

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	private
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

SOCIAL / meeting hall

SOCIAL / club house

EDUCATION / library

RECREATION AND CULTURE / auditorium

RECREATION AND CULTURE / outdoor recreation

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

VACANT / NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Concrete

walls: Stucco

roof: Clay Tile

other: Wood

Concrete

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

The Community Clubhouse of Plummer Park, now currently known as Great Hall / Long Hall, is a modest Spanish Colonial Revival recreational facility constructed in 1938 through a partnership between Los Angeles County and the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Centrally located within the small, four acre Plummer Park, the Clubhouse is a single story stucco and wood courtyard building with a low- pitched red clay barrel tiled roof. The building is roughly U-shaped and comprised of three distinct, pitched roofed sections surrounding a central courtyard that is oriented to the north. The U-shape is formed by a wide west wing (known as Great Hall) and a small east wing (utilities and restrooms) extending perpendicularly from the south section of the building (known as Long Hall). The main entry, along the south side of the building, joins the west and south wings and provides a covered exterior passage to the interior courtyard.

Narrative Description

(See attached Continuation Sheet).

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Criterion A: SOCIAL HISTORY

Criterion C: ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1938

Significant Dates

1938

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Edward C.N. Brett

Period of Significance (justification)

1938 is the date of completed construction of the building.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

The Community Clubhouse of Plummer Park is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for its association with the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in Los Angeles County. The Clubhouse is an excellent example of the County's efforts to expand and improve recreational facilities. It is also eligible under Criterion C as an excellent example of a Spanish Colonial Revival public building. The style of the building emphasized the public's romantic perception of the surrounding park and celebrated the cherished history of the area.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

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Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1 acre
(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

Longitude/Latitude Points

Latitude: 34.093002

Longitude: -118.350965

Please also see Additional Documentation, Longitude/Latitude Point Map

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The Community Clubhouse of Plummer Park is located in West Hollywood, California. The building is located in the center of the park bounded by Franklin Avenue to the north, Fuller Avenue to the east, Santa Monica Boulevard to the south, and Vista Avenue to the west.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The nominated boundary is the land that is associated with the Community Clubhouse in Plummer Park.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.

- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

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Property Owner:

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

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city or town West Hollywood state CA zip code 90046

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In the original plan, the west section (now known as Great Hall) featured a large open space with a small raised stage and dressing rooms, a kitchen, a reception room, a cloak room, an office, and an ante room connecting the cloak room with the reception room and auditorium. The south side (now known as Long Hall) functioned as a library and game room. Public restrooms occupied the small building portion at the northeast corner of the courtyard. Throughout the years, the building has had very few alterations to its original use. It has functioned in almost the same capacity as its original intent. The Los Angeles Audubon Society moved into the south end of Great Hall, taking over the reception room, ante room, office for use as a library, bookstore and office space. The cloak room of Great Hall is now used as storage by park facility offices. The large open space of the small auditorium continues to be used for various community groups. The Russian Library moved into Long Hall. The patio and public restrooms are not accessible to park users, unless the building is open.

The single story building sits on a raised wood floor over a concrete perimeter and post footings. Concrete "flagstone" pavers run through the covered entryway between Great Hall and Long Hall into the courtyard and continue beneath the covered arcade of the courtyard enclosure. The patio of the courtyard has been infilled with tile, which does not appear to be original and is not indicated on the original drawings. The original outdoor fireplace remains in the northwest corner of the patio. The fireplace openings have been temporarily sealed and some of the brickwork appears to be damaged. A simple tall stucco wall encloses the courtyard on the north side. A trellised entryway at this wall was added and is not original to the building.

Exterior walls are constructed of plaster over metal lath on wood studs and range from eight to twelve inches thick. Double wood doors with divided lights and sealed transoms open into the courtyard from Great Hall. Casement windows throughout the building have been replaced with aluminum windows. Original wood shutters flank window openings on the exterior of the building.

The entry passageway between Great Hall and Long Hall is marked with an arched opening at each end. At the ceiling of this open passageway, thick decorative beams span between the walls of Great Hall and Long Hall. As the passageway opens into the courtyard, the covered arcade runs along the interior of the courtyard, connecting all the building sections. The arcade consists of simple, thick wood posts supporting a low pitched clay tile roof with exposed wood structure beneath. Two arched openings penetrate the wall along the east side of the building. These openings may not be original to the building as they are not indicated on the original drawings.

The red clay barrel tile roof is a low sloped gable over the south, and east sides of the building. The gable over the west side of the building rises up slightly higher than the south side to accommodate the small auditorium. The roof over the auditorium contains two small gabled dormers on each side of the main gable. It also splits into a shed roof at the north end of Great Hall to accommodate the kitchen and back-of-the-house functions of the stage. On the east side of the courtyard, the gabled roof splits into a shed roof over the restrooms.

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Inside the Great Hall building, the rooms on the south end of the auditorium space have had minor alterations to accommodate the Audubon Society. The original curved corner fireplace with its copper clad mantle and the thick decorative ceiling beams remain intact in the original "Reception Room". The minor alterations have consisted of infilling openings into the auditorium space and into the cloakroom.

A new exterior door into the cloakroom was added on the south side of the building. The original wood floor throughout has a layer of vinyl composite tile and carpeting over it. HVAC ducting was added at some point and runs exposed through the cloakroom.

The auditorium space of Great Hall has had few minor alterations over the years. The original stage remains intact with simple decorative molding around the opening. The ceiling of the space is an exposed wood framing, following the pitch of the roof, with decorative wood trusses. The small gabled dormers provide ventilating windows into the space. Round, cast iron pendant light fixtures hang from the framing and look to be original and in good condition. Additional florescent lighting has inappropriately been added to the room. The original wood flooring has been covered with carpet. The kitchen, dressing rooms, and stage bathroom have had minimal changes.

The space known as Long Hall has had few minor alterations over the years. Thick decorative beams span the width of the flat ceiling of the space. Original lighting has been removed and replaced with inappropriate 2x4 florescent fixtures. A small area of the space has been walled off to allow for HVAC ducting and equipment.

The East wing, containing the bathrooms for the building, has had some alterations due to ADA compliance. Both the men's and women's restrooms have had skylights added. An ADA access ramp was also added within the past thirty years to the east side of the building and provides a path of egress from the interior courtyard through the arched openings in the east wall.

A noncontributing structure was added within the past thirty years on to the west side of the building to house the HVAC / electrical equipment. This addition blocks a portion of the original building from one of the primary entry points to the park.

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The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse meets National Register of Historic Places Criterion A for its association with the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The building provides an excellent example of the regional impact of WPA funding in Los Angeles County and the initiative by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to create project opportunities. Specifically, this building is an excellent example of the expansion and improvement program of recreational facilities as the result of the efforts of the Los Angeles County Planning Commission and the Los Angeles County Department of Recreation Camps and Playgrounds.

Across the country, the WPA program was administered by a partnership between the Federal government and “sponsors,” who were, in effect, the clients. Sponsors tended to be local and regional governments and provided control and oversight of a project at a local level. Sponsors could determine the style, materials, and construction type of their particular projects. However, in order to act as a sponsor, a variety of conditions needed to exist. Projects needed to meet a demand due to lack of existing facilities or resources. This allowed for schools, post offices, community and recreational centers, and other such public facilities to be built as well as upgrades to transportation and utilities infrastructure. There also needed to be a workforce from which to draw in order to complete the project. Finally, sponsors needed to have the capital to split the cost of the project with the Federal government. The sponsor subsidized between twenty-five to fifty percent of the project costs, depending upon the project, and the Federal government would pay the remaining costs. As a result, this joint venture created numerous public works and services using available local resources.

The social and economic conditions of Los Angeles County made it a prime candidate for sponsoring WPA projects. The County saw a substantial population increase caused by the influx of people migrating to Southern California during the Great Depression. As the population swelled, so did the pressures upon infrastructure, transportation, housing, and social services. Los Angeles had a serious unemployment situation, second in the country to New York, of white collar workers (often referred to as “soiled collar workers”). Drawn to the prospect of economic stability from the entertainment industry, health services, and agricultural and oil resources, Los Angeles was flooded with people looking for work. As a result, the County grappled with providing employment and services for an enormous talent pool.

Under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, the governing body of Los Angeles County, the County seized every opportunity to implement building and improvement projects through available WPA funding. By January of 1935, in anticipation that Congress would sanction President Roosevelt’s WPA bill in the following months, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ordered its department heads to rush preparations on any projects in development. In addition, county officials were instructed to find and line up any potential projects that could eventually become active with WPA assistance. The Board of Supervisors aggressively sought to ensure that projects were ready to start as soon as Federal money became available. Recognizing the opportunities for putting people to work and “getting them off the dole” by sponsoring projects, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors initiated a massive building and planning program in partnership with the Federal government from 1935 to 1943. The County sponsored WPA projects ranging from street and infrastructure

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improvements, land use planning and documentation, parks and recreation facility improvements, public school curricula, and public building construction. This was in addition to the WPA Federal One program focusing on art, writing, and music, which also flourished in Los Angeles County.

Of the County sponsored WPA projects, the creation and development of recreational facilities accounted for a considerable amount of funding. By 1937, a survey completed by the County Department of Recreations Camps and Playgrounds found that Los Angeles had a total of 19,051 acres devoted to recreational facilities with over two million dollars in federal funding given to recreational projects. Recreation as a formal field of study and employment was increasingly recognized as a viable option for job creation, specifically for "white collar" administrative jobs. With the proximity to plentiful and varying natural resources and landscapes, the opportunities for leadership in recreational activities were abundant in Los Angeles County. From 1933 to 1937, the Department of Recreations Camps and Playgrounds, under the management of Superintendent James K. Reid, oversaw a massive training program for unemployed men and women in administrative and guidance positions in recreation supervision. This training program prepared a work force for numerous jobs at proposed parks and recreation centers throughout the County. Training covered a range of topics in order to address a rising public interest in recreational activities such as history, public recreation programs, arts and crafts, physical recreation as well as leadership and management. With this growing population's enthusiastic interest in outdoor recreation, the need for fully trained facilities operators and administrators was in demand, as well as the need for more organized parks and facilities.

As a result, the County Regional Planning Commission, which reported to the Board of Supervisors, sought to turn "every piece of odd area in the county, whatever its size; every bit of unutilized land isolated by street intersections" into a recreational center, picnic ground, or park¹. Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors to become a "Sponsored" project, a proposal would be assigned an amount to be paid by the County and an amount paid from WPA funds allotted to the County. Once approved for funding, a park project fell under the supervision of either the Department of Forestry or the Department of Recreations Camps and Playgrounds. In 1937, the Board of Supervisors folded the Department of Recreations Camps and Playgrounds under the Department of Forestry. However, by 1939, the Department of Recreations Camps and Playgrounds was re-established as its own department due to the massive responsibilities of each department. The more mountainous recreational areas were placed under the supervision of the Department of Forestry and the remaining playgrounds, parks, and beaches were placed under the Department of Recreation Camps and Playgrounds.

By 1939, over thirty new WPA funded recreation centers were in operation or planned. The Community Clubhouse at Plummer Park was one of these projects under the supervision of the Department of Recreation Camps and Playgrounds and provided a much needed recreational facility within the local community. The building's completion in 1938 marked the inauguration of Plummer Park as a county park and recreational center within the central Hollywood region of Los Angeles.

¹ Cohan, Charles C. "County Commission Busy Developing Play Centers." Los Angeles Times. pg. E1. Apr 30, 1939.

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Plummer Park Community Clubhouse also meets National Register Criterion C, as it exemplifies the Spanish Colonial Revival Style of community buildings in Los Angeles County. Designed in 1936 by the Chief Architect for Los Angeles County, Edward C.N. Brett, the building's style reflected a prevailing public sentiment for "Old California." The clubhouse also represents an architectural style not often associated with the WPA Moderne style of buildings and artwork found throughout the Los Angeles area. Instead, it emphasized an association with its regional surroundings, helping to construct a connection to the history of the local pioneers, the original ranchos and missions, and the treasured folk traditions of the past.

The history and culture of Los Angeles captivated the imagination and fascination for many of its inhabitants during the early part of the twentieth century. Angelenos took pride in the culture represented by the great mission buildings and stories of Father Junipero Serra, the ties to the Spanish and Mexican aristocracy of the rancheros, and the nobility of the native cultures. The romantic imagery of the Spanish ranchos mixed with the charm of native and Mexican folk arts and traditions were collected, portrayed in plays and novels, and celebrated in fiestas across Los Angeles County. This enthusiasm was highlighted throughout the years by colorful characters such as Charles Lummis, Leo Carrillo, and Plummer Park's own namesake, Eugenio Plummer. Helen Hunt Jackson's exceedingly popular 1884 novel *Ramona*, a fictional romance set in colonial Southern California, incited local plays, movie productions, tourist sites, and pilgrimages throughout the area.

Early California life was celebrated and remembered with the formation of clubs and social groups such as the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West and the Los Angeles County Pioneer Society. Los Fiesteros de Los Angeles, a group whose purpose was to keep alive "the fiesta spirit in Los Angeles," held annual festivals and dances featuring descendants of local pioneers dressed in traditional period clothing. This fascination with early California life could also be read about in the Los Angeles Times with E. Palmer Connor's 1929 column "The Romance of the Ranchos," a twenty article historical sketch of the Southern California Ranchos, and "Along El Camino Real," a regular contribution from 1933 to 1941 by LA Times editor and columnist Ed Ainsworth. From 1938 to 1940, Joe Seewerker and Charles Owens published a regular column in the LA Times entitled "Nuestro Pueblo" later collected into a book of articles and drawings entitled, "Nuestro Pueblo, Los Angeles, City of Romance." The sense of history of the land and people who lived there permeated throughout Southern California society during this time. There was a strong sentimentality for "the historic, the romantic, and the picturesque."²

In spring of 1937, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the plan to lease, with an option to purchase, land from Eugenio "Captain" Plummer (1852-1943) to increase its public parkland holdings and relieve some of the pressure for much needed community gathering space. The four acre park was the last remnant of undeveloped land amidst a growing residential community on its north, east, and west borders, and the busy retail and light industrial thoroughfare of Santa Monica Boulevard on the south border. Plummer finally sold the property to the County later that year to avoid foreclosure.

² "'Times' Staff Men Base Book on 'Nuestro Pueblo' Feature." Los Angeles Times. pg. C6. Nov 17, 1940.

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Even prior to the County's purchase, the land itself was considered a "unique" park. In 1877, Eugenio Plummer was deeded the land from Senora Francisca Perez, who had occupied it since 1869. Previous to Senora Perez, the land was part of the original Rancho LaBrea tract. The original land parcel consisted of one hundred and sixty acres and included the hillside where the Hollywood Bowl now resides. Plummer built a house on the land in 1878 and lived in the house with his mother until her death, and later his wife, until her death. Plummer and his property were regarded as the social center of the County during the area's early settlement years. Captain Plummer, a charismatic environmentalist and a pioneer of Los Angeles who had lived on the land since childhood, fueled a romantic and nostalgic imagery of early colonial life in Southern California. Plummer's addition of numerous rare plants and trees to the land contributed to the distinctiveness of its natural park setting. As a condition to selling the last remaining acres of his property to Los Angeles County, he was allowed to live in his house until his death at 91 in 1943*. At the dedication of the Clubhouse, Plummer was designated as the historical guide for the park. Under the direction of Recreation Camps and Playgrounds Superintendent, James K. Reid, the park was specifically set up to remain in its "romantic" state.

Later that year, \$720,000 in Federal funds was systematically allocated to various approved projects throughout the County. Plummer Park was one of these projects and received \$22,000 of these funds. In total, the Plummer Park building project cost \$65,000 when completed. It consisted of a new community "clubhouse" that would provide a much needed meeting space for various recreational and service clubs, activities and social events for local residents. Because the County had direct control over the project due to its sponsor status, it could decide the style of the building. As a result, the Community Clubhouse was designed specifically to connect to the regional history and existing nostalgia of the park itself. Plummer Park officially was named after its previous landowner, which further encouraged the romantic imagery of early colonial settlement in the region.

The Community Clubhouse was designed by the Chief Architect for Los Angeles County, Edward C.N. Brett**. Brett began his thirty-year career in this position just prior to beginning work on the building. He was a California native, son of Henry E. Brett, a recognized pioneer of Los Angeles. During the early years of his tenure with the County, Brett was directly involved in many of the architectural projects that came under the County's supervision. Most notably, in addition to the Plummer Park Clubhouse, Brett designed the WPA funded Hollywood Bowl Tea House. As the Spanish Colonial Revival styled Clubhouse for the Park was being completed in 1938, Brett produced sketches and drawings for the Tea Room at the Hollywood Bowl. This building, receiving federal funding like the Clubhouse and sponsored by the County and the Hollywood Bowl Association, was also designed and built in a similar rustic and romantic Mediterranean Revival style. It was completed by the opening of the 1939 summer season at the Hollywood Bowl. The Tea House later became the Season Ticket office. It was turned into the Hollywood Bowl Museum in the mid 1980's and was later demolished in the mid 1990's to make way for a new museum building. Although no HABS drawings exist, photos of the original building and its interiors are available and illustrate a close relationship to the design of the Plummer Park Clubhouse.

Brett's design and courtyard configuration of the Community Clubhouse reflected the spirit of nostalgia for "Old California." The building was sited in the center of the park, amid lush plants and trees. The single story building with its low gabled tile roof complemented the quaint single and multifamily residences lining the streets around the park. Modest details such as the exterior shutters, casement

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windows, an interior rounded corner fireplace, thick decorative scrolled ceiling beams, and flagstone-patterned concrete pavers added to the architectural charm.

The craftsmanship, plan, and details of the Community Clubhouse reflected the inspiration and simplicity of the colonial missions and adobes built throughout California, characteristics of Spanish Colonial Revival style. Its public use as a gathering center married well with the courtyard configuration often employed by buildings of this style. As these building types were often a response to the environment, spaces needing natural light were placed along the east-west axis, while those that did not ran along a north-south axis. Long Hall, intended as a reading room, sat along the east-west axis, while Great Hall, an entertainment space, followed the north-south axis. The low flat ceiling of Long Hall with its thick scrolled beams marching down the length of the room recall the Romanesque style nave, a feature often found in the missions.

The design of the building was specifically intended to provide a connection to the history of the area. Great Hall, with its stage and rustic, open trussed ceiling was a performance space to replace the "Old Rancho Barn Theater." The courtyard provided a gathering space for frequently held barbeques and picnics, with shaded spaces under the surrounding arcade. Long Hall provided a space to house exhibits. Hernando G. Villa (1881-1952), who was known for his illustrations for the 1932 Olympics and the Chief for the Santa Fe Railroad, as well as paintings of early California scenes, exhibited his work at the Clubhouse in 1939. That same year, the California Bear Flag was presented to park director Florence Lewis Scott and raised over the building as a symbol of "our endeavor to carry forward the charm and spirit of Old California to enrich our present day lives."³

From 1938 to 1984, the park and the clubhouse remained under the supervision of Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation. In 1984, Plummer Park and all of its structures were turned over to the City of West Hollywood with its incorporation. The Clubhouse operated continuously as a gathering space for local organizations and, until recently, also housed the 75 year old Los Angeles Audubon Society and the West Hollywood Russian Library. Few alterations have occurred to the building since it originally was constructed.

³ "Plummer Park Bear Flag Flies: Emblem Raised Over Playground as Part of Constitution Day Fete." Los Angeles Times. pg A2. Sep 18, 1939.

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Additional historic context information

*The original Plummer house, relocated in 1983 to Calabasas as a compromise from demolition, was landmarked in 1934 as California Landmark #160, the oldest house in Hollywood of Los Angeles County.

**Brett was born in Coronado, California in 1892. He received his architectural degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1917 and was a member of the Pasadena Chapter of the AIA. In 1922, he married Florence Webb, who was a notably active member of the venerable Los Angeles Friday Morning Club. Both Brett's mother and wife were highly visible within the societal community of Los Angeles. After 30 years of service in his position as Chief Architect under the Mechanical Department of Los Angeles County, he retired. The date of his death is unknown. He worked on plans for a museum proposal at the La Brea Tarpits that ultimately did not gain approval for WPA funding due to land conditions. He oversaw the expansion of the Pilgrimage Play Bowl (across from the Hollywood Bowl, now known as the Ford Theater), the remodel of County offices in a seven story building on Spring Street in downtown Los Angeles, and the reconstruction of the Exhibition Building at the County Fair Grounds in Pomona after the original building was destroyed by fire.

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DESCRIPTION

Name of Property: Plummer Park Community Clubhouse

City or Vicinity: West Hollywood

County: Los Angeles County State: California

Photographer: Cathy Blavis

Date Photographed: June 2012

Above information applicable to all photographs listed below

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

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Photo #1 (CA_Los Angeles County_Plummer Park Community Clubhouse_001)

South building elevation, camera facing north

Photo #2 (CA_Los Angeles County_Plummer Park Community Clubhouse_002)

West building elevation, camera facing east

Photo #3 (CA_Los Angeles County_Plummer Park Community Clubhouse_003)

North building elevation, camera facing south

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DESCRIPTION

Name of Property: Plummer Park Community Clubhouse

City or Vicinity: West Hollywood

County: Los Angeles County State: California

Photographer: Jen Dunbar

Date Photographed: January 2012

Above information applicable to all photographs listed below

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

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Photo #4 (CA_Los Angeles County_Plummer Park Community Clubhouse_004)

East building elevation, camera facing west

Photo #5 (CA_Los Angeles County_Plummer Park Community Clubhouse_005)

Main entrance, camera facing south from interior courtyard

Photo #6 (CA_Los Angeles County_Plummer Park Community Clubhouse_006)

Interior courtyard arcade along south elevation on right, camera facing east

Photo #7 (CA_Los Angeles County_Plummer Park Community Clubhouse_007)

East elevation from interior courtyard, camera facing east

Photo #8 (CA_Los Angeles County_Plummer Park Community Clubhouse_008)

South elevation from interior courtyard, camera facing southeast

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West elevation from interior courtyard, camera facing west

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West (left) and north (right) elevation from interior courtyard, camera facing northwest

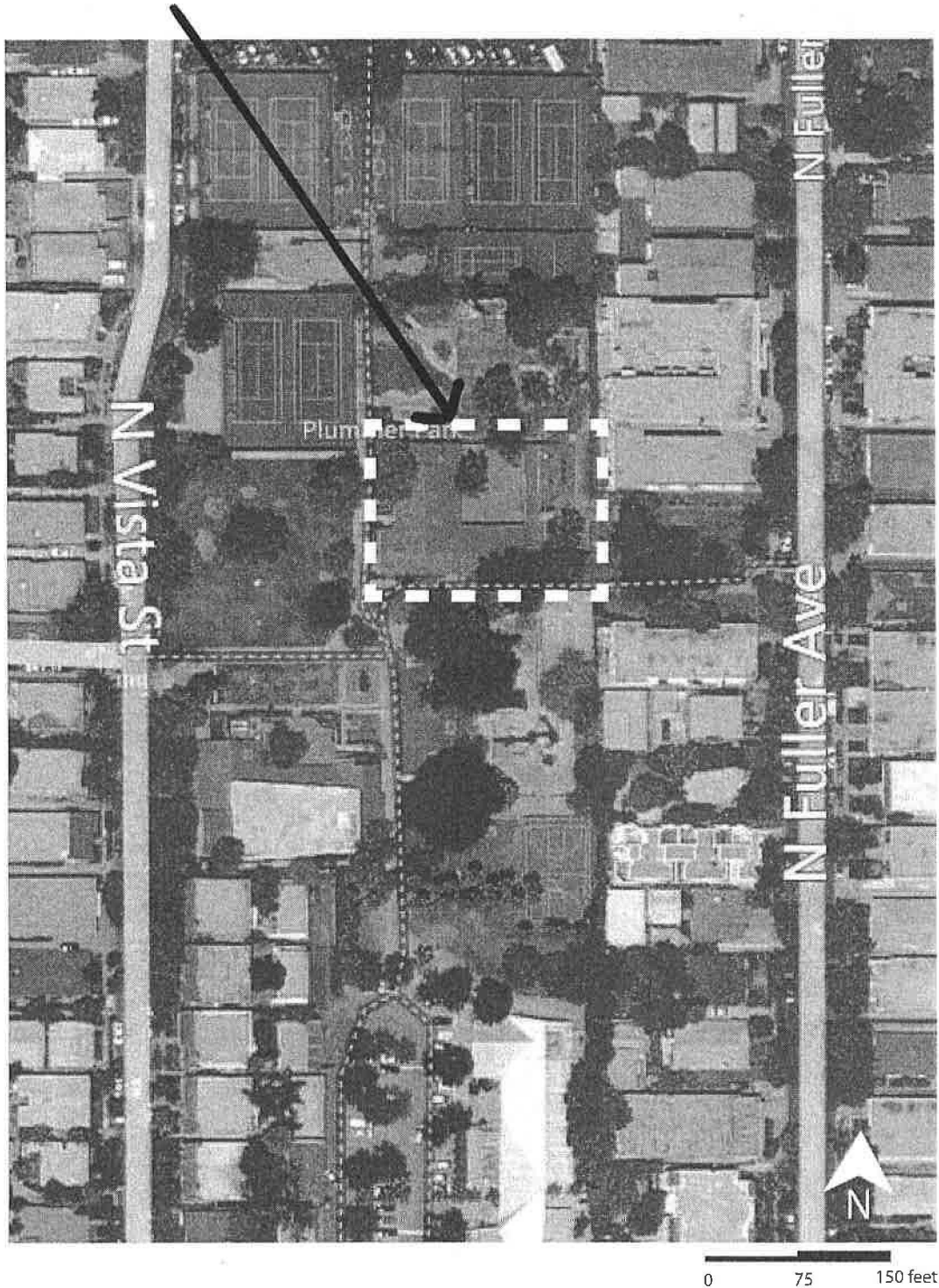
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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Latitude/Longitude Point Map

Latitude: 34.093002

Longitude: -118.350965





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Community Clubhouse

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles

DATE RECEIVED: 6/07/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/02/13
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/17/13 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/24/13
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 13000510

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 7-23-13 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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**COMMUNITY
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April 11, 2013

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D.
State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95816-7100



Dear Ms. Roland-Nawi:

The City of West Hollywood is the owner of Plummer Park and all the buildings within the park, including Plummer Park Community Clubhouse/Great Hall, which has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places (National Register). We understand the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) intends to consider and take action on the nomination on May 1, 2013. On April 1, 2013, the City Council voted to oppose the designation of Plummer Park Community Clubhouse/Great Hall to the National Register. Please consider this the City's formal communication opposing the nomination.

The City of West Hollywood is proud of its commitment to historic preservation. Within 5 years of incorporation in 1984, the city adopted a Historic Preservation Chapter as part of the General Plan and established a Cultural Heritage Advisory Board. Since that time, the City has designated 83 buildings including: a simple roadside hamburger stand; the Schindler House, a National Register District of apartment homes and the modern works of Cesar Pelli at the Pacific Design Center. The City was an early adopter of the Mills Act (23 buildings are covered by the Mills Act), and rehabilitation incentives to encourage the adaptive reuse of buildings such as The Charlie Bed and Breakfast and Eleven nightclub. The Los Angeles Conservancy scorecard has given West Hollywood an A on both reports issued by the Conservancy and in 2007, the National Trust for Historic Preservation designated West Hollywood as one of a "Dozen Distinctive Destinations."

It is with this background that West Hollywood undertook a public review process to determine what the community values and needs are for Plummer Park. Over a 16 year period and more than 75 public meetings, the City evaluated options for the park. The City Council ultimately determined that additional open space was a high priority for the park. West Hollywood is a city of 1.9 square miles with approximately 35,000 residents and only 15.3 acres of parkland. The City prepared and certified an EIR that found Plummer Park Community Clubhouse/Hall to be eligible for listing as a local cultural resource and as a State resource. The City adopted a Statement of Overriding Consideration as part of the EIR stating that while the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse/Great Hall is a potential resource, there are other community needs that outweigh the preservation of this building.



CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Plummer Park Community Clubhouse/Great Hall
Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D.
State Historic Preservation Officer
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Included with this letter are the April 1, 2013 City Council staff report regarding the nomination of the building to the National Register, the report attachments the draft minutes of the meeting and the deed to the park.

Sincerely,

Stephanie DeWolfe, AICP
Community Development Director
City of West Hollywood
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069

Enclosures
cc: file



From: Jim Baughman [mailto:jfdire@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 6:20 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Preserving Plummer Park "Long Hall" building, West Hollywood

Dear Mr. Correia,

The citizens of West Hollywood are trying to save a historic WPA (Depression-era federal works project) building at Plummer Park in the City. The State of California has agreed to submit the building for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places on May 1.

However, the City Council of West Hollywood, in league with developers who wish to eviscerate existing park structures for a grandiose scheme that none of the residents of the city wants, has written to the State asking that the structure NOT be protected.

Furthermore, the bond money necessary for this project (\$27 million) has been denied by the State of California as a waste of resources. Therefore, the only interest the West Hollywood City Council has in this fight is the venal, corrupt one of protecting the interests of the biggest source of their campaign funding—the developers into whose hands that \$27 million of taxpayer money would be steered.

Stop the Plummer Park Project. Nobody wants this white elephant except those who would receive a windfall of taxpayer money if it goes through.

Ignore the City of West Hollywood's request to deny Historic Place designation for the WPA-built Long Hall at Plummer Park. The PEOPLE want to keep our historic buildings (and old-growth trees)—only greedy developers (and their shills on the WEHO City Council) want all this destroyed for the sake of making a quick fortune off the already overburdened taxpayers.

Jim Baughman

Resident of West Hollywood CA

-----Original Message-----

From: Joel Becker [mailto:jbecker@ucla.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 7:45 AM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Historic designation

To whom it my concern,

As a member of the West Hollywood community it is NOT my vision to see this building demolished. I believe it is of historic value.

Joel L. Becker, Ph.D.

Director and Founder, Cognitive Behavior Associates and CBTI Diplomate, Fellow, Certified Supervisor, Academy of Cognitive Therapy Clinical Professor, Dept. Of Psychology, UCLA Asst.

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Sent from my iPad

From: F Carleton Cronin [mailto:f.cronin@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 10:28 AM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject:

Dear Mr. Correia,

I am writing to offer my support to the application for landmark status to the two buildings (The Great Hall and Long Hall) at Plummer Park in West Hollywood, California. Every day our history is being plowed under and demolished in the name of "modernization" at the expense of our great heritage. As a long-time member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, I am acutely aware of the importance historic places have in the education and enjoyment of all our citizens - of all ages. The two structures under consideration have been a vital part of the community since long before the incorporation of West Hollywood. Generations have used and enjoyed their social and civic activities there. The buildings are unique and a strong part of the community. I urge your affirmative vote for the preservation of these two irreplaceable, historic, beloved Halls.

Sincerely,

Carleton Cronin - West Hollywood, CA

From: Boris Dralyuk [mailto:ingsoc@earthlink.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 7:46 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Support for The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall)

Dear Mr. Correia,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the nomination of The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall) -- an historic and architectural treasure, as well as the pride of our community -- to the National Register of Historic Places. I am currently an instructor of Slavic Languages and Literatures at UCLA, and have resided in West Hollywood, within blocks of Plummer Park, since 1992, a year after my family emigrated from the former Soviet Union. Plummer Park has served as my home away from home throughout these years, as it has for countless West Hollywood residents, and especially for the city's large population of Russian émigrés. Many of these émigrés are elderly, and have no place to socialize other than Plummer Park. Others have young children, but are without cars and cannot afford daycare; the Park is their only option for outdoor activities. The city's plan to raze the Park's historic buildings, destroy its old-growth trees, and close it off for two years would devastate the community which relies on it most. I have done quite a lot of research on the Park's history; the Clubhouse that the city plans to raze is an important example of WPA architecture, and is not only a historic structure, but one symbolic of precisely the kind of community spirit that Plummer Park has fostered since the time of Don Eugenio Rafael Plummer. The city has persistently ignored this spirit; it needs to spend more time learning from its history, rather than trying to destroy it.

Gratefully,

Boris

Boris Dralyuk Ph.D.

Lecturer, Slavic Languages and Literatures

University of California, Los Angeles

From: Elyse Eisenberg [mailto:elyse.eisenberg@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 10:36 AM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: STOP THE PLUMMER PARK MASTER PLAN IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Dear Mr. Correia,

I am writing to express my full support for designating the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall), located in West Hollywood California, a historic place, and I urge "the Keeper" to add The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse to the National Register of Historic Places.

The City Council has grossly misled your office in its misrepresentation stating that it has the support of the residents of this community to demolish these historic buildings in favor of an additional 60 parking space, more open space, and the contemporary new design of the park which would substantially clash with the surrounding area of vintage homes.

There has been a huge outcry for the past two years once the information about the park plans became public. The loss of the sixty+ old growth trees above the proposed garage alone has people up in arms.

Although the city claims that outreach has been going on for many years, that is not the case. They have selectively shown the plans ONLY to people who are indebted to the city in various ways and whose support for their actions they know they can count on.

The city has destroyed - literally sometimes in the middle of the night as in the case of the award-winning Edward A. Fickett Library in West Hollywood Park and which is now a cement slab - buildings such as that one which have potentially been pending review of historical significance prior to a final decision on designation as either a local cultural resource or historical resource.

This wholesale demolition of buildings, both commercial and residential, is proceeding at a rapid rate throughout the city thanks to many non-resident and exploitative developers with the full support and encouragement of the City Council, and not to mention their financial contributions to their political campaigns.

Its proposed demolition of one of the oldest homes in the city, known as "Tara" and left to the city by its long time owner in perpetuity with the expectation of its preservation, was proposed by the majority of this City Council to be demolished for Affordable Housing - a requirement that has long been met in other locations of the city, is yet another example of this city's lack of respect for its historic resources. Residents in the city fought the plans for almost a decade all the way to the State Supreme Court and eventually won a judgment against the city of over \$800,000. The building is currently saved, but mostly because of lost state funding, NOT because the Council finally relented in its plans.

The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse and its WPA history are a vital part of the history of City of West Hollywood - and the State's cultural history.

With a reasonable maintenance budget and a more active security force which other parts of the city which are perceived as more vital to the city's tourism revenue which this park does not generate, a city which claims to be as solvent and rich as this city continuously does, Great Hall/Long Hall can be restored to its original magnificence. Instead, the city has allowed the maintenance budget of these buildings to lapse, discourages the most minimal increase in security such as installing security cameras, and encourages their current state of disrepair.

Please help the residents of West Hollywood, and the community at large, preserve the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall).

Given this City Council's history, Time is of the Essence

Thank you for your consideration.
Best,

Elyse Eisenberg
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Resident of West Hollywood since 1987

-----Original Message-----

From: Donald Elblad [mailto:elmleaves@roadrunner.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 6:17 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Plumber Park West Hollywood

The citizens of West Hollywood

Do NOT want to tear down the historic buildings in plumber park.

Only City Council Members want the Money the can get.

I this is just more bull shit from a city council on the verge of more greed than the City of Bell.

Save the historic Plumber Park buildings and trees too.

We Do Not need underground parking.

Donald Elblad

310-659-1875

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Jelena Erceg [mailto:jelena@rhythm.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:52 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Protect The Plummer Park Community Club House in the City of West Hollywood, Ca

Dear Sir/.Madam,

I am a resident of the city of West Hollywood, Ca. I live and enjoy my weekend use of the park, visitations to Community Center at Plumbers Park and as an Registered Architect in the State of California for the past 17 years I strongly object to the proposal that the City Planning Commission is trying to push down to demolish this wonderful park and Community Center for the sake of providing some additional parking. The Great Hall building has been a center of the East Side of West Hollywood and it should be nominated for National Register not demolished. The city officials have crossed all of the boundaries to cater to developers and stuff their pockets with public money. We do not need these kind of grandiose projects that fit no one. We need sensible design protecting the cultural heritage and preserving the few buildings that are still remaining in the city to remind us of long path the city has gone from.

I have worked for number of years for CRA LA during Tom Bradley time, working on Urban Design Plan for Hollywood, Downtown Los Angeles Strategic Plan, Adams Normandy plans and I know how long it takes to produce a neighborhood friendly park and residents cherish and enjoy every day of the year.

In this park on the northern end there is a parking lot, as well on the southern part, now they want to introduce a third parking area, instead of savoring the park.

The park is a daily event for numerous elderly residents, playing chess, enjoying the shade of trees. There are seven tennis courts facing the northern parking lot and in between wonderful green area, full of old lush trees. We, meaning residents need this. The boundary is encompassed with wonderful Great Hall building. Please preserve the part of nature not human stupidity and greed.

Thank you

Jelena Erceg
7614 Romaine Street
West Hollywood
Ca 90046

From: Ty geltmaker [mailto:echobamboo@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 9:54 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: plumber park preservation west hollywood

Dear Mr. Correia,

As an ACT UP/LA activist and professional historian I urge you and others to do all that is necessary to preserve historic New Deal WPA structures in West Hollywood's Plummer Park. These structures show a vital link between the New Deal and later progressive political movements. ACT UP/LA was intimately part of the park's structure, perhaps as much as – for example – ACT UP/NY is tied to the wonderful Great Hall of Cooper Union, where a century earlier Lincoln spoke.

Sincerely,

Ty Geltmaker, Ph.D.

From: Salvador Gomez [mailto:mrsalgomez@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 11:09 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks; Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks
Subject: Protect Great Hall/Long Hall at Plummer Park West Hollywood

Hello,

As the co-founder of Save The Pickford Fairbanks Studios located just 2 blocks west of Plummer Park in West Hollywood I am well acquainted with Plummer Park and Fiesta Hall as well as the Great Hall/Long Hall WPA Era building.

Under the guise that a redesigned and reconfigured Plummer Park is in the best interest of the community, which is completely untrue, the City of West Hollywood intends to show the WPA building is an "eye sore" and blighted place amongst a family friendly park environment and should be demolished in favor of "their" design for the community.

WRONG!!

The Great Hall/Long Hall is neither a blighted building nor an eye sore. If the building has been neglected then the blame for that is the responsibility of the city itself. There has been a public outcry from the community to save those buildings and the city completely ignores their constituents.

Great Hall/Long Hall can be a shining example of a preserved and re-purposed symbol of the city's past. West Hollywood loves to say it preserves it's own history but they fail to lead by example at every turn. The city intends to demolish Great Hall/Long Hall irregardless of historical designation or not. Don't let them take this potential designation away from everyone that has fought for the preservation of Great Hall/Long Hall.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to

Sal Gomez
"Save The Pickford-Fairbanks Studios"

From: Kim Kaufman [mailto:kim.kaufman@att.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 10:57 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Plummer Park

I live near Plummer Park and go to the farmer's market there every Monday. I have been to meetings and gatherings in the various buildings as well. I am in favor of keeping it the way it is -- a charming and elegantly designed group of buildings that serve the community. I have seen the plans for the new building. It is ugly, out of character for the neighborhood and appears to just be a super overpriced vanity project. It is a poor use of millions of dollars that could best be spent on many other useful things.

Kim Kaufman

Los Angeles, 90046

"The next economy will be defined by the struggle to get there." Kevin Zeese

From: mark kramer [mailto:gguy11@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 11:44 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Save Plummer Park

The West Hollywood city council care more about lining their pockets, than doing what the community really wants. How many letters must we write before the government of West Hollywood steps up and does what the people who elected them want. If they ramrod this thru they will be destroying one of the best parks in the world. I can't say it enough times, "Save Plummer Park!" Save it for your children and your childrens children. Save it for the beautiful puppies who get to play there everyday. If these elected representatives screw us again, it's time to talk " RECALL ELECTION!" Please help us save this slice of heaven in our great community of West Hollywood!

Mark Lederkramer

From: Steve Levin [mailto:levin202@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:58 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Plummer Park - Great Hall/Long Hall in West Hollywood

Please deny any designation as historic Great Hall and Long Hall in Plummer Park, West Hollywood, CA.

These disgusting buildings are useless and ugly and due to their awkward footprint in the middle of an otherwise beautiful park, are a magnet for transients, drug dealers and prostitutes.

I am an 18 year resident of the area and have seen it become worse and worse. The long term plan is to create more green space in the park and removing these horrible buildings are a step in that direction.

Sincerely,

Steve Levin
West Hollywood
Nearby resident of Plummer Park

From: Woody McBreairty [mailto:woodymcbreairty@att.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:36 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: West Hollywood Plummer Park Great/Long Hall Historic Designation

I 100% support the designation of West Hollywood's Plummer Park Great Hall/Long Hall as historic buildings to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The West Hollywood City Council is blatantly acting against the will of the people of the city of West Hollywood in trying to reject this action. The will of the people should be a priority over the actions of this City Council. Thank you.

Woody McBreairty

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woodymcbreairty@att

From: Lauren Meister [mailto:lauren@meister4weho.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:42 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall) - I support historic designation

Dear Mr. Correia,

I am writing to express my full support for designating the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall), located in West Hollywood California, a historic place, and I urge "the Keeper" to add The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse is a vital part of West Hollywood's history. With a little tender loving care, Great Hall/Long Hall can be restored to its original magnificence!

Please help the residents of West Hollywood, and the community at large, to preserve the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall).

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards.

Lauren Meister

Lauren Meister
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From: Michael Mooney [mailto:michael@michaelmooney.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 6:09 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: The Nomination of Plummer Park Community Clubhouse to the National Register of Historic Places

Dear Jay Correia,

I support the nomination of the rare historic WPA building, originally known as the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse, (Great Hall/Long Hall in West Hollywood, California to the National Register of Historic Places.

The City of West Hollywood City Council is sending a letter to the California State Office of Historic Preservation (SOHP) REJECTING the pending nomination of the rare historic WPA building originally known as The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse, (Great Hall/Long Hall.)

The SOHP sent a letter to the city saying they were pleased to inform them that the nomination was being considered for full designation on May 1st and then it would be sent to Washington, DC to the Keeper who would place the building on the National Register of Historic Places.

Why is West Hollywood City Council rejecting this National honor?

Because they want to demolish the buildings to put in underground parking. The worst part is they insist on stating in official documents, that THEIR plan is the "community's vision."

It is NOT our vision. We, West Hollywood residents, support the nomination.

Sincerely,

Michael Mooney
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West Hollywood, California 90048-2005
310-422-4544

From: Hilarie Ormsby [mailto:acacia1971@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 6:32 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Save the WPA building in Plummer Park

I support making the WPA building in Plummer Park in Hollywood a historic monumet. PLEASE do not let that building be demolished!
Hilarie Ormsby (818) 693-4285

From: Susan Isaacs [mailto:susanisaacs@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:20 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Protect Plummer Park, West Hollywood

Dear Mr. Correia,

I am a 17-year resident of West Hollywood and a local dog trainer/behavior consultant (www.wellheeleddog.com). I was under contract with the City of West Hollywood from 2003 to 2008 to conduct basic obedience and puppy classes in the courtyard of the Great Hall.

I urge you to reject any plans to destroy this amazing space. Its proportions are exquisite; the materials used (particularly the tiled roof and patio surfacing) are lovely. While I was teaching there, I urged the City to place locked gates at the entrances to the courtyard at night since transients had been vandalizing the space. The City did so and the space was kept clean from then on. One rarely sees public buildings of such beauty as the Great Hall. Plummer Park is a community space that is enhanced by the Great Hall. Please do whatever you can to preserve it.

Sincerely,

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Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT)
Southern CA Dog Trainers' Forum
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Licensed Presenter, Family Paws & Doggone Safe
WeHo Chamber of Commerce Small Business Award

From: ronrich98@cs.com [mailto:ronrich98@cs.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:09 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: PLUMMER PARK

Dear Jay,

Please do not destroy Plummer Park. Thousands of us grew up and raised children and grandchildren there. All of them still frequent the park.

Yours truly,
Ron Rich

From: Naomi Rosen [mailto:naomirosen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 6:19 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Plummer Park, West Hollywood

Dear Mr. Correia:

I am writing in support of the nomination of the unique and historic Work Project Administration's Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (aka Great Hall/Long Hall) building to the National Register of Historic Places.

The original configuration of Plummer Park--as it is now and has been since my family arrived in the neighborhood in 1952- is a treasured community asset, and the park as it is now configured is the community's vision. The changes proposed by the West Hollywood City Council--destroying the clubhouse and 54 original trees in order to build an underground parking structure-- are an attempt to destroy the unique character of the park --they are working to pave over paradise and put in a parking lot.

The City of West Hollywood's Master Plan proposes to destroy original WPA buildings and the 54 historic trees. This destruction is NOT the Community's vision.

The original configuration of Plummer Park--as it is now and has been since my family arrived in the neighborhood in 1952- is a treasured community asset, and the park as it is now configured is the community's vision. The changes proposed by the West Hollywood City Council are an attempt to destroy the unique character of the park.

I urge you to keep the nomination of Plummer Park's Community Clubhouse on track to become listed on the National Registry of Historic Sites.

Sincerely,
Naomi S. Rosen

From: Diana Rustam [mailto:dianarustam@hotmail.co.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 9:58 AM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: RE: PlummerPark

Dear Jay Correia,

As frequent users of the Plummer Park facilities we support the nomination of the community building to the National Register & object to an opposite community view being expressed on our behalf.

Diana & Shah Rustam

April, 9, 2013

From: H Schpak [mailto:hschpk@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 3:38 PM

To: Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks

Cc: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Preservation of the Great Hall in Plummer Park

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi,

I have recently been informed about the WeHo City Councils plans to demolish the Great Hall/Long Hall in Plummer Park. I no longer live in West Hollywood but it had been my home from 1987 to 1999. I lived just a couple blocks from Plummer Park and, as a member of ACTUP/LA, I spent almost every Monday evening there from 1987 to 1994.

It was in this building that many ideas for ACTUP/LA demonstrations targeted at the County of Los Angeles, the State of California, and the federal government were first formulated and planned.

These demonstrations led to numerous positive changes for how HIV/AIDS prevention and care were treated at the City, County, state and federal levels.

Locally, we were instrumental in forcing the LA County Board of Supervisors to devote more funds to AIDS care and we led the fight to create a special wing at County/USC Hospital to treat PWAs. We also conducted the planning and collaboration with other organizations throughout the US for the first national ACTUP demonstration, which shut down the FDA on October 11, 1988. The FDA action led directly to major changes in the ways AIDS drugs were tested and marketed. Many other critical decisions concerning ACTUP/LA's strategies and tactics were made through consensus in these rooms, making them an important part of LGBT history in Los Angeles. This history's omission on the nomination application should be rectified.

ACTUP/LA was a leading dominant voice in a national and global movement. And it was an important part of the social and cultural life of the West Hollywood community. No other city, in all of Southern California, is as directly connected to a movement as WeHo is to ACTUP/LA.

I therefore support the nomination for placement of the Great Hall/Long Hall on the National Registry and strongly request that the nomination include the important historical association with the LGBT social movement through the work of ACTUP/LA.

Most sincerely,

Helene Schpak

-----Original Message-----

From: Agnes Scoville [mailto:agnes.scoville@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 12:03 AM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Plummer park in West Hollywood

Dear Mr. Correia,

Please place the the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse, (Great Hall/Long Hall) on the historic building register. I am a citizen of the city of West Hollywood and am strongly against demolishing this building as it has been a fixture in the community for many generations.

Thank you,

Agnes Scoville MD

From: Shawn Thompson [mailto:shawnthompsonla@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:16 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Cc: Protect Plummer Park
Subject: Great Hall / Long Hall West Hollywood

Dear Jay,

I am sending you this email to express my support of our local Great Hall /Long hall being protected and placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

As a west hollywood resident for over 20 years I see great history, value and architecture in this building and fully support protecting it from the Weho City Council efforts to demolish it for a parking lot plan that the community does not support.

To this date as I write you this email we have accumulated over 1,300 signatures in support of protecting and preserving this building. I hope you can help us protect this vital piece of both the city's and the state's rich history.

Petition referenced is here: <https://www.change.org/petitions/city-of-west-hollywood-stop-the-plummer-park-master-plan>

Our Grass Roots Website to Protect the building is here www.protectplummerpark.com

Thank You In Advance For Your Support

Shawn Thompson

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From: Marilyn Welch [mailto:marilynwelch7@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 10:04 AM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse

Dear Jay Correia,

As a lover of the historic WPA building originally known as The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse, I wholeheartedly support the nomination for this structure to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Please do your part to preserve this piece of California history for everyone to enjoy and learn from in generations to come.

With appreciation,

Marilyn Welch

Fan of Plummer Park and The Plummer Park Community Club House

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From: Kaitlin Riemen Yadlosky [mailto:kriemen@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:09 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Nomination

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the nomination of The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall) to the National Register of Historic Places. Please ignore the City of West Hollywood's statements that their rejection of this nomination and demolition of this building is community supported. The building is a part of our community's history and is a beautiful part of the park. Please accept this email as my support of the nomination.

Sincerely,

Kaitlin Yadlosky
Community Member and Park User

From: Alison Yerxa [mailto:alisonyerxa1@mac.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 6:17 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Plummers Park Historical Status

I have been going to Plummers Park for 30 years. Just yesterday, while walking through to my tennis court, I was happily noticing, once again, how the park is so well used. How wonderful it is to have children, chess players, skaters, basketball players, even tight rope walkers all playing amongst one another, without having zoned areas defining them. The historic feel of the park gives it its charm, and attracts everyone. These are the old buildings that have friendly auditoriums, public rooms and small stages that everybody can use and enjoy.

The master plan from the 90s is flawed. It no longer addresses the needs nor wants of the population, and this is the plan that is always referred to as the main thrust of the new ideas for the park. The beauty of this park is its historical feel, and its roots to the ground. You feel as if you are somewhere in old Hollywood, where the trees have been there for a hundred years, and the buildings were part of the older heritage that had beauty and depth of character. Walking to a park is part of the experience, not parking in a lit underground area, and then emerging into a place where the trees are stunted by having to only reach down to the top of the underground parking. I went to three public forums where the people who attended hated the new ideas, and I agree with them wholeheartedly.

Plummers Park has emerged over the last 30 years as a true people's park. Why spend 41 million and more to ruin that? Put that money towards something else, and do not raze what is good. Remember, they wanted to destroy Notre Dame in the 1800s, and the people saved it. In the middle of a city, you want things to remind you of nature, and the simpler times. Do not take it away, as it is the last of the good in Hollywood.

Alison Yerxa
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From: cynyet@aol.com [mailto:cynyet@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:11 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Plummer Park, West Hollywood, California

The citizens of West Hollywood DO NOT want their park torn up for underground parking. PLEASE understand that we live here and use the park and like it just the way it is. To destroy beautiful trees that have taken years to come to maturity is really a sin. To also destroy the buildings on Plummer Park that should receive historic status is shameful. Can't we have something left that is familiar to it's citizens. I can't tell you how many people I've spoken to who don't want this to take place. First of all, this was just dumped on us without most citizens knowing what was really involved. I think that's shoddy government. No wonder people don't trust politicians. I also thought that this issue was resolved and here we go again. PLEASE let us have something that we can enjoy that doesn't involve MORE CARS!!!! Thank you, Cynthia Yetnikoff

From: Alex Zaytsev [mailto:azaytsev89@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:16 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse, (Great Hall/Long Hall.) nomination for SOHP

Dear Mr. Correia,

I am writing this email in full support of the nomination the California State Office of Historic Preservation has bestowed upon The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse, (Great Hall/Long Hall.) This park itself and most notably the Great Hall has been a staple of our community for decades. As a Russian-American immigrant who was part of the waves of Eastern European immigration following the collapse of the Soviet Union in the early 90's, Plummer Park was and continues to be the center of social life for young kids and the elderly. I remember attending my sister's dance performances and festivals that used to take place in the Great Hall, which was always packed and full. The entire park is rich in history and natural beauty, which is why I find it absolutely despicable that the city council is doing everything in their power to bypass the community's voice of halting the destruction of major parts of the park in order to build an underground parking lot and "modernize" the park without even listening to the citizens. The city council's plan is NOT the community's vision. During one of the city council meetings citizens were actually standing up and voicing their opinion against this "master plan" for an underground parking lot, but were belittled in return by the city council members. Once again, as a citizen of West Hollywood, I pledge my full support for this nomination and hope this full designation is accepted on May 1st.

Thank you,

Alex Zaytsev

From: Allegra Allison [mailto:savetara@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2013 7:36 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Great Hall/Long Hall Plummer Park

Dear Mr. Correia and Honorable Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the designation of Great Hall/Long Hall, in Plummer Park, in the City of West Hollywood.

Below, I am including the comments of Mayor Pro Temp John D'Amico from the April 1st, 2013 Council meeting.

During this meeting, the decision was made not to support the designation.

I hope you will take Mr. D'Amicos comments into consideration.

Mayor Pro Temp D'Amico:

" I want to thank everyone for coming out and I'd like to thank Miss Dunbar. This is a really beautifully written application. I thought it was really good, quite elegant and I'm convinced that this building deserves a thorough review by the State to determine, as a nonbiased party, what it is that we have in our own midst.

I think that we. I don't want to speak for anyone but myself. It may be that I have stopped seeing what we have in that park and have only begun to see the politics of what we have in that park and it is, as Miss Dunbar, so carefully wrote, a beautifully constructed, simple, elegant building of its time. This fantasy, that you could ever see from Santa Monica to Fountain, with that building not there, I think, is part of what we're no longer seeing. We're no longer seeing that there are fifty trees between Santa Monica and Fountain and that building is not in the way of a view through the park. There are other, more ephemeral, pieces of architecture...Tennis courts and parking spaces and bathrooms and a snack bar. Those things, I think, with proper attention, can be rearranged to provide the kinds of open space and thoughtfulness that we, maybe, have convinced ourselves is needed in the park.

There's another part of this that's not addressed by Miss Dunbar in her application, which, I think, the City could possibly add...which is a historic landscape, from that period, that would talk about the building in its context. Historic structures, for example, the Beverly Hills City Hall...If you've noticed, they have a new landscape in front of it, that's more consistent with the kinds of landscape that was..landscapes that were produced with buildings of the twenties. That's changed that building completely. It made its context relevant. My own professional practice...In 1998, I worked on the Bryson building at Wilshire near Lafayette Park and the County...rather, the City, re landscaped the park and re landscaped the Bryson building, to make, in fact, the historic structure, exist, in a historic, but, not pretend, landscape.

So, I'm possibly outnumbered in this but, I think...I think, we should allow the State to tell us what we have and I'm loath to bring it up but, I think it's a fair comparison.

The project on Laurel...there was a time, in which, the Council stopped seeing the building and only saw the politics and it would be my hope that my colleagues, would perhaps, take a moment and allow this to go forward, with the documentation we have, without a recommendation in either direction, and allow the State to make its consideration.

I think, that's what I think so far."

Mr. D'Amico, made no further comment and was the sole no vote on not supporting the designation.

I urge you to vote to designate this rich and important piece of our history and I thank you for your consideration,

Allegra Allison
West Hollywood

From: Tony Arn [mailto:tonyarn50@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 1:28 PM
To: Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks
Cc: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Great Hall/Long Hall - Plummer Park, West Hollywood, CA

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi,

I write to urgently request that you grant historic status to Great Hall/Long Hall, located in Plummer Park in West Hollywood. These notable buildings are the only WPA-constructed buildings in West Hollywood and are an important part of our history. In addition to their use by a number of groups in the Los Angeles area over the last 75 years, they have had an important role in the development of AIDS activism and the LGBT equality movement, not only in California but on a national basis.

It was in both buildings that ACT UP/Los Angeles was formed and met on a weekly basis between 1987 and 1994. These meetings formulated ACT UP/LA demonstrations targeted at the County of Los Angeles, the State of California, and the federal government. These actions led to many positive changes in HIV/AIDS prevention and care on the City, County, state and federal levels.

Locally, ACT UP was instrumental in forcing the LA County Board of Supervisors to devote more funds to AIDS care and led the fight to create a special wing at County/USC Hospital to treat PWAs. ACT UP also conducted the planning and collaboration with other organizations throughout the US for the first national ACT UP demonstration, which shut down the FDA on October 11, 1988, leading directly to major changes in the ways AIDS drugs were tested and marketed.

Many other critical decisions concerning ACT UP/LA's strategies and tactics were made in these rooms, making them an important part of LGBT history in Los Angeles. LGBT designated sites are extremely rare and it would be a significant loss to our history to destroy these buildings.

Your action on behalf of designating these buildings as historic structures is vitally necessary to their preservation. Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further information.

Sincerely,

Anthony E. Arn

From: Angee Beckett [mailto:angeebeckett@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 6:23 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse Historic Preservation Designation

West Hollywood Tree Preservation Society
1044 N. Harper Avenue
West Hollywood CA 90026

April 14, 2013

Jay Correia
Supervisor
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Mr. Correia

Historic buildings connect to the landscape they are built on. The landscape (including the trees and scrubs) enhances the buildings and the buildings offer the landscape, an elevated purpose: a slice of place, time and history for all to see. This is truly the case with the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse know fondly to the community and visitors alike as Great Hall/Long Hall, in Plummer Park, West Hollywood CA.

Our organization, The West Hollywood Tree Preservation Society's (WHTPS) mission statement is about preserving trees. We pay special attention to heritage trees (a special category of the best examples of mature trees) and historical trees which are part of a historic place and create a special significants to community.

The rare, historic, 1938 WPA structure, The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse has been nominated by the State Office of Historic Preservation for historic designation. As the Executive Director of WHTPS, on behalf of the organization we ask that you add our support for this designation and would urge "the Keeper" in Washington, DC to add The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse to the National Register of Historic Places, thereby helping to restore and protect these building and landscape for future generation to enjoy.

Respectfully,
Angee Beckett, Executive Director WHTPS

From: Blaivas [mailto:photoop13@aol.com]

Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 11:36 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Nomination WPA Plummer Park Community Clubhouse, West Hollywood, CA

April 12, 2013

Jay Correia
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Mr. Correia,

I am writing to you in total support of the nomination of Great Hall/Long Hall (Plummer Park Community Clubhouse) in West Hollywood, California, to the National Register of Historic Places. It is such a thrill to think that these buildings have the chance to be honored and not just as a local historic place but nationally.

I have lived on North Vista Street, adjacent to Historic Plummer Park for over 20 years and I have witnessed how well Great Hall/Long Hall has served, and continues to serve, the community. Plummer Park is the oldest park in West Hollywood and has a charm and neighborhood feeling, which is certainly enhanced by these buildings. As one of the founders of Protect Historic Plummer Park, (a grassroots community based group of very concerned citizens whose mission is to save Historic Plummer Park, her trees and Historic Great Hall/Long Hall), I urge you to honor these wonderful buildings by granting them designation.

Respectfully,

Cathy Blaivas

cc: Julianne Polanco, Chair, State Historic Resources Commission
Dr. Carol Roland-Nawi, State Historic Preservation Officer

From: Laura Boccaletti [<mailto:lboccaletti@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 11:14 AM

To: Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks

Subject: Plummer Park Clubhouse nomination

Dear Dr. Rolan-Nawi,

I am writing in support of the nomination of the Plummer Park Clubhouse, West Hollywood, to the National Register of Historic Places.

I feel strongly that this wonderful example of Spanish Revival architecture, built as a WPA project in 1936, exemplifies a significant time in American history that should not be forgotten, but preserved for generations to come.

It has continued to be an asset to the County of Los Angeles and the City of West Hollywood through the years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Laura Boccaletti

1145 N. Ogden Drive

West Hollywood, CA 90046

From: Geoffrey Buck [mailto:geoffbuck@me.com]

Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 11:05 AM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Support Designation of Plummer Park Community Clubhouse as Historic Place

The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse, (now known as Great Hall/Long Hall), located in West Hollywood, California, has been nominated by the State Office of Historic Preservation for historic designation and on May 1st it is on the consent calendar to receive that honor. I am writing to state my support for designating the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall), located in West Hollywood California, a historic place, and I also urge "the Keeper" in Washington, DC, to add The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse is a vital part of West Hollywood's history. It is at this location that ACTUP LA was born. This WPA building is a part of our history and is in a declining condition because of city neglect. Many in the community feel Great Hall/Long Hall can be restored to its original beauty and charm.

Please help the residents of West Hollywood, and the community at large, to preserve the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall).

Thank you for your consideration.

Geoffrey Buck
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West Hollywood, CA 90046

From: virginia comer [mailto:vclinden@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2013 12:35 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Saving Plummer Park in West Hollywood, CA

As an author-historian of six books on Los Angeles, I am astonished to see the City of West Hollywood claim that it is the wish of the community to destroy Plummer Park and the community it serves. There are tennis courts, picnic tables, tables for chess players and ALL THOSE WONDERFUL OXYGEN-GIVING TREES. Worse yet, the purpose for this insensitive destruction is to build an underground garage to house the fossil-fueled autos which rob the community daily of quality air.

It's time to stop accommodating the internal-combustion machine and financially adding to the oil companies' billions in profits. No city in California can afford to build another monument to automobiles run on fossil fuels. Spend money on alternative fuels. Does anyone ever see the obscenely wealthy oil companies build such accommodations for their money-making machines? It's all wrong. How dare they reject the honor of having an historic building? The reason is obvious. They do not wish to have the historic designation block their greedy plans.

The proposed underground garage is a wasteful enterprise, benefitting only the builders and contractors of this anti-community project. Folks who live in the community can walk pretty much where they want to go. I know from experience. While working on my histories, I stayed at the Harper House (On Harper, one block below the Sunshine Strip). I also stayed on Londonderry Place, just above the Sunset Strip. I walked everywhere, though there is bus service.

On of my books, **Angels Flight, the History of Bunker Hill's Incline Railway**, documents the changes the CRA instigated by making sure this "blighted" area was removed, along with the City's only historical icon, Angels Flight (1901). What replaced this community of older folks who lived in dignity on the heights of Bunker Hill? Tall glass buildings which housed insurance and law firms. It took the City of LA more than a quarter of a century to replace the little funicular, whose daily use was cut by more than half with just office workers who did not need to go down to the Barrio below.

Bottom line, Plummer Park must stay; Common sense and the community of West Hollywood demand it.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

sincerely,

Virginia L. Comer
Author-Historian

-----Original Message-----

From: Donald T Freeman MD. [mailto:dfreeman@ucla.edu]

Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 8:49 AM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Preservation of West Hollywood's Plummer Park Community Club House

4.11.13

California State Parks

P.O. Box 94296, Sacramento, CA. 94296-0001

Attn: Office of Historic Preservation Officer

Dear Historic Preservation Officer:

I am writing to support the nomination of The West Hollywood Plummer Park Community Club House (Great Hall / Long Hall) to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and for the protection of this significant structure.

I have lived in West Hollywood for 20 years, 10 as a renter and 10 as a homeowner of a 1926 Spanish Revival duplex. Spanish Revival style is one of the hallmarks of California living, particularly in Southern California, a delight, and a with an appeal that endures. It continues to convey the hope, optimism, and magic of moving to California from the time of the dust bowl to the present.

The Great Hall is a wonderful example of these emotions and serves as an important community space, nestled in a small, but lovely urban park. Once preserved, the Hall will continue to inspire optimism and provide an understanding to our heritage for future generations, regardless of what the current fashion is for fountains and building styles.

The current West Hollywood City Council is directing city government toward demolishing this historic building and replacing it with a parking lot -- another concept that has embodied California, but one that we are not so proud of. Furthermore, the parking lot is likely to have limited longevity since Los Angeles' new subway stops not far from this proposed parking lot obviating the need for parking. This historic building is likely to remain a community hub for a very long time, especially with your help.

In addition to the parking lot, the city plans to replace this classic with a tricked-out park with all sorts of modern water-features and movie lighting which would be out-of-place and out-of-character. I believe we will look back on such a project the way now obsolete architecture from times past is seen as a fad of the time rather than timeless.

On the other side of West Hollywood, the council has already taken over one park, bulldozed over several important trees and structures -- including a significant mid-century building designed by renowned architect Edward H Fickett -- and created a bland park. The city has repeatedly replaced buildings with distinctive style, historic value and continued functionality with anonymous, style-less -- or worse -- stylin' architecture.

We do not want this to happen to Plummer Park.

Thank you for the work that you do and for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Donald T Freeman, MD
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dfreeman@ucla.edu

From: Sherry Frumkin [<mailto:sherry.frumkin@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 4:47 PM

To: Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks

Subject: Plummer Park Community Clubhouse

I am writing as a resident of Los Angeles to urge you to support the designation of the rare, historic WPA Plummer Park Community Clubhouse as a State Historic Preservation building. I wish to raise my objection to the planned demolition of Plummer Park. As well I object to the proposal to obtain money from the State of California by way of the now defunct Redevelopment Agency. This is not the community's vision for this space.

I sincerely hope you take the real interests and desires of the residents of this area seriously.

Sherry Frumkin
Los Angeles, CA

Thomas Fuchs
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West Hollywood, CA 90046

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April 15, 2013

Re: Plummer Park

To Whom It May Concern:

As a very long term resident of West Hollywood (about 45 years), I am distressed by the recent action taken by our City Council with respect to the historic buildings in our Plummer Park. They are a link to the past not only of our immediate community but of Greater Los Angeles as well.

The buildings ought to be cherished and preserved not neglected and then destroyed. Please grant the Great Hall (Clubhouse) the haven of the Historic Register.

Sincerely, Thomas Fuchs

From: rosalinegeorge@aol.com [mailto:rosalinegeorge@aol.com]

Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 2:17 PM

To: Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks

Subject: RE PLUMMER PARK

APRIL 13, 2013,

DEAR MS. ROWLAND

I support the nomination of the 1938, WPA Plummer Park Community Clubhouse.

Thank You,

MS ROSALINE GEORGE

10600 WILSHIRE BLVD. # 308

LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

rosalinegeorge@aol.com

From: rosalinegeorge@aol.com [mailto:rosalinegeorge@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 12:35 PM

To: Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks

Subject: PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE

APRIL 15, 2013,

TO: Dr. Carol Roland -Nawi

State Historic Preservation Officer

California Department of Parks and Recreation

Office of Historic Preservation

1725 23rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi,

I support the nomination of the 1938, WPA Plummer Park Community Clubhouse.

Thank You,

MS ROSALINE GEORGE

10600 WILSHIRE BLVD. # 308

LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

rosalinegeorge@aol.com,

Virginia Gillick
1400 North Hayworth Avenue
West Hollywood, CA 90046
310 713-9038

Carol Rolan-Nawi, Ph.D.
State Historic Preservation Officer
CA Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Ms. Roland-Nawi:

I write concerning Great Hall/Long Hall a.k.a. The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse in West Hollywood which you will be considering for designation as an historic place at your May 1, 2013 meeting.

West Hollywood has been my home since 1989, and I have spent many hours in these buildings for this meeting or that meeting, for conferences and spiritual seminars, etc. These buildings have not been kept up due to the City's insistence that they would like to tear them down. However, they are WPA buildings, which are lovely, have a great lot of history due to their reasons for being built and for the many historical events that have taken place in them. The community is not in favor of their demolition and we feel they could be restored to something quite grand for our City.

I urge you to do anything you can to help us save these buildings which are incredibly special. I also urge you to understand that although our City Council states that we have overriding considerations, if the buildings were designated it is possible that they would overlook what they *think* are overriding considerations and restore these buildings to their original beauty.

Sincerely,

Virginia Gillick

cc: Julianne Polanco, Chair, State Historic Resources Commission
Jay Correia, Supervisor, Office of Historic Preservation

From: Laurie Harris [<mailto:harris.laurie.s@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2013 4:26 PM

To: Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks

Subject: Plummer Park

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi,

I am a property owner in West Hollywood and in Los Angeles. I am writing in support of the nomination of the 1938 WPA structure, the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse, for historic designation. The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse is a beautiful structure and a true landmark in our city. My late father, Ben Harris, moved to that neighborhood when he was 14 years old. The park, its structure and green open space has been part of our life and an important part of the daily life of the neighborhood since it was built. I hope it will be officially designated in the National Register of Historic Places and that you will help keep it as it is by advocating its inclusion on the National Register.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration of this letter,

Laurie Harris

Laurie Harris

From: Kelly Kilmer [mailto:egorey99@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 1:37 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: re: Plummer Park West Hollywood, CA National Register of Historic Places

To Whom It May Concern,

Please protect and place Plummer Park's Club House in West Hollywood, CA on the National Register of Historic Places.

As a resident of West Hollywood, it is a building that I am proud to see on a daily basis. It reminds us of our history (especially the WPA projects) in a time when our city seems to be bent on destroying our past. My family and I utilize the park on a regular basis and it has become a big part of our lives. We do not want to see it destroyed.

Thank you for the consideration and your time,

Mrs. Kelly Kilmer
West Hollywood, CA
EGorey99@sbcglobal.net

From: David Krieger [mailto:dkrieger@napf.org]
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 11:50 AM
To: Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks; julianne.polanco@parks.ca.gov
Cc: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Please Preserve Historic WPA Buildings

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D
State Historic Preservation Officer
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Jullianne Polanco
Chair - State Historic Resources Commission
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi and Ms. Jullianne Polanco,

As a resident of California, I wish to convey to you my strong support for the nomination of the 1938 WPA Plummer Park Community Clubhouse by the State Office of Historic Preservation for historic designation. I urge the State of California to preserve these historic buildings.

David Krieger
President
Nuclear Age Peace Foundation
PMB 121, 1187 Coast Village Road, Suite 1
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

cc. Jay Correia, Supervisor
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95816

From: David Kydd [mailto:dkydd1@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 11:12 AM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject:

Hello Jay,

Please retain The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse as a bonafide candidate to the National Register of Historic Places. Our community of neighbors around the park have consistently opposed the scheme of developers to demolish this beautiful bldg.

Might I ask you, Jay: what data, in terms of population numbers, do you all use to determine that the 'master plan' is really the community's will? Can you provide the numbers, please?

Thanks for your help in this controversial matter.

I entirely support the nomination of The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse --- Great Hall/Long Hall --- to the National Register.

Kind regards,
David Kydd

Original Message-----

From: martincomet [mailto:martincomet@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 5:52 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks; Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks; jpolanco@parks.ca.gov;
julianne.polanco@parks.ca.gov

Cc: Communications, Info@Parks

Subject: Great Hall / Long Hall in West Hollywood

As residents of West Hollywood, CA, we are writing you in strong support for the nomination of the 1938 WPA Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall / Long Hall) by the State Office of Historic Preservation to the National Register of Historic Places.

I live one block away from these historic Spanish Colonial Revival style buildings that have been neglected by the city but are treasured by many of us residents. Our elected officials are trying to demolish the buildings as part of a highly controversial underground parking plan in spite of growing public outcry to prevent this from happening.

As the only remaining WPA structures in our city (and one of very few in the county of Los Angeles) the buildings are the historic centerpiece of Plummer Park (where the Plummer House used to stand as well, CA Historic Landmark #160), an important asset to the City of West Hollywood, the County of Los Angeles, the State of California and the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rudolf Martin & Katherine Laplant

1110 Vista Street

West Hollywood, CA 90046

From: Pet Set Rex [mailto:petsetrex@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 4:51 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Protect Plummer Park Community Club House

Please support the nomination of West Hollywood's Plummer Park Community Club House for the National Register of Historic Places. The City of West Hollywood's official position is to reject the nomination, so that they can tear down this landmark and build a parking lot. Please don't let that happen.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Geoffrey Long
1133 N Genesee Av #2
West Hollywood CA 90046

From: Alice Lynn [mailto:alicelynn@me.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2013 11:13 AM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Preservation of the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse

Dear Mr. Correia,

As a long time resident, and native, of Los Angeles, I am writing on behalf of preserving the historic Plummer Park Community Clubhouse, or as it is now known, as the Great or Long Hall. I would encourage that this rare, historic 1938 WPA Structure be acknowledged by the State Office of Historic Preservation for historic designation.

As a child in the 1940's I frequented Plummer Park on many occasions, having played in this very hall in an all city high school orchestra. It holds many memories for me, and the thought that it would be destroyed to make underground parking available, as well as uprooting some 50 old growth trees is indeed a tragedy.

Please do consider keeping this structure for historic designation; to lose it would be destroying a part of a very important part of the history of Los Angeles.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alice Lynn
17209 Avenida de la Herradura
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

From: b j [mailto:briannajpain@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 4:47 PM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Fw: Update about 'City of West Hollywood: STOP THE PLUMMER PARK MASTER PLAN ' on Change.org

Please support the nomination of West Hollywood's The Plummer Park Community Club House for the National Register of Historic Places. The City of West Hollywood's official position is to reject the nomination, so that they can tear down this landmark and build a parking lot. Please don't let that happen.

Thank you.

Maren McConnell-Collins
1133 N Genesee Av #2
West Hollywood CA 90046

From: Luke Martin [mailto:lukemcmahan@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 11:53 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Nomination for Plummer Park

I support the nomination for the Plummer Park Community Club House.

Luke McMahan

From: Lidiya Plotkina [mailto:vadim-vadim@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 5:06 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Cc: message from
Subject: Plummer Park

Protect Plummer park historic places from demolition. We don't need the underground parking instead of them. We need landmark status for our heritage! Thank you, Vadim Plotkin.

From: judybq@aol.com [mailto:judybq@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 6:35 PM
To: carol.roland-nawi@prks.ca.gov
Cc: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject:

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi,

As a longtime resident of the nearby Beverly Hills Post Office area, I write concerning the future of a rare and much-loved structure in our neighboring community of West Hollywood.

It is my understanding that the 1938, WPA-built Plummer Park Community Clubhouse has been nominated for a historic designation by the State Office of Historic Preservation, and that this matter is on the consent calendar for May 1, 2013.

I grew up in New York, but since my father began working with a major motion picture company in the mid 1930s,, we often came to Los Angeles, originally taking the train from New York and Chicago to the Pasadena station and then staying at the Ambassador when there was little development further to the west.

I believe it was on a trip in the early 1940s, not too long after the start of World War II, when we drove from Paramount Studios one afternoon into Beverly Hills. I recall seeing the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse and my parents explaining the WPA to me, I moved here in 1957, but never fail to recall its place in the history of our community when I'm in that area or even passing through it. And my own grown children and grandchildren (born and raised in Los Angeles) all have fond memories of the Park and the Clubhouse as well.

Like many of us, I'm hoping that the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse will receive an official historic site designation.

Thank you for our consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Judith Balaban Quine
Tel. (310) 850-2739

From: Chloe Ross [<mailto:trstrap@aol.com>]
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2013 6:49 PM
To: Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks; info@park.ca.gov; jpolanco@parks.ca.gov
Subject: URGENT - WPA PLUMMER PARK, West Hollywood

Ms. Roland-Mawi, Julianne Polanco and All Other Staff Concerned Staff in this Matter:

We are honored by the nomination the WPA buildings in West Hollywood's Plummer Park Have received. This park is a delight in our area. The WPA buildings are wonderful (my godson attended Head Start in them in 1990) and the entire park is an oasis in a very rapidly changing part of our very small city.

Four of our councilpersons want to demolish these buildings before they reach May 1st. In a very nasty attack on them at the April 1, 2013 City Council meeting - one councilperson lashed out and stated they should be demolished forthwith. The *community vision* he remarked upon was not the vision of our community - the people who use the park. The four members are determined to build expensive (27 million dollars of a bond issue that is not manageable due to the state's financial interruption of renovation monies) underground parking that will include the destruction of 54 old growth trees, bird habitats and of course our only WPA buildings. Citing decrepitude and neglect, the justification for this act of vandalism by the four who voted for the demolition failed to mention that the neglect was under their watch and the buildings were not maintained properly since the mid 90's. We of the Protect Plummer Park community and the WHPA believe this neglect was allowed to occur with design and malice. Our city council has been made up of several members who have sat on the excessively for excessively long terms. I do not believe any of them frequent Plummer Park because they consider the Eastern part of West Hollywood to be blighted and not quite as glamorous as the area west of Fairfax Avenue. Again - monies have been allocated in determinations made by them and city "staff".

I love these buildings and so do many, many others in the community. We would receive the honor of a listing humbly and with great gratitude. I simply request that you do all in your purview to at least allow the buildings to make it until May 1st using any legal means at your disposal. We do NOT want these WPA buildings removed, destroyed or demolished. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Chloe Ross
7553 Norton Avenue #4
West Hollywood, CA 90046
323-874-3044

From: Chloe Ross [mailto:trstrap@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 11:47 AM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Plummer Park/WPA

Dear Jay:

We spoke about 18 months ago about our wonderful Plummer Park and it has been calendared by the SOHP for May 1st for a vote and for possible inclusion on the National Register. We - who have become activists for the Park, are honored by this consideration and welcome it. This park is a delight in our area. The WPA buildings are wonderful (my godson attended Head Start in them in 1990) and the entire park is an oasis in a very rapidly changing part of our very small city.

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Respectfully,

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7553 Norton Avenue #4
West Hollywood, CA 90046
323-874-3044

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April 15, 2013

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D
Julianne Polanco, Chair. State Historic Resources Commission
Jay Correia, Supervisor Calif Dept of Parks & Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street
Sacramento, Ca. 95816

RE: GREAT HALL/LONG HALL
PLUMMER PARK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

Greetings,

The nomination of the 1938 WPA structure known as Great Hall/Long Hall aka The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse is indeed a great and desirable honor for a structure that signifies an important milestone in our history.

This structure in its lovely and appropriate setting of old growth trees provides a link not only to the WPA era but also to the timeless original Eugenio Plummer Estate currently a park. Unfortunately after West Hollywood was established as a city, there was apparently a lack of knowledgeable minds available to recognize this somewhat humble structure from a important period amidst the more obvious structures that were designated as landmarks. Its lack of proper care and upkeep resulting from this oversight can surely be remedied in the appropriate and carefully hands of those more capable of preserving and burnishing a jewel for the community to enjoy and appreciate.

I respectfully urge you to designate this structure as a state landmark which would hopefully lead the way for National Historic recognition.

Sincerely,

Lynn Russell

1360 NORTH CRESCENT HEIGHTS BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90046
SUITE 6-C

323.850.8689

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-----Original Message-----

From: David Sampson [mailto:gardengreenprop@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2013 11:08 AM

To: Correia, Jay@Parks

Subject: Yes on Plummer Park historical designation

Dear Mr. Correia,

I am writing to express my support for the historic preservation of the great hall at Plummer park in west Hollywood. The great hall is a centerpiece of the neighborhood. It holds a rich history and serves our community in a real and meaningful way today.

Plummer park serves thousands of citizens in the neighborhood. It does not need a major renovation. The only purpose of the proposed renovation is to line the pockets of the fat cats selling municipal bonds to pay for it and their cronies in the architecture/building firms.

Please know that by approving the historical status of the great hall, you are honoring the will of the people who live here.

Sincerely,

David Sampson
West Hollywood

April 12, 2013,

Hello,

As a native of Los Angeles, I want to register support for the nomination of the 1938 WPA structure, The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse--and I hope it will be officially designated.

In a relatively new big city in the country, it is important that we hold onto our historic treasures!!

Thank you kindly for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Schwab

April 14, 2013

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D,
State Historic Preservation Officer
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi,

As a resident of California I am writing to support the nomination of the 1938 WPA structure, The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse in hope that it will be officially designated. Please do not let the City of West Hollywood reject this nomination and decline to accept this honor on May 1st. For almost two years, 100's of residents have spoken out and 1,000s of petitions have been signed rejecting the city's plan. This is a rare historic structure surrounded by 54 old growth trees and must be saved.

Thank you,
Arlene Trotter

Cc Julianne Polanco
Chair - State Historic Resources Commission

-----Original Message-----

From: Don and Jacky Wallace [mailto:marywallace1@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 1:51 PM
To: Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks
Subject: WPA Plummer Park Clubhouse preservation effort

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D
State Historic Preservation Officer
California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi:

As a long time resident of Southern California, I take pride in the outstanding architectural heritage that is found here in abundance. From Greene & Greene to Wright to Schindler, Gill, Neutra, Eames and many more, it is obvious that Los Angeles was a Mecca for many of America's greatest architects for over a century. Perversely, Los Angeles also is notorious for carelessly demolishing architectural masterpieces to make way for yet more parking lots. I am writing to you, in haste, to lend support to a long-running campaign to prevent this happening to another beloved structure, the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse, which, with its old-growth trees has been nominated for Historic designation on May 1, and is on the consent calendar to receive that designation, and then to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is absurdly tragic that the City of West Hollywood has refused this designation, ignoring years of effort and thousands of petitions by local concerned citizens. Apparently, the city prefers a parking lot that would destroy 54 old-growth trees and wipe out a beloved and truly historic structure, built in 1938 by WPA labor.

I urge you to do whatever is necessary to prevent this bureaucratic nightmare from happening.

Sincerely Yours,

Donald Wallace (4th generation Californian)
470 West Highland Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010

From: Chic Wolk [mailto:chicwolk@webtv.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 3:17 PM
To: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Plummer Park

I urge you to leave Plummer Park as is.
It is a beautiful asset serving the West Hollywood community. It has historic value and should not be disturbed.
S. C. Wolk

From: Adam Wolman [mailto:adam@widelantern.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 3:12 PM
To: Roland-Nawi, Carol@Parks; Communications, Info@Parks; jpolanco@parks.ca.gov; julianne.polanco@parks.ca.gov
Cc: Correia, Jay@Parks
Subject: Please save the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse

Dear Ms. Polanco, Dr. Roland-Nawi, et al.:

The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (now known as Great Hall/Long Hall) is a rare, historic, 1938 WPA structure. It has been nominated by the State Office of Historic Preservation for historic designation and on May 1 is on the consent calendar to receive that honor.

Why has the City of West Hollywood rejected the nomination and declined to accept the honor? From what I understand, it's to maintain "flexibility" to be able to demolish the buildings in order to facilitate installation of underground parking, which would also destroy 54 old-growth trees.

Hundreds of residents have spoken out for almost two years and thousands have signed petitions rejecting the city's plan, but city refuses to change its position.

As a Los Angeles resident who frequents the West Hollywood area and who cares deeply about historic preservation, I endorse the nomination of the the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse to be declared a historic structure, and very much hope you will support its being so designated.

Many thanks for your consideration,
Adam Wolman
Los Angeles

Cari Beauchamp

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cell:310-663-7440

Julianne Polanco
Chair - State Historic Resources Commission
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95816

April 6, 2013

Dear Ms Polanco:

As a fourth generation Californian, an historian and someone who cares very deeply about the Los Angeles area, I am writing to plead with you to give The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse in West Hollywood historic designation. We have lost so many historic buildings here and this is a true gem that must be saved. Rarely have I seen the local community so committed to saving a property and your help is crucial to keep this important piece of history alive for future generations to enjoy and appreciate.

Thank you for your time and attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cari Beauchamp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent initial "C".

NORMAN LEAR

April 10, 2013

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D
State Historic Preservation Officer
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi:

I am writing to state my support for the nomination of the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall), located in West Hollywood, to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse is an important part of West Hollywood's history and the history of our nation. I am old enough, trust me, to remember what the Works Projects Administration meant to this country in some of our darkest days. To have one of the few remaining WPA structures in Los Angeles County receive designation and to be preserved would, indeed, be an honor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Norman Lear". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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9 April 2013

California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street
Sacramento CA 95816

To: Carol Roland-Nawi PhD, State Historic Preservation Officer
Julianne Polanco, chair, State Historic Resources Commission
Jay Correia, Supervisor

Re: Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall)

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi, Ms. Polanco, and Mr. Correia,

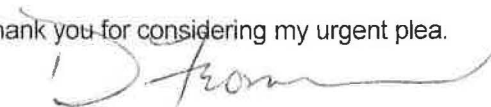
Please forgive my sending each of you the same letter, but I have no choice as I am involved in a deadline I must observe.

I want each of you to know that I fully support the designation of Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (aka Great Hall/Long Hall), which is in West Hollywood, California, as a historic place. I would like to urge the "Keeper" to add it to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Clubhouse has been an important part of the history of West Hollywood. My own beloved Grandmother, who lived in West Hollywood, spent many many happy hours there in the 1950's-1970's till her demise. I'm told that it wouldn't be too difficult to do some restoration work on it to make it as lovely as it once was.

I strongly request that you help West Hollywood's residents and the LA community at large to preserve this fine place. It should be registered in the National Register of Historic Places to be enjoyed by the citizenry for all time.

Thank you for considering my urgent plea.


Dodi Fromson

Lisa Siegel
1021 N. Gardner St. #5
West Hollywood, CA 90046

April 11, 2013

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D
State Historic Preservation Officer
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street
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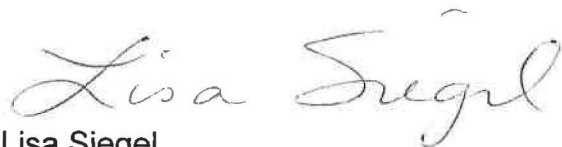
Dear Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D.,

I am writing to state my support for designating the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall), located in West Hollywood California, a historic place. I would also urge "the Keeper" in Washington, DC, to add The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse is a vital part of West Hollywood's history. Many in the community feel Great Hall/Long Hall can be restored to its original beauty and charm.

Please help the residents of West Hollywood, and the community at large, to preserve the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse (Great Hall/Long Hall).

Thank you for your consideration,



Lisa Siegel

4.10.13

California State Parks
Attn: Office of Historic Preservation Officer
P.O. Box 94296, Sacramento, CA. 94296-0001

Dear Office of Historic Preservation Officer

As a resident of West Hollywood for over 20 years and as an owner of a 1926 Spanish style duplex in West Hollywood, I would like to stress my support of the nomination of The Plummer Park Community Club House (Great Hall/Long Hall) to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and for the protection of this significant structure.

As a transplant from the East Coast, I fell in love with the Spanish revival style architecture that represents the hope, optimism, and magic that embodied California during the 1920-30.

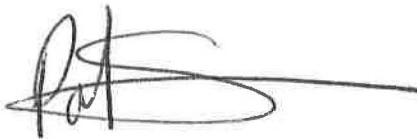
The Great Hall is a wonderful example of these emotions and serves as an important community space, nestled in a small, but lovely urban park. Once preserved, the Hall will continue to inspire optimism and provide an understanding to our heritage for future generations, regardless of what the current fashion is for fountains and building styles.

Despite our current West Hollywood City Council's rejection of this national honor – the residents do want this building preserved and the historic recognition. The city is planning to demolish it and put up a parking lot – another concept that has embodied California, but one that we are not so proud of.

The building and park is actively used and serves the community well. We feel that a tricked-out park with all sorts of modern water-features and movie lighting would be out-of-place and out-of-character. On the other side of West Hollywood, the council has already taken over one park, bulldozed over several important trees and structures – including a significant mid-century building designed by renowned architect Edward H Fickett – and created a bland park. We do not want this to happen to our Plummer Park.

Thank you for the work that you do and for your attention to this letter.

Looking forward,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Shandrick', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Shandrick
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April 9, 2013

California State Parks
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Post Office Box 94296
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Greetings –

It is with extreme pleasure that we understand that the California State Parks are considering our wonderful Great Hall and Long Hall at the only park on the city's east side, Plummer Park, for designation as an historic landmarks. These rare, historic buildings are the cornerstone of Plummer Park, both with a long and useful history, beloved by the community and which we have enjoyed during our thirty-nine years as residents of West Hollywood. As a long-time member of the National Trust for Historic preservation, I am acutely aware of the important role such buildings have in the on-going life of our community. As well as a important part of our community activities, the two Halls help establish a sense of history in the children of West Hollywood as well as providing a vibrant and colorful link with the past for our older citizens and visitors.

Since the city's incorporation in 1984, our city council has repeatedly moved to demolish them in spite of the wishes of the residents. We know that the buildings have "good bones" as well as fitting the character of our Southern California heritage. These edifices were designed and built during the Works Progress Administration era, and like the Union Terminal in downtown Los Angeles and other buildings of the same period, contain unique historic references, murals and both interior and exterior designs features most worthy of preservation.

We urge your affirmative response to the application for historic designation before you.

Sincerely,

Carleton Cronin



Toby Ann Cronin

April 14, 2013

- ✓ Dr. Carol Roland-Nawi
- ✓ Ms. Julianne Polanco
- ✓ Mr. Jay Correia

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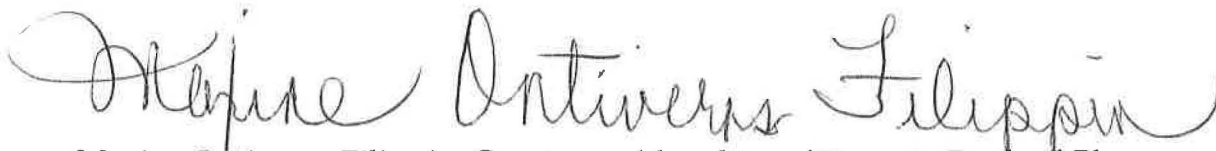
Re: Plummer Park Community Clubhouse

Dear Ladies and Gentleman,

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse for historic designation.

Plummer Park has special meaning to me because I am, in fact, the great-granddaughter of Eugenio Raphael Plummer. My grandmother was his only daughter. The 7.5 square acres of parkland is all that is left of Grandfather Eugenio's rancho. On opening day in 1938, he was part of the dedication ceremony and lit the first fire in the fireplace in the lobby of Great Hall. I think he would have been proud to know that the Clubhouse will finally have the opportunity to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building is in need of restoration and I hope it will be preserved for future generations to enjoy. Thank you for this great honor that is inextricably tied to my family's history. You might be interested to know that there are at least 25 living direct descendants of the Plummer family.

Sincerely yours,



Maxine Ontiveros Filippin, Great-granddaughter of Eugenio Raphael Plummer
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Urgent: Reply ASAP Please Comment Please Review For Your Information

Comments:

Support Letter for Nomination of Plummer park Community Clubhouse, West Hollywood, CA

Signatures gathered at April 14, 2013 LA Heritage Day at the Pico House, Los Angeles

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April 12, 2013

Dr. Carol Roland-Nawi,
State Historic Preservation Officer
California Department of Parks and Recreation
1725 23rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi,

I am writing to you in total support of the nomination of Great Hall/Long Hall (Plummer Park Community Clubhouse) in West Hollywood, California, to the National Register of Historic Places. It is such a thrill to think that these buildings have the chance to be honored and not just as a local historic place but nationally.

I have lived on North Vista Street, adjacent to Historic Plummer Park for over 20 years and I have witnessed how well Great Hall/Long Hall has served, and continues to serve, the community. Plummer Park is the oldest park in West Hollywood and has a charm and neighborhood feeling, which is certainly enhanced by these buildings. As one of the founders of Protect Historic Plummer Park, (a grassroots community based group of very concerned citizens whose mission is to save Historic Plummer Park, her trees and Historic Great Hall/Long Hall), I urge you to honor these wonderful buildings by granting them designation.

Respectfully,



Cathy Blaiwas

cc: Julianne Polanco, Chair, State Historic Resources Commission
Jay Correia, Supervisor, CA Department of Parks and Recreation

April 14, 2013

OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
CALIFORNIA DEPT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi, Ms. Polanco and Mr. Correia,

We, the undersigned, urge you to accept the nomination of the 1938 WPA Plummer Park Community Clubhouse in West Hollywood, CA. We hope you will designate this Spanish Colonial Revival structure and that it will eventually be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for the great honor of your consideration.

Sincerely,

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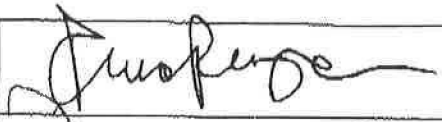





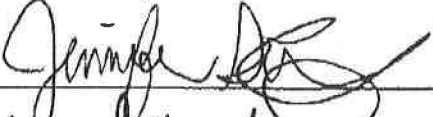
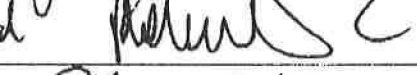

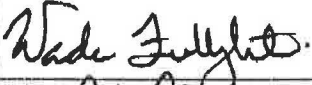

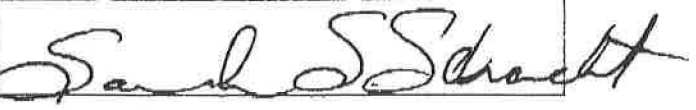
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Via Facsimile & US Mail

April 14, 2013

Dr. Carol Roland-Nawi,
State Historic Preservation Officer
California Department of Parks and Recreation
1725 23rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi,

As co-founder of the grassroots movement known as Protect Plummer Park, I am writing to lend my support to the nomination of Great Hall/Long Hall, the 1938 WPA Plummer Park Community Clubhouse. PPP is a large group of neighbors and residents of West Hollywood and Los Angeles, California, from all walks of life and of all ages, dedicated to the preservation of Plummer Park, her old growth trees and her historic structures. As you know, Jen Dunbar, one of our active members, has filed the nomination for the beautiful Spanish Colonial Revival structure in our neighborhood park. I am most excited that the designation may finally come to fruition under your guidance.

Please know that I support your final decision and hope that your action is affirmative to preserve this important part of our community and indeed, this important part of our nation's history.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie J. Harker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephanie J. Harker
1139 N. Vista Street
West Hollywood, CA 90046

30 year resident of West Hollywood, CA
Co-Founder, Protect Plummer Park

cc: Julianne Polanco, Chair, State Historic Resources Commission
Jay Correia, Supervisor, CA Department of Parks and Recreation

April 14, 2013

Carol Roland-Nawi, PhD
State Historic Preservation Resources Commission
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi,

I am writing in support of the nomination submitted by Jen Dunbar for the WPA building, **The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse**. From what I understand it is representative Spanish Colonial Revival architecture and completed in 1938. I also understand that it is a rare actual structure (as opposed to an art work) from the WPA era, that still exists in Los Angeles County.

Thank you for considering the nomination. Many of us who are history buffs feel this would be an important addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for the work you do.

Best regards,



VICTORIA OMELCHENKO
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CA
90069

cc: Julianne Polanco, Chair
Jay Correia, Supervisor

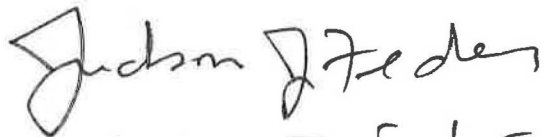
April 14, 2013

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi, Ms. Polanco and Mr. Correira,

I am so happy you are considering the nomination for designation for the historic 1938 Plummer Park Community Clubhouse in West Hollywood, CA. It is a fine building located in an historic neighborhood (seven designated buildings on the block already). I hope you will grant the building designation so it can be preserved and take its place in the history books for all time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most sincerely,



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PROTECT PLUMMER PARK

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April 15, 2013

Carol Roland-Nawi, PhD
State Historic Preservation Officer
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street Suite 100
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Membership List

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi

This letter of support for the nomination of the 1938 WPA Plummer Park Community Clubhouse comes to you from the grassroots, neighborhood organization, *Protect Plummer Park*. When we formed two years ago, our goals were to save the historic buildings and the 54 old growth trees that still stand proudly in our neighborhood park. The City of West Hollywood intended to commence demolition in January of 2012. Fortunately, that has not happened, due in large part, to the outcry from hundreds of members of our small town community, who respect history and want to help preserve it for future generations.

Many residents of West Hollywood and the surrounding area, take pride in our historic structures and we would like to see as many of them as possible, restored and preserved in accordance with the Standards of the Secretary of the Interior. It would be a great honor if your office grants designation for the Clubhouse, locally known as Great Hall/Long Hall. We feel it will also honor the work of a generation of craftsmen and artisans who, under the Works Progress Administration, helped pull our country from the depths of the Great Depression by working on projects that benefitted the community. Great Hall/Long Hall was built as a gathering place and even now, many in the city continue to meet in the halls and in the courtyard for social, educational and political events. While the structure is threatened by a modern architect and city planners, who value underground parking more than our heritage, Mr. Brett's design has literally stood the test of time, even against several major earthquakes. The old adage is true; They don't make 'em like they used to! The Spanish Colonial Revival style fits well into the surrounding neighborhood and harkens back to the mission era in Southern California.

Members of *Protect Plummer Park* are whole-heartedly in support of the nomination and we thank you for your consideration of historic designation.

Sincerely,

Stephanie J. Harker, Co-founder Protect Plummer Park
Cathy Blaivas, Co-founder, Protect Plummer Park



(continued on next page- attachments list at the end)

Partial List of Members:

Maxine Ontiveros Filippin, (Great-grand daughter of Eugenio Plummer)

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Attachments:

Outline Plummer Park The First Seven Years
Plummer Park, It's History and Objectives
Historical Facts Plummer Park
(3) Articles in re: Plummer Park

cc: Jay Correia
Julianne Polanco

10 April 2013

Re: Plummer Park Community Clubhouse

Attention:

Dr. Carol Roland-Nawi
Ms. Julianne Polanco
Mr. Jay Correia
CALIF DEPT OF PARKS & RECREATION
OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
1725 23RD STREET
SACRAMENTO CA 95816

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi, Ms. Polanco and Mr. Correia,

It has come to my attention that the Community Clubhouse, presently known as Great Hall/Long Hall is being nominated for designation on the National Register of Historic Places. What an honor for our community and for the Nation. The fact that Great Hall/Long Hall is the only WPA building in West Hollywood and one of few in all of Los Angeles makes these structures even more significant.

I am in hopes that you will support the nomination and designate these buildings.

Respectfully,

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April 14, 2013

Mr. Jay Correia
Supervisor
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
1725 23rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Mr. Jay Correia,

Historic buildings connect to the landscape they are built on. The landscape (including the trees and shrubs) enhances the buildings. The buildings offer the landscape an elevated purpose: a slice of place, time and history for all to see. This is truly the case with the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse known fondly to the community and visitors alike as Great Hall/Long Hall, in Plummer Park, West Hollywood, California.

The West Hollywood Tree Preservation Society's (WHTPS) mission statement is about preserving trees. We pay special attention to heritage trees (a special category of the best examples of mature trees) and historical trees which are part of a historic place and create a special significance to the community.

The rare, historic, 1938 WPA structure, the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse has been nominated by the State Office of Historic Preservation for historic designation. As the Executive Director of WHTPS, on behalf of the organization, we ask that you add our support for this designation and would urge "the Keeper" in Washington, DC to add The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse to the National Register of Historic Places, thereby helping to restore and protect these buildings and their landscape for future generations to enjoy.

Respectfully,
Angee Beckett, Executive Director WHTPS

**Plummer Park Community Clubhouse
West Hollywood, Los Angeles County
Staff Report**

The Plummer Park Community Clubhouse, currently known as Great Hall / Long Hall, is a modest Spanish Colonial Revival recreational building constructed in 1938 through a partnership between Los Angeles County and the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Centrally located within four acre Plummer Park, the Clubhouse is a one-story stucco and wood courtyard building with a low- pitched red clay barrel tiled roof. The building is roughly U-shaped and comprised of three distinct, pitched roofed sections surrounding a central courtyard that is oriented to the north. The main entry provides a covered exterior passage to the interior courtyard. The building has endured very few alterations and functions in almost the same capacity as originally intended.

The Community Clubhouse is eligible under Criterion A at the local level of significance for its association with the WPA in Los Angeles County. Los Angeles County experienced a substantial population increase caused by the influx of people migrating to Southern California during the Great Depression. As the population swelled, so did the pressures upon infrastructure, transportation, housing, and social services. Los Angeles saw opportunity in sponsoring WPA projects. The Clubhouse represents Los Angeles' efforts to construct recreational facilities as the social and economic conditions of the city rapidly evolved.

Designed by Edward C.N. Brett, the Chief Architect for Los Angeles County, the Clubhouse is also eligible under Criterion C as an excellent example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. The plan, details, and craftsmanship of the Community Clubhouse reflect the inspiration and simplicity of the colonial missions and adobes constructed throughout early California. The Clubhouse's modest details such as shutters, casement windows, and flagstone-patterned concrete pavers are emblematic of the Spanish Colonial style. Interior features include a semicircular fireplace and thick decorative scrolled ceiling beams. The Community Clubhouse's low gabled tile roof complements the residences lining the streets around the Plummer Park. The design of the building was specifically intended to provide a connection to the history of California. Resting in the center of Plummer Park, Community Clubhouse is surrounded by lush plants and trees. The Community Clubhouse retains a very high degree of historic integrity. The period of significance for both contexts is 1938, the year of the Clubhouse's completion.

Protect Plummer Park organization is the applicant. The City of West Hollywood owns the property and objects to the nomination. OHP has received 73 individual letters, and a petition signed by 61 people, expressing support for the nomination. Staff supports the nomination as written and recommends that the State Historical Resources Commission determine that the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse meets Criteria A and C at the local level of significance. Staff recommends the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination for forwarding to the National Park Service for listing in the National Register.

Jay Correia
April 7, 2013

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June 3, 2013

Ms. Carol Shull, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service 2280
1201 I (Eye) Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Subject: **Community Clubhouse National Register of Historic
Places Nomination**

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the **Community Clubhouse** nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Centrally located within four acre Plummer Park at 1200 North Vista Street in West Hollywood, Community Clubhouse was constructed in 1938 by the Works Progress Administration and Los Angeles County. The building has endured very few alterations and functions in much the same capacity as originally intended.

On February 8, 2013 at its regular quarterly meeting held in Anaheim, the California State Historical Resources Commission determined that the Community Clubhouse meets Criteria A and C at the local level of significance. The period of significance for both contexts is 1938.

Protect Plummer Park is the Applicant. Jennifer Dunbar wrote the nomination. The City of West Hollywood owns the property and objects to the nomination. The Office of Historic Preservation received 73 individual letters, and a petition signed by 61 people, expressing support for the nomination. If you have questions please contact Jay Correia of my staff at 916-445-7008 or jcorr@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Roland-Nawi".

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D.
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures



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Two Mistakes

1 message

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To: "Paul_Lusignan@nps.gov" <Paul_Lusignan@nps.gov>

Tue, Jun 11, 2013 at 12:49 PM

Paul,

Despite my best efforts, I made two embarrassing mistakes on the cover letters for the Community Clubhouse in Plummer Park (West Hollywood) and the Women's Twentieth Century Clubhouse (Los Angeles) nominations. Both nominations were heard by the California commission on May 1, 2013 and NOT on February 8, as incorrectly written in the letter.

Jay

Jay Correia

State Historian III

Supervisor, Registration Unit

California State Office of Historic Preservation

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