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From: kathleen brady [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 1:15 PM
To: DV - Cultural Heritage
Subject: Comment for CHC Hearing on 2749 E. Ocean Blvd - November 29, 2022

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Dear Commissioners and City Staff,

Please do not grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to the plans submitted for the remodel of the Irving Gill house at 2749 Ocean Blvd. This home is very architecturally and historically significant, not just locally, but internationally as a premier example of early modern design by a pioneering architect. Please consider granting landmark status to protect this significant gem.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Brady
Long Beach

Alejandro Plascencia

From: Sarah [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 2:37 PM
To: Sergio Gutierrez
Cc: Alejandro Plascencia
Subject: 2749 E. Ocean Boulevard (APN: 7264-024-013)

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To the Long Beach Cultural Heritage Commission:

I am an architectural historian and former executive director of Long Beach Heritage. Thank you for opportunity to provide comment on the application for a certificate of appropriateness for the property located at 2749 E. Ocean Boulevard (APN: 7264-024-013). The proposed alterations to this Irving Gill-designed residence are detrimental to its integrity and impact its historic significance. Please deny the certificate of appropriateness until the proposed design complies with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Gill was instrumental in the development of Modern architecture, yet many of his works have been altered or demolished. Proper stewardship of those remaining is essential. This is the only house known to be designed by Gill in Long Beach and one of few remaining in Los Angeles County. Additionally, this property has state and potentially national significance as the work of a master architect. This residence should be treated with elevated concern compared to most contributors to the Bluff Park historic district.

Currently, the house has a high level of integrity. Many of its character defining features are intact. While many of the proposed changes appear to be to the rear elevation, the plans fall short of maintaining architectural character of this property. The massing of all elevations is integral to the original design concept. Proposed interior alterations to the property are also of concern. These do not appear to be reversible and historic materials and craftsmanship would be lost. There would be a significant negative impact to overall integrity.

Please deny the certificate of appropriateness for the proposed changes until plans can be further reviewed by the public and local advocacy groups in hope that a more sensitive design, one that complies with NPS standards, can be achieved.

Thank you,
Sarah Locke