

HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT STATUS FOR THE WESTDALE VILLAGE COURTYARD APARTMENTS

The Westdale Village Courtyard Apartments are a group of 12 single-story four-plexes with large lawns constructed in 1949 on National Blvd. between Federal and Butler in Mar Vista.

The apartments are about to be voted a row of Historic-Cultural Monuments or demolished to make way for expensive condos.

These structures and green spaces offer Mar Vista a look back to the post-war era when they were built, and provide excellent housing for people such as 94-year-old Dorothy Stein, who has lived there unassisted for 25 years.

Seven of the 12 four-plexes have been recently purchased by developers who want to evict Dorothy and others, tear the buildings down and make millions by building multi-story condos on the properties.

Adding density and demolishing historic buildings that supply much-needed, easily accessible senior and lower income housing is not smart city planning. More than 1,000 of your neighbors have signed a petition to preserve the apartments, and Councilman Bill Rosendahl supports their efforts.

The meeting of the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee of the Los Angeles City Council will be the deciding factor. It will be Tuesday, November 15, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., Room 350, City Hall.

Our Councilman Rosendahl has requested three things to ensure success.

1. Line up experts to speak at the meeting. We have them!
2. Lobby the PLUM Committee members. We're doing it!
3. Get 100 people to the meeting. We need YOU to do that!

We are organizing carpools and free parking at City Hall. If you need a ride, or can drive and take passengers, contact Ken Marsh at 310 966-9054 or ken.marsh@verizon.net.

**YOU HAVE A SAY IN WHAT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS,
BUT YOU MUST SHOW UP AND EXPRESS IT.
IF YOU DON'T, YOU CANNOT EXPECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
TO BE AS YOU WANT.**