank you,

Jodi Summers

[310.392.1211](tel:310.392.1211)

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Excellence is not a skill, it's an attitude. - Ralph Marston



William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Please help save LA History

1 message

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**joe mello** <mello.joe@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 7:16 PM

To: councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, cd4.issues@lacity.org

Cc: william.lamborn@lacity.org

Dear Councilman Ryu,

I am emailing to ask your help in saving the former Lytton Savings building at 8150 Sunset Blvd. that is now a Chase Bank.

The current proposal to demolish the building after previous plans to retain it are unacceptable for a great city like Los Angeles.

I urge you to work to preserve the historic building as part of the mixed-use repurposing of the site and preserve a piece of Los Angeles history.

Thank you in advance for trying to find a 21st Century solution to saving the dwindling stock of historic Los Angeles.

Yours in community,

Joe Mello



William Lamborn <[william.lamborn@lacity.org](mailto:william.lamborn@lacity.org)>

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## Chase Bank / Lytton Savings

1 message

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**Jason Sikora** <[js@jasonsikora.us](mailto:js@jasonsikora.us)>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 7:09 PM

To: [cd4.issues@lacity.org](mailto:cd4.issues@lacity.org), [councilmember.ryu@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.ryu@lacity.org), [william.lamborn@lacity.org](mailto:william.lamborn@lacity.org)

Cc: [afine@laconservancy.org](mailto:afine@laconservancy.org)

Please do not tear down the beautiful modernist building of Chase Bank / Lytton Savings on Sunset / Crescent Heights. This type of architecture is iconic to Los Angeles, and the more you allow these types of buildings to be torn down, the more you're erasing our city's identity. There is already a huge amount of mixed use buildings going up in this area and throughout the city. If it's really that important to build another one, please just implement this current structure into the plans, as proposed by developer Townscape Partners. It is possible to improve our city without destroying our past.

Thank you,  
Jason Sikora

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Jason Sikora  
Editor / VFX Editor  
MPEG  
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William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Lytton Savings Building at Sunset and Crescent Heights

1 message

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**Levy, Margaret** <MLEvy@manatt.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 6:07 PM

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

Cc: "cd4issues@lacity.org" <cd4issues@lacity.org>, "william.lamborn@lacity.org" <william.lamborn@lacity.org>, "atafine@laconservancy.org" <atafine@laconservancy.org>

**In my opinion, the building itself is not great, but the zigzag folded plate roof is a unique and attractive example of Modern architecture and should be preserved. Surely someone as talented and creative as Frank Gehry can figure out a way to save the roof and incorporate it into the new project. Although neither the developer or the conservationists will be 100% satisfied, this seems like a reasonable compromise.**

**Margaret Levy**

Partner

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William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Tearing down a historic Modernist building is unacceptable

1 message

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**Karen Tarascio** <ktarascio@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 6:07 PM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

I agree that tearing down a historic Modernist building is unacceptable, especially when it otherwise could be retained and incorporated as part of the proposed project, as previously planned by developer Townscape Partners.

I live in Palm Springs and here we know that preserving good design makes sense in so many ways for a community. There is worldwide interest in Modernist architecture. The City of Los Angeles would be very silly to demolish the circa 1960 Lytton Savings building.

Karen Tarascio





William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Chase Bank/Lytton Savings on Sunset at Crescent Hts

1 message

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**TBRASETH@aol.com** <TBRASETH@aol.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 5:59 PM

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, councilmember.ryu@lacity.org, william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: afine@laconservancy.org

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 and historical value and human scale to be replaced by over-sized, bland, unfriendly, impenetrable, fortress-like glass boxes.

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.

**Timothy Braseth**

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Los Angeles. CA 90046 USA

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William Lamborn <william.lamborn@lacity.org>

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## Public Hearing on May 24, 2016

1 message

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**N2SWIMNG@aol.com** <N2SWIMNG@aol.com>

Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 2:31 PM

To: william.lamborn@lacity.org

Cc: david.ryu@lacity.org

I have not been able to get to you sooner because I had to take care of family situations out of state. But I am back now and wanted to write to you.

The biased, incomplete and false information on the EIR report written by the developers reps, is only giving the city of LA an invitation to satisfy their thirst and desire for density, density, density.

The developers have shown no mitigation in many circumstances but the developers and City get around it by saying that there are little to no impacts to mitigate. This project, as proposed, will further create dangerous traffic conditions for LAFD and County Fire, LAPD and Sheriff - Sunset Blvd, Fountain Ave, Crescent Heights and Havenhurst... and for everyone in the surrounding areas in both cities! I wonder how much money made by all involved in this project buys the publics's safety and welfare?

The public hearing on Tuesday May 24th was a joke. Luci Ibarra, City Planning Associate, was rude, belligerent and condescending to those against Alternative 9 or any that questioned aspects of it. She rolled her eyes, had sidebar conversations while statements were being directed at her (only from those opposed), texted and reached for her handbag. It was bad enough that she did it to all of us but to Adrian Fine of the Conservancy, Orrin Feldman V.P Board of Directors HHWNC plum committee, and to Scott Lunceford of Weho planning. No respect..only disrespect. Shameful for anybody but especially a City employee.

It was also laughable when The Developers reps got people in (Central Casting call) to speak highly of their project and especially when a few could not speak English well enough to read the scripts that was prepared for them. Many struggled to read and could not even pronounce Gehry's name or the word, architect, when saying how great it will be for the area to have a noted architect (yet most did not live even close to the area!). I almost felt sorry for them.

This was so contrived and so obvious (do they think we are that stupid?) that is was all planned out. The developers even had food and refreshments but only for these poor folks (who many of them probably wondered how they even got there). SEE ATTACHED PHOTO.

The recommendation is to pass the proposed Alternative 9, even though the EIR is severely flawed. There are many questions that still remain unanswered. Their sentiments are that there will be no impacts on the community. When Scott of Weho spoke she was dismissive of him, when he stated that Havenhurst would be impacted. Really? A residential street that will now have 3 entrances on Havenhurst from the proposed project and no impacts?

What I was also stunned about in all of my reading was the Conservancy's letter to the City. Townscape Partners has shown bad faith in everything they have done from the beginning...eg: installing parking arms at the site to bankrupt the small businesses forcing them to move, to telling the neighborhood that they would go back to the drawing board with a smaller project and coming back with a much larger one and to making the Conservancy think that they were working with them in saving the Lytton Savings building and then totally disregarding them and planning demolition of the Lytton Savings building. . These are just some examples that demonstrate the arrogance of the developers. And to make people think that they care about the low income housing people...let's talk about that.

If they cared, they would not have instilled a "Poor Door Policy" at 8899 Beverly Blvd which was discriminatory and against the law. These people were being punished for being low income with this policy. This is scorning the low income.

They are only throwing in the low income here and everywhere so that they could increase the FAR . There study is incomplete on feasibility..they have not supplied the market rate for any unit.

In any projection of return on your money, you have to calculate a market rate. You need to calculate the rent money earned...

Who cares if they make money or not? I do not buy certain investment properties because the return on my money sucks so why should the city care about them and not me? Not our problem. So why can't they just build something in the framework of which they are allowed ( hotel..retail or strip mall) without low income housing and call it a day? They want to build bigger to make more money because they are greedy and expressed that a smaller venue would not yield the same return. Again, not my problem. So sell the land and move and let somebody that cares build on it. I

They state that they have to build bigger to make low-income work. This is a joke and an embarrassment if you think that we are stupid enough to believe this.

If they charge enough for the other apartments, they can make up for the loss. With all of the amenities that they propose, they can charge very high rents. I am a real estate agent and live in the area. I know what they can charge.

If you can afford Frank Gehry and will advertise this as high-end - posh venue, it difficult to cry poor in order to get 3:1 FAR.

The city turning their eye to REQUIRED and SPECIFIED off-menu allowances is reckless and negligible..eg: They do not meet the requirements of the Transit Stop but the City of LA is giving them a pass even if they are not within 1500 of a transit stop. Even if they are on the 1 yd line (only according to them) it is not a touch down. They are not close enough to get the points. FYI..our calculations have them on the 30 yd line.

The city is allowing the developers to use "the people's" crucially needed traffic island so that the developer's can have an open space for "gathering". Gathering in an F rated intersection with horns blaring, accidents and exhaust fumes...Really???

This is blatant corruption and disregard for the community of LA and West Hollywood's safety, welfare and preservation of historic treasures and skyline.

Please do not certify the EIR and No to Density Bonus .

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