



Public Comment Received for:  
Item A: 113 Harbor Way  
(PLN2021-00555)

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Public Comment  
Historic Landmarks Commission  
March 16, 2022 meeting  
Consent Calendar Item A  
113 Harbor Way  
PLN2021-00555  
City of Santa Barbara Landmark (Naval Reserve Building)

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

I appreciate the desire to help out one of our truly great institutions.

I am concerned though, because while the furniture proposed is temporary, the approval is permanent. This project design approval would create a permanent entitlement to decorate the exterior landscape of a City Landmark with dining chairs from Target, couches from Wayfair, and coffee tables from West Elm. (See plan submittal page 3).

Is there a way to make this sort of approval for a set term so that it does not become a permanent vested right?

The Landmark findings required to be made, state that "the exterior alterations are being made primarily for the purposes of restoring the Landmark to its original appearance or in order to substantially aid in the preservation or enhancement of the Landmark."

I defer to the judgment of the Commission as always. But as a lay person reading the findings, I feel that it could be a challenge to apply *those* words to *these* exterior alterations. Does the submittal show a project which restores the Naval Reserve Building to its original appearance or aids in the preservation or enhancement of it?

If this project is approved, please consider adding a condition. The applicant's submission for approval contains multiple pages of photographs showing string lights. (See plan submittal pages 6, 7, 8, and 11). I could not find any indication that the string lights shown have been previously approved. Since these sheets provide the record for this project design approval, please consider adding a condition that the string lights shown in the submittal are not approved.

Thank you very much for considering this comment.

Sincerely,

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