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Planning Dept., Dept. of Building and Safety

Re: Resolution - Request to preserve Chili Bowl building

To the City,

At the Feb. 23, 2022, meeting of the West Los Angeles Sawtelle N.C., the Board of Directors voted 9-0-0, to request that the owner not demolish the Chili Bowl building, and request that the owner to collaborate with CD11 to find a new site to preserve the building, and authorize the Chair to submit Community Impact Statements in the future.

Facts and background:

1. The building was dismantled by Feb. 24, but we are unsure if it can be re-assembled in the future.
2. Funding may be available to move and preserve the building.
3. CD11 opposed the building's designation as a Historic-Cultural Monument at two hearings, and the PLUM Committee voted to reject the designation, after the owner had filed a lawsuit against the City.

Findings and justifications:

1. Programmatic architecture is rare and unique in Los Angeles, and part of its architectural heritage.
2. Housing can be built around old buildings, similar to the successful Quonset hut in Santa Monica.

Ex parte communications: None disclosed by any committee members.

Disclosures and conflicts of interest: None disclosed by any committee members.

To government agencies: Only the Chair and designated Boardmembers may testify to public agencies on behalf of the West L.A. Sawtelle NC. The Board requests that the Council Office and private/non-profit entities do not testify or speculate on behalf of the NC.

/s/ Jamie L. Keeton

Jamie L. Keeton, Chair WLASNC

cc: Len Nguyen, Gaby Markley, Council District #11