



## LEGISLATIVE ALERT

### CITY PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER CULTURAL HERITAGE ORDINANCE

On Thursday, June 11, 2009, the City Planning Commission is scheduled to consider the current draft of the Cultural Heritage Ordinance. This ordinance regulates the designation of significant Los Angeles buildings and sites as Historic-Cultural Monuments (HCM), and specifically outlines what HCM owners can or cannot do to their property. *This proposal will affect current locally-designated HCMs, and will also affect other significant buildings and sites in Los Angeles that may be designated in the future.*

The current draft 1) adds a new and very broad designation criterion designed to protect sites that "reflect or exemplify the diversity of Los Angeles including...the important contributions of people of color, women, and workers"; 2) significantly enhances the burden of proof a property owner must show in order to substantially alter or demolish their property; and 3) imposes strict regulations aimed to protect private interior spaces, among other restrictions.

**We need your help to ensure that the City Planning Commission adopts a workable ordinance that will not overburden property owners in this troubled economy.** Please consider sending a letter to the City Planning Commission and appearing to testify at the June 11 hearing.

We need your support at this hearing, which will take place on:

**Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 1:00pm (approximate)**  
**City Planning Commission**  
**City Hall, 10th Floor**  
**200 N. Spring Street, Room 1010**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

If you have any questions, would like to obtain sample talking points, or would like more information on this issue, please contact Anh Nguyen at (213) 624-1213, ext. 229.

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