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**Re: Maycrest Bungalow Court HCM Nomination**

Dear Jenny Scanlin and Tina Booth,

I'm reaching out to share that on June 20, 2024, the Los Angeles Conservancy filed a Historic-Cultural Monument Nomination Form for the Maycrest Bungalow Court. The application was deemed complete by the Office of Historic Resources and has been scheduled for initial hearing before the Cultural Heritage Committee on July 18, 2024.

The Conservancy has supported efforts to rehabilitate the Maycrest Bungalows since 2010. Although we previously supported a different vision for the site, we are hopeful that under HACLA stewardship the bungalow court can be rehabilitated and reactivated after decades of vacancy and neglect. A "win-win" outcome that supports both affordable housing and preservation appears readily achievable, and we are happy to help.

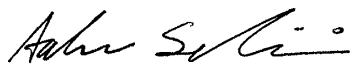
We feel that there is ample opportunity to rehabilitate and modernize the bungalows to contemporary living standards, while adding new units of affordable housing on site, but are concerned about the possibility the bungalow court might be razed for new construction. We ultimately felt that the Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) status was needed as a safeguard to preserve this important place in El Sereno.



We look forward to continuing our conversation and work together towards the realization of the Maycrest Bungalows as affordable housing, which is severely needed in the City of Los Angeles. HCM status does not preclude new development on the site or updates to the interiors of units, but ensures that new development is compatible in scale and aesthetics. This is especially important in a neighborhood like El Sereno that has been unjustly affected by the planned (but never built) 710 Freeway for decades, and should help uplift and stabilize the neighborhood. I hope that you may be able to support the nomination for these reasons.

If you have any questions about the effects of Historic-Cultural Monument status or the process, please do not hesitate to call me at (213) 430-4203 or email me at [asalimian@laconservancy.org](mailto:asalimian@laconservancy.org).

Sincerely,



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