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From: Debbie Vardi <debbie@atvardi.com>
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 4:15 PM
To: Debbie Vardi
Cc: Maryanne Cronin
Subject: VOTE YES on 1/23/24 for Former Fire Station 9 in LB District 5 to be Designated an Historic Landmark

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Dear Long Beach Mayor and City Council Members:

Please do the right thing and vote YES on January 23rd to ensure that this significant building and its history are preserved for future generations. Let's teach future generations that history matters and provides a strong foundation for what can be accomplished when our community works together now, as it did in 1939, and as it can for years to come.

Let's make the exterior of the Works Progress Administration's edifice into a welcoming portal into an interior that provides opportunities for all and methods for furthering progress in District 5 and beyond. It can have an exhibit displaying the history of the building, original elements of the interior that give the building its character and artifacts from its time serving the community as a firehouse. Let's start by bringing back the WPA plaque!

There are a myriad of ways to reuse this venerable building. Any remaining mold issues can be cost-effectively and safely abated. By giving new life to this building for contemporary uses we will be exemplifying sustainable living for others to emulate. Let's add Fire Station 9 right before Fire Maintenance Station No.10 on Long Beach's honorable list of preserved landmarks!

Please do the right thing and save Fire Station 9 in Bixby Knolls & Los Cerritos and make all of Long Beach proud of its values and heritage!

Sincerely,

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