



April 4, 2005

Zoning Administration
Department of City Planning
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 750
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Zoning Administrator:

I am writing to express my full support of the Historic Cultural Monument application for the Westdale Courtyard Apartments in the community of Mar Vista. As former president of the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission, I can fully appreciate the necessity to preserve the social, cultural, and architectural aspects of development that provide Los Angeles with its distinct nature. I believe that the Westdale Apartments yield a historic measure of significance that our city must protect.

The community of Westdale was developed by Paul Trousdale, a major figure in the history of Los Angeles developments. Westdale represented a key ingredient to the development of Mar Vista and remains a marvelous example of large scale development in Los Angeles that has powerfully influenced the framework of post-World War II metropolis. Westdale Apartments also represent a major historical development that has assisted the city's economic growth base in both the movie and defense industries.

Westdale Apartments have become a vital portion of local and national history. At the time of its development, Hollywood had been recognized as the world's capital to the film industry and Los Angeles displayed rapid movements towards growth. Concurrently, Southern California became the nation's leader in defense. For these reasons, Westdale became an ideal community for new families with specific interests in both industries.

Surrounded by a unique courtyard appearance, the Westdale community takes pride in maintaining the history and character of their neighborhood. Members of the Westdale community cherish open green space and the high-spirited ambiance presently available to their families and neighbors. Failing to protect the Westdale Courtyard Apartments will result in a significant loss to the community of Westdale as well as to the richness of our city's valued history.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Candidate for the 11th Council District