

## **R-24 CORRESPONDENCE – Mauna Eichner and Lee Fukui**

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Agenda item 24: Recommendation to receive a report and consider amendments to the Cultural Heritage Commission Ordinance as recommended by the Cultural Heritage Commission (Version A); or as recommended by the Development Services Department (Version B);

Dear Mayor Robert Garcia,

We are in support of the Cultural Heritage Commission's (CHC) Version A amendments to the ordinance. Having the public be able to nominate architectural and historically significant properties is a very important tool in preserving the history of Long Beach. Without this public participation Long Beach may end up stripped of it's future treasures.

We find it interesting that the Development Services staff and Galvin Preservation Associates reviewed the ordinances of Pasadena and Los Angeles and determined that it was advisable to only allow property owners the ability to have their property be nominated for landmark status. The truth is both of those cities allow any citizen to nominate, not just the property owner. Both cities enjoy robust development and architectural tourism for their vibrant and diverse downtown areas. Version B is short sighted and a dangerous policy for Long Beach to consider.

Interested members of the public, who may know more about the importance of a structure and its cultural significance to our City would be taken out of the nominating process before it even starts. In the current form and new amendments by the CHC private property rights are protected, by allowing a property owner the right to petition to withdraw the nomination. If you pick Version B, you eliminate any public participation which would be terribly unfortunate.

Please vote for Version A and support the Cultural Heritage Commission and Long Beach Heritage recommendations and keep public participation in the ordinance.

Thank you,  
Mauna Eichner and Lee Fukui  
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