



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVING THE HOME OF HISTORIC LGBTQ+ LEADER MORRIS KIGHT

Whereas, the LA Cultural Heritage Commission recommended that the Los Angeles City Council consider the residence of gay liberation leader and activist Morris Kight, located at 1244 West 4th Street, be included in the list of Historic Cultural Monuments and be preserved; and,

Whereas, Morris Kight was a founding member of the Stonewall Democratic Club in 1975, served as its first president, and was a frontline leader and activist in the early days of the LGBTQ+ movement in Los Angeles; and,

Whereas, the Morris Kight home was the founding location of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Gay Liberation Front (GLF/LA), is associated with the creation of the The Gay Community Services Center (GCSC) and the Christopher Street West Parade, and was a rare meeting place for LGBTQ+ people to congregate, organize, receive services, and to make community, including historic personages important to national, state, city or local history; and,

Whereas, there are few surviving locations of early LGBTQ+ history in Los Angeles, and the Morris Kight home represents one of the birthplaces of the movement for LGBTQ+ rights, rights that the generations that preceded us fought and died for; and,

Whereas, in his final weeks in office, disgraced City Councilmember Gil Cedillo has asked the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee of the Los Angeles City Council to tear down the residence at 4th street in order to build housing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stonewall Democratic Club strongly supports preserving the physical residence of Morris Kight's home and is calling on the PLUM committee to adopt the findings of the LA Cultural Heritage Commission, designate the Morris Kight home located at 1244 West 4th Street as a historic cultural monument, and reject any amendment that supports destruction or demolition of the home and subsequent erasure of LGBTQ+ history.

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