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Dear Members of the Historic Preservation Commission and City Staff,

Thank you for considering the Cultural Resource nomination of Carolwood, 1033 N. Carol Drive, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

As an owner/resident of unit 302 at Carolwood I am strongly in support of this AIA Award Winning property receiving this designation.

Designed by noted architect Ron Goldman, FAIA, this architecturally celebrated complex was built in 1975 in a relatively dense and busy area of West Hollywood. The design uses the sloping site to provide views of the city and the Hollywood Hills.

At 36 units within an acre, the relationship of stepped 2 to 5 story wood townhouses and the 6-story brick building takes maximum advantage of panoramic views and leaves enough space for an interior urban park environment. The use of natural materials - wood and brick - mediates between architecture and landscape.

The 6-story building has an outdoor courtyard for a lobby with overhead trellis-covered walkways having views of the city, in contrast to enclosed corridors.

The use of glass bays and corner windows takes advantage of views and provides a unifying element between the two building types.

This oasis in the midst of the bustle of LA sits on an acre of land and is known for lovely landscaped grounds that give great privacy and quiet to the residents of its 36 units.

Ron Goldman is perhaps best known for his humane ethos and award-winning contemporary beach homes in Malibu where he has resided for the past 30 years. Ron was also been an outspoken activist in the communities of Malibu and Santa Monica against large scale developments.

- Goldman studied architecture and planning at Princeton University (1957-1961) and M.I.T. (1961-1963). He has been in practice for 48 years, having worked for Victor Gruen (1963-1968) before founding Brent Goldman Robbins & Bown (1968-1975). He opened his own firm in Malibu, California (1976) which became Goldman • Firth Architects (1983) and Goldman • Firth • Rossi Architects (2003).
- Starting practice in 1963, he has had a long and honored career in architecture, planning, development and construction. He has successfully combined experience in all four of these disciplines to balance his clients' program and budget with dramatic and functional designs.
- Ron Goldman was inducted in 1987 as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects for his design accomplishments and specifically for "achieving powerful simplicity that is humanly scaled " Fellowship is the highest honor the AIA can bestow upon its members.
- Active in professional and community services, he was appointed to the statewide California AIA "think tank" dealing with strategic planning and the integration of the architecture, engineering and construction professions for the delivery of product and services.
- He has taught an urban design studio at SCI-ARC with Antoine Predock FAIA, lectured at universities and architectural conferences, and was nominated to be a Trustee of Princeton University.
- He served on the LA/AIA Olympic Task Force Committee, was Chairman of the LA/AIA Design Awards Program and an organizing member of the 1993 California AIA Monterey Design Conference, the largest conference of its kind in the country. He was appointed by the Los Angeles County Planning Director to the Santa Monica Mountains Planning

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Committee, a four-year study covering 100,000 acres, and has been an adviser to both the California Coastal Commission and the City of Malibu on commercial and residential design standards.

- Mr. Goldman

"Residents enjoy an abundance of open space, in a warm natural setting, with architecture that "shelters without enclosing and defines without limiting" – Ron Goldman.

Developer: Murray Weber

Carolwood gets its name because it has a lot of wood siding.

The trademark of Carolwood developer Murray Weber is wood and brick exteriors. He believed that using a natural finish enhanced enjoyment and increased property value.

LA Times May 21, 1978

"A tremendous amount of open space was set aside in Carolwood. Most developers nowadays would try to cram double or triple the number of condos on the same size lot. Carolwood has almost an acre of land. This didn't happen because Ron Goldman is a big proponent of incorporating open space into his designs."

My mother was a designer, I have worked as a designer and design consultant but mostly work in film and television as a producer where I get to build worlds and environments - all of this means that I appreciate good design.

As a resident of Carolwood I feel fortunate to get to live in the oasis that Ron Goldman created within West Hollywood. So much of Los Angeles County's wonderfully designed spaces are destroyed by the drive for something newer, bigger, different - designating Carolwood as a Cultural Resource not only allows us to celebrate the design but will aid with efforts to preserve a variety of eras of design within our city.

West Hollywood celebrates and elevates diversity in so many ways and I hope that you make this designation of Carolwood as a Cultural Resource to help celebrate the diversity of design within our City and County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Dear Commissioners,
Sadly, due to the Public Safety commission meeting, held the same night at HPC I am unable to be at your meeting.

I am writing in support of the staff recommendation that our City Council designate the property at 1033 Carol Drive, AKA Carolwood apartments as a Local Cultural resource.

After seeing that our own multifamily survey, prepared by GPA states the Carolwood apartments appear eligible (5S3) for local cultural designation, plus the nomination by Architectural Resources Group (ARG), and the support of our West Hollywood Preservation Alliance, I strongly agree that Carolwood apartments fulfill the criteria for local cultural designation.

Respectfully,
Cathy Blaivas