

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Save the UA Berkeley

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From: Liz Barry <lizbarry4@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:54 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Save the UA Berkeley

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Dear LPC Commissioners,

I am a longtime resident of Berkeley. I moved to Berkeley originally as a student in the mid-1990s and have since gone on to raise my family here and send my kids through the Berkeley public schools. I have lots of fond memories of seeing movies in downtown Berkeley over the years— stealing away on a rainy afternoon to catch a foreign film or lining up to see a blockbuster with my kids. Berkeley's beautiful movies theaters, including the United Artist Theater, made the experience all the more exciting and memorable, and it's very sad that we have lost all our movie theaters in downtown Berkeley and that those kinds of experiences aren't a reality any longer.

But, the physical structures can be maintained— and should be. The United Artist Theater is a treasure. Something like it will not— likely could not— be built again in downtown Berkeley. It adds excitement and character to the City and interest to the experience of downtown Berkeley, which draws— and has the potential to increasingly draw— people to visit and enjoy the great businesses and activities that remain downtown. Without such special places and visuals, downtown Berkeley is just a strip mall, like you'd find in any town, and will lose a singular ability to draw visitors and residents alike.

Please protect, preserve, and recognize the United Artists Theater as a building of high historic and architectural value. It's part of what makes Berkeley unique, interesting, and inviting and, with proper stewardship, could continue to add to the economic vitality of downtown Berkeley and improve its public landscape while also enriching the lives of the City's visitors and residents.

Kind regards,

Liz Barry
943 Hilldale Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94708

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: 2274 Shattuck Ave. development application

From: Karl Berzins <karl@far.ai>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:45 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: 2274 Shattuck Ave. development application

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To whom this may concern

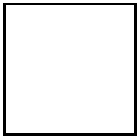
We are disappointed to hear the UA Berkeley on 2274 Shattuck is planned for destruction.

The theatre is a Berkeley landmark and one of the last remaining icons of a slowing Berkeley culture and nightlife.

Our company runs a co-working space for nonprofits next door and would love to see the theatre preserved, as well as more investment into Berkeley's community.

On a side note - If the demolition goes ahead we will also be forced to relocate about 50 individuals, potentially out of Berkeley.

Best Regards



Karl Berzins
COO at FAR AI

far.ai | karl@far.ai

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From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Protect, Preserve, UC Theater in entirety.

From: Kathleen Giustino <kathleeng@a1suninc.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:09 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: Kathleen Giustino <kathleeng@a1suninc.com>
Subject: Protect, Preserve, UC Theater in entirety.

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Dear LPC commissioners:

I'm writing to urge you to designate the United Artists Theatre building as a landmark. At your meeting on February 1, please vote to landmark the ENTIRE exterior of the building, as is supported by local law. And, as the city of Berkeley recognizes it as an "architecturally significant" building and a "structure of merit," I believe that the theater venue itself should be preserved.

Covid shut down many businesses. No one went to theaters. Theaters went "belly up." This is no longer the case. Public places are thriving. People want to go to movies. There are no theaters left...

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I live in Berkeley and am able to walk to downtown for dinner and a movie. I like movies. I like to go out to dinner. I need you to save this beautiful theater.

Home Address: 2015 Yolo Avenue, Berkeley 94707

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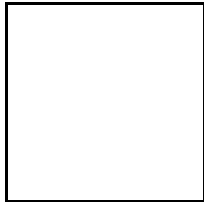
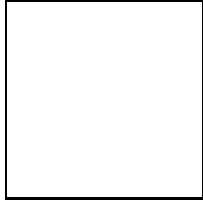
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From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Save the UC theater!!!

From: Kevin Moore <kmoore4u@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:26 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Save the UC theater!!!

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Hello, my name is Kevin Moore, and I am a 31 year resident of Berkeley. ***I'm writing to urge you to designate the United Artists Theatre building as a landmark. At your meeting on February 1, please vote to landmark the ENTIRE exterior of the building, as is supported by local law.***

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From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Vote to Landmark the United Artists Theater -- Please

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

From: ELLEN GOLDBLATT <ellengoldblatt@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 8:02 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: Wengraf, Susan <SWengraf@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Vote to Landmark the United Artists Theater -- Please

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Dear LPC commissioners:

I'm writing to urge you to designate the United Artists Theatre building as a landmark. The UA Berkeley is a paragon of Art Deco architecture that, if destroyed, can never be replaced. As a resident of Berkeley for 50+ years I have long treasured, visited and supported the architectural beauty in our city — I hate to see it being carelessly discarded at this time.

Actually the inside of this wonderful theater is also worth preserving as the Paramount and the Fox have been preserved in Oakland. We can find other ways to support the development of needed affordable housing without destroying our heritage — this precious building resource needs to be preserved for future generations.

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Sincerely,
Ellen Goldblatt
North Berkeley Resident

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: ***Timely***: February 1, 2024 Landmark Preservation Application Hearing

From: Sara McCarthy <saramc@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 7:41 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: ***Timely***: February 1, 2024 Landmark Preservation Application Hearing

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Sincerely,

Sara McCarthy

(resident of 94704)

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From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: UA Theater designation

From: kenwas <kenwas@sonic.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 5:44 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: UA Theater designation

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Dear LPC commissioners:

I am sending this copy of Rose Ellis' letter to urge you to designate the United Artists Theater building as a landmark. At your meeting on February 1, please vote to landmark the ENTIRE exterior of the building, as is supported by local law.

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I am a Berkeley native with fond memories of the United Artists Theater, this structure should not only be designated as a landmark, it should be completely preserved, exterior and original interior.

*Sincerely,
Kenneth Washburn
20 Ajax Place, Berkeley Ca
510-2349615*

Sent from my Galaxy

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From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: UA Theater Exterior Landmark - YES

From: David Shiver <dshiver@bae1.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 4:25 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: UA Theater Exterior Landmark - YES

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Preservation of worthy buildings and/or building facades is a critical part of placemaking and maintaining a vital, robust community. While the use of the building may evolve to housing, it's important to have physical reminders of the city's past. That's what makes cities great places to live!

Sincerely,

David Shiver
2428 Stuart Street
Berkeley CA 94705

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From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Please designate the United Artists Theatre building as a landmark.

From: Erik Schmitt <eschmitt3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 3:39 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Please designate the United Artists Theatre building as a landmark.

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Dear LPC commissioners:

As a Berkeley resident, I'm writing to urge you to designate the United Artists Theatre building as a landmark. Please vote to landmark the ENTIRE exterior of the building.

If this architecture is destroyed, it can never be replaced. We risk seeing our unique urban fabric reduced to a generic sameness if we're not careful.

Few edifices in Berkeley are more deserving of being landmarked than this magnificent Art Deco movie palace from Hollywood's golden era.

Sincerely
Erik Schmitt
3 Acton Cir, Berkeley, CA 94702

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Support the 2274 Shattuck Avenue for Pro-Housing & Preservation - Landmark Preservation Committee

From: RAUL MALDONADO <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 3:28 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Support the 2274 Shattuck Avenue for Pro-Housing & Preservation - Landmark Preservation Committee

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N/A Landmark Preservation Committee N/A,

Dear Landmark Preservation Committee,

I am writing to strongly support the 2274 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley project and no consideration to be in the Landmark Preservation Committee. The old Regal UA Theater had been an integral part of the community since 1932 with an 1,800-seat auditorium undergoing significant alterations and degradation. Now, it still needs to be an integral part of our community again with this project's added 200+units and theater preservation.

Here are reasons why I support this project:

New Neighbors and more Affordability

+ This project adds 200+ units of infill housing that adds affordability and walkability to our nearby small businesses

Sustainability

+ This project provides bike storage and centricty to nearby AC transit stops that need ridership. Moreover, this project reduces vehicle dependency that reduces carbon emissions and more in our community

I kindly request your careful consideration of these points during the upcoming Landmark Preservation Committee meeting. It is essential to prioritize the urgent need for housing in our community and the potential impact that approving the application could have on future development opportunities.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Cheers,

Raul Maldonado

RAUL MALDONADO

rmaldonadocloud@gmail.com

291 Lester Ave

Oakland, California 94606

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From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: The UA Theater Building

From: Carolyn Holm <carolynholm11@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 2:29 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: The UA Theater Building

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Dear LPC commissioners:

As a Berkeley resident I am writing to urge you to designate the United Artists Theatre building as a landmark. Few edifices in Berkeley are more deserving of being landmarked than this magnificent Art Deco movie palace from Hollywood's golden era, widely recognized for its high historic and architectural value. We need to recognize, protect, and preserve the gems that make our community unique! The UA Theater building is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and it is on the California Register of Historical Resources. The city of Berkeley already recognizes it as an "architecturally significant" building and a "structure of merit."

At your meeting on February 1, please vote to landmark the ENTIRE exterior of the building, as is supported by local law!

Sincerely,
Carolyn Holm Kouyoumdjian
806 The Alameda, Berkeley

If you live with animals, my blog will make you smile! Read it at blog.carolynholm.com

My novel, [Flamingo Moon](#), is available at [Amazon](#)

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Yes to designation, UA Theatre

From: linda walls <lindaglennlee@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 1:43 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Yes to designation, UA Theatre

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Dear LPC commissioners:

I write to remind how often you, and I, find ourselves in situations where banality is burdened to replace beauty and worth, which utterly fails. Let not the replacement of UA theatre's building bear that brunt. I ask that you vote for landmark designation of the entire exterior of the building. Doing so at least helps not preclude options to retain sufficient amounts of finery entirely.

Respectfully,

Linda Walls

1734 Hearst Ave #3

Berkeley, CA 94703

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: United Artists Theatre in downtown Berkeley

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From: Jan Klingelhofer <jan.klingelhoferca@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 1:24 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: United Artists Theatre in downtown Berkeley

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Berkeley Landmarks Preservation Commission

Dear Commissioners,

The United Artists Theatre in downtown Berkeley is an irreplaceable architectural and cultural jewel. I urge you, at a minimum, to landmark the exterior of the building to allow adequate time for the public to rally to save this amazing historic community center. Better yet, please landmark the entire building so that irreparable damage will not be done to the Art Deco masterworks that adorn the inside.

I grew up in Berkeley and was able to attend this theatre before it began to be divided into a multiplex. It was truly a magnificent movie theatre and has the capacity to return to its prominent position in downtown as a cultural center.

Please do not allow a wrecking ball to destroy this building as there are many, many other suitable locations for housing within blocks but there is no other building of this importance.

Sincerely,

Jan Klingelhofer

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: We MUST save this gorgeous theater in its entirety! It holds a unique place in the history of Berkeley and the Art Deco movement. Not saving it in its entirety is a huge irrevocable mistake. Once it's gone it's gone and no amount of money can ever br

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From: Stuart Hyde <shyde1956@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 1:17 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
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From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: 2274 Shattuck Ave. development application

From: chezlize <chezlize@protonmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 12:32 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: info@panoramic.com; Gong, Sharon <SGong@berkeleyca.gov>; Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@berkeleyca.gov>; All Council <council@berkeleyca.gov>; savetheuaberkeley@gmail.com
Subject: 2274 Shattuck Ave. development application

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To whom it may concern with the Landmarks Preservation Commission,

I implore you to please landmark the ENTIRE exterior of the UA Berkeley building. Furthermore, the UA Berkeley, at 2274 Shattuck Ave., must not be destroyed for an apartment high-rise. The theater is an architectural and civic treasure that must be preserved in its entirety for future generations.

Once a historic gem is knocked down, it can never be replaced. Please do not fall victim to that egregious, irreversible mistake. Art Deco buildings are especially precious: the attention to detail, the quality of the materials used, the artistry and creativity... and the UA Berkeley is no exception.

Keep Berkeley diverse, including architecturally diverse!

2274 Shattuck Ave. is not the plot to develop. Period. There are others that developers can exploit. Just not 2274 Shattuck Ave. Please. I beg you.

I went to the Grand Lake Theater last Friday for a Noir extravaganza. The audience was decked out in period attire. The energy was amazing. And every seat was taken. UA Berkeley can be that destination, in Berkeley - Noir film festivals, silent movies festivals, cult classics, etc. It is a unique, historically significant building that deserves to remain in the Berkeley landscape.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth LaBarre
Bay Area native

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Please save the United Artists Theatre

From: Kathryn Burnett <kathrynburnett14@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 12:07 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Please save the United Artists Theatre

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Sincerely,

Kathryn Burnett
Berkeley resident since 1997 and homeowner since 2003

Jacob, Melinda



From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Landmark

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From: Anne Boersma <aaannn1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 11:45 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Landmark

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Hello, please support the application to save the landmark UA Theatre façade.
Thank you, Dr. Boersma.

 Peace 

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: UA Berkeley - PRESERVE THIS HISTORIC LANDMARK

From: Dylan Russell <dylanrussell613@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 11:15 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: RE: UA Berkeley - PRESERVE THIS HISTORIC LANDMARK

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Thank you for your consideration.

Dylan Russell
she/her/hers
Director | Producer | Educator
dylanrussell613@hotmail.com

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From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Preserve the UA Theater

From: Marian Wolfe <marian.wolfe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 11:07 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Preserve the UA Theater

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January 31, 2024

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My family and I have lived continuously in Berkeley since 1985. Before that I attended UC Berkeley as an undergraduate and also received two graduate degrees from UC. We have benefitted from the UA theater throughout this time, and it was wonderful taking our two sons there when they were growing up. Then, later they could go on their own.

We have enough commercial and residential sites in the planning stages. Please preserve the UA.

Sincerely,

*Marian Wolfe
A resident in Susan Wengraff's District*

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
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From: Bhimji, Sahra <sbhimji@dvc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 10:57 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: UA Theater Berkeley

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Hello,

I am a long-time Berkeley resident, as well as local filmmaker, film lover, and community college film production professor. I am writing in support of preserving the UA theater in downtown Berkeley. I have been crushed to see all our downtown cinemas (and the Albany Twin) shut down in the past few years. I used to be able to walk to see a movie in a theater, now I have to drive to the AMC in Emeryville. Movie theaters aren't just a part of our heritage, they are a precious and rare venue that can bring together community through the arts. They also are much more financially accessible for people of all ages than going to a live music, theater, or dance performance. They give families quality time together, they expose people to different cultures and ideas from around the world, they support a huge global industry of artists and craftspeople, and much more. The UA Berkeley had a wonderful art-deco feel that is a historic treasure.

I urge the commission to work towards preserving the UA theater for it's immense cultural value to our community.

Thank you,

Sahra

Sahra Bhimji

Professor of Film Production

Department of [Film, Television and Electronic Media](#)

[Diablo Valley College](#)

sbhimji@dvc.edu

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From: Bernard Marszalek <ztangi@lmi.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 10:47 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Save UA Berkeley

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Greetings LPC COMMISSIONERS,

I am a resident who lives within easy walking distance to the Main Library and in the past I would walk there several times a week.

I no longer do so.

Downtown has become a homogenized architectural cityscape of ugly buildings which hurt my eyes.

The evisceration of the unique downtown I recall is too late to reverse.

But to carry it further is unacceptable. Please save the UA.

Thank you,

-bernard

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Bernard Marszalek • 510-693-5760 • Berkeley, CA 94703

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Landmark Status for the UA Theater

From: Carol Hirth <chirth@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 10:40 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Landmark Status for the UA Theater

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Sincerely,

***Carol Hirth
Berkeley***

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From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: landmark status for the United Artists Theater building

From: Vicki <vickisommer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 10:16 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: landmark status for the United Artists Theater building

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Dear LPC commissioners:

I live in Berkeley and despair at the progressive loss of our beautiful city's character as box after strange and ugly box is erected. People need beauty, they need history and pride of place. Our iconic buildings provide this,

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Sincerely,
Vicki Sommer
94703

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Feb 1 2024 Letter in support of landmark application (agenda item 8)

From: Donna West <dwestsfo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 10:15 AM
To: Crane, Fatema <FCrane@berkeleyca.gov>; Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>; Donna West <dwestsfo@gmail.com>
Subject: Feb 1 2024 Letter in support of landmark application (agenda item 8)

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Landmark Preservation Committee
For the meeting on Feb 1, 2024 at 6:30 pm
North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Ave (cross st MLK)
Berkeley, CA

Attention
Fatema Crane
fcrane@berkeleyca.org
Phone: (510) 981-7413

Dear Fatema Crane and Members of the Landmark Preservation Committee:

Thank you for your support and actions maintaining our local and state historic landmarks.

I'm writing to urge you to designate the United Artists Theatre building as a landmark. At your meeting on February 1, please vote to landmark the ENTIRE exterior of the building, as is supported by local law.

Because - the Landmarks Preservation Commission to do what it may to preserve the entire Historic Movie Palace Building and Performing Arts Center, which is now the Historic United Artists Theatre at 2274 Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley.

My projects include Heritage Research inclusive of the San Francisco Bay Region from Santa Clara, San Jose to Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco, Sonoma, and the Peninsula. .

It is my understanding that the 90-year-old movie palace theater was once an art deco movie palace and that it can be restored and given a new life as an arts or performance space of some kind for the current and future residents of Berkeley and people from outside of Berkeley to attend events today.

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I agree that housing is very important. However, housing has recently been built downtown and more is slated for several other properties. I do not believe the Historic UA Movie Palace has to be sacrificed to meet the city's housing growth goals.

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Let's find solutions to preserve and use this historic building for all residents and visitors going to Berkeley to use it as a performing arts center today, now in Downtown Berkeley.

Please include me on all correspondence, we have solutions to preserve and use this historical building now.

Let's talk.

Sincerely

Donna West

Heritage Research LLC

Business and Historic Resources Researcher, Projects with SF Bay Region

[DW Business Consulting](#)

408-489-4651

dwestsfo@gmail.com

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Save UA theater

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

From: sara hartley <shartley@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 9:08 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Save UA theater

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As a resident of Berkeley since 1965, I've watched most charm stripped from the downtown & Telegraph Ave. If an SF-style 'doom loop' were a risk- saving a landmark art deco theater could be a good remedy!
Be smarter urban planners; tax revenues mean nothing if Berkeley becomes a grubby dangerous ugly mess.

Sara Hartley

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Vote YES on Making the UA Theatre Building a City Landmark!

From: stephaniepoetry@yahoo.com <stephaniepoetry@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 8:34 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Vote YES on Making the UA Theatre Building a City Landmark!

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Dear LPC commissioners:

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Sincerely,

***Stephanie Manning
Former Landmarks Preservation Commissioner***

***Co-Founder and former President
of Berkeley Historical Society***

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: save the UA theater

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

From: Stefano DellaVigna <sdellavi@econ.berkeley.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 5:09 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: save the UA theater

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Sincerely,

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Best,
Stefano

Stefano DellaVigna
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Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Please save the Landmark Theater on Shattuck Ave

From: Rachel Edelson <racheledelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 5:02 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Please save the Landmark Theater on Shattuck Ave

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I used to live in Sacramento. Decades ago I watched helplessly as another gorgeous Art Deco theater was taken down and replaced by yet another space-gobbling Safeway. What a huge loss for that city.

The UA Berkeley is a paragon of Art Deco architecture that, if destroyed, can never be replaced. It was found eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and it is on the California Register of Historical Resources.

It goes without saying that new housing is needed in Berkeley and that all space is finite. But in this country, already lacking in a sense of history and of aesthetics, we need to preserve the few edifices that embody both of these qualities.

Sincerely,

Rachel Edelson

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: 2274 Shattuck Development Application - Landmark Status for former United Artists Theater on Shattuck Avenue

From: David Brandon <davidbrandon@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 1:02 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>; Gong, Sharon <SGong@berkeleyca.gov>; Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@berkeleyca.gov>; All Council <council@berkeleyca.gov>; Berkeley Mayor's Office <Mayor@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: info@panoramic.com
Subject: 2274 Shattuck Development Application - Landmark Status for former United Artists Theater on Shattuck Avenue

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Dear Berkeley Mayor and City Council, Landmarks Preservation Commissioners, Planners/Zoners (cc: Developer),

As a longtime citizen of Berkeley (District 1), I have many memories of attending the UA Theater with friends and family. The theater is an architectural and civic treasure that should be preserved in its entirety for future generations. Please provide Landmark recognition now.

David Brandon

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: keep the Art Deco United Artists Theater in Berkeley at 2274 Shattuck Avenue!

From: Olga Louchakova-Schwartz <olouchakova@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 12:19 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: keep the Art Deco United Artists Theater in Berkeley at 2274 Shattuck Avenue!

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Hi,

What a horrible idea to destroy the landmark theater going back to 1932.

I hope the reason prevails. Keep the theater, and let our children know Berkeley has a history.

Olga Louchakova-Schwartz

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Olga Louchakova-Schwartz, MD, PhD,
Clinical Professor, UC Davis School of Medicine
Professor of Philosophy of Religion, Hult International Business School
Professor Emerita, Sofia University
Adjunct Lecturer, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
President, Society for the Phenomenology of Religious Experience

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Preserve the UA Theater

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

From: Claire Kahane <ckahane@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 12:07 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Preserve the UA Theater

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This beautiful theatre should be valued and preserved. What a waste it would be for future generations to destroy this wonderful piece of history.

Claire Kahane

Sent from my iPhone

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Preserve the UA theater

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

From: Claire Kahane <ckahane@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 12:03 AM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Preserve the UA theater

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I am having surgery on Thursday February 1 and cannot attend the meeting but I want to register my voice in favor of preserving this real landmark, a beautiful and historic building that it would be horribly shortsighted to get rid of. Keep the UA and make creative use of it.

Claire Kahane
Sent from my iPhone

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: DESIGNATE THE UA BERKELEY THEATER BUILDING AS A LANDMARK!

From: Wendy Stock <wendystock@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:43 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: DESIGNATE THE UA BERKELEY THEATER BUILDING AS A LANDMARK!

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Sincerely,

Wendy Stock
Berkeley, CA

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Landmark preservation of the UA Theater in Berkeley

From: Martin Schwartz <martz@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:39 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Landmark preservation of the UA Theater in Berkeley

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Dear LPC Commissioners,
As a long-time (4 year-) resident of Berkeley as at present a part-time dweller there.
I urge you to vote for declaring the architecturally paradigmatic UA Theater,
both interior and exterior, a Berkeley landmark. While I see the need for housing in Berkeley, I believe that this historical
site should be spared demolition
Thank you.
Martin Schwartz,
Professor Emeritus of UC Berkeley

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Landmark the UA Theater in Berkeley

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

From: Kathy Smith <fitsywitsy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 9:28 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Landmark the UA Theater in Berkeley

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I am in support of Landmark status for the entire exterior of the UA Theater in Berkeley. I worked nearby this theater for 25 years & feel it is important as the last remaining Art Deco Theater in Berkeley to remain a theater with endless possibilities as a place of entertainment for the Bay Area. There are so many apartments existing already or being built in Berkeley. Please keep this theater for the arts & culture. Thank you.

Kathy Fitts Smith

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: 2274 Shattuck Ave. development application - Support for Designating the United Artists Theatre

From: John Murphey <john@archhistoryservices.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 9:18 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>; Crane, Fatema <FCrane@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: 2274 Shattuck Ave. development application - Support for Designating the United Artists Theatre

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January 30, 2024

Dear Members of the Landmarks Preservation Commission,

I support the landmarking of the United Artists Theatre at 2274 Shattuck Avenue.

The building exhibits the hallmarks of a 1930s, Art Deco mid-size movie theater.

While its neon mast and original marquee have been removed, its stepped form, “frozen fountain” façade, and sunken relief “Artistry and Unity” panels remain intact, communicating its design and period.

In better condition is the interior, with its stunning lobby graced with decorative pilasters, patterned walls, mezzanine railing, and suspended Art Deco light fixtures.

When it opened on September 16, 1932, the 1,800-seat theater was one of only two first-run theaters in Berkeley and continued showing movies until recently. This continuity of use is rare.

Besides its Art Deco styling and history, it fits in perfectly with the streetscape of low-rise, early 20th-century commercial buildings.

The United Artists Theatre is significant and has been determined eligible for the National Register.

Please take a step further to designate it a Berkeley Landmark.

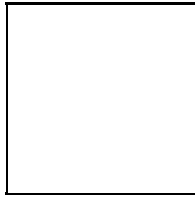
Thank you,

John W. Murphey

Architectural Historian

John W. Murphey





Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: Save the UA Berkeley Movie Theater

From: Kay Weinstein <kayweinstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 8:46 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: Gong, Sharon <SGong@berkeleyca.gov>; Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@berkeleyca.gov>; All Council <council@berkeleyca.gov>; info@panoramic.com
Subject: Save the UA Berkeley Movie Theater

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To: Berkeley Landmarks Preservation Commission

Please do everything you can to landmark the exterior and interior of the United Artists Theater Building at 2274 Shattuck Avenue. This building is a fine example of Art Deco architecture, and it is close to the historic Main Library.

The UA Theater is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and should be preserved.

Sincerely,

Kay Weinstein
1809 Central Ave., Apt. E
Alameda, CA 94501

Jacob, Melinda

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Subject: FW: 2274 Shattuck Ave. development application -- Please Save the UA Theater!

From: dchalfie@adsw.org <dchalfie@adsw.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 7:20 PM
To: Landmarks Preservation Commission <PlanningLPC@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: Gong, Sharon <SGong@berkeleyca.gov>; Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@berkeleyca.gov>; All Council <council@berkeleyca.gov>; info@panoramic.com
Subject: Re: 2274 Shattuck Ave. development application -- Please Save the UA Theater!

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Dear Landmarks Preservation Commission:

I first learned about the threat to the UA Berkeley Theater at the World Congress on Art Deco held this past April in Miami. The World Congress on Art Deco is an international conference held in a different location every two years, and is attended by people all over the world.

I am writing to implore you to landmark the UA Berkeley Theater at 2274 Shattuck Ave. and to do all you can to preserve the theater in its entirety. This theater is an incredible Art Deco architectural treasure. Most of its distinct Art Deco decor and architectural elements have been preserved and well-maintained over the decades and remain intact. With some uncovering, renewal, and restoration, this theater could be returned to its Art Deco grandeur. It would be a grave, irreversible mistake to destroy this architectural and civic gem to build a high-rise apartment, which can be built elsewhere downtown.

Please protect the UA Berkeley Theater for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

Sincerely,
Deborah Chalfie