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### Showdown Over Historic Buildings Goes to Vote

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*Parties on Both Sides of Debate Over City Preservation Law Expected to Speak Before Planning Commission Thursday*

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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES - Sparks are expected to fly at Thursday's City Planning Commission meeting, where the panel will vote on a proposal to strengthen the city's historic preservation law.

The [debate](#) over the city's Cultural Heritage Ordinance has been ongoing for months. During its June 11 meeting at City Hall, the Planning Commission is expected to hear testimony from preservationists who support expanding protections for city-designated Historic-Cultural Monuments, and property owners who say the measure would hamstring renovations to historic buildings.

The most recent point of contention emerged this week, when Central City Association leaders said the organization is working on its own alternative update to the Cultural Heritage Ordinance. "An alternative ordinance is being crafted," said CCA President Carol Schatz. "It still has not been vetted with our members or property owners, so it's not ready for show time yet.

"We believe there's still a possibility of coming to some agreement with the city on some of the more troublesome provisions," she added.

Linda Dishman, executive director of the preservationist organization the Los Angeles Conservancy, blasted the CCA for working outside city parameters. "There has been a public process that a wide variety of interests have participated in," including the CCA, she said. "We had thought we were all working toward an end goal."

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