

# In Defense of the Silver Platter of the Westlake/MacArthur Park Area

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Dear Mr. Bernstein and Councilwoman Hernandez,

I am writing to you this morning on behalf of Quien Es Tu Vecindario, also known as Who Is Your Neighborhood, a community organization based in Central Los Angeles, concerning the Silver Platter bar at 2700 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Our organization learned last week that the Silver Platter is slated for demolition based on [erroneous information](#) submitted in the application by 2700 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street / Roussin Capital Group, which falsely stated that the Silver Platter is ineligible for designation as an Historic Place.

The Silver Platter first opened its doors in the Westlake/MacArthur Park area in 1963 and has served Los Angeles' queer and immigrant communities just the same ever since. Its destruction would be a terrible loss for both of these groups and the proposed development would also pose a grave threat to the area's affordable housing. Our organization urges you to immediately reevaluate the Silver Platter's eligibility for Historic Preservation via [these guidelines](#) from the National Register of Historic Places before it's too late.

Thank you very much for your time and we hope to learn of your decision in defense of this cultural gem soon.



*Jimmy "J.T." Recinos*  
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