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<b>Commission, Committee or Legislative Body</b>	Design Commission
<b>Meeting Date</b>	August 25, 2020
<b>Agenda Item Number</b>	5.A. 101 S. Marengo B of A Building
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<b>Comments</b>	<p>I am writing in my individual capacity to add to my prior submitted comments.</p> <p>I read the Historic Report. Most of the document is a convincing argument that the building is an eligible Historic Resource. Historic status fails because, apparently, Edward Durrell Stone did not himself design the project? His firm, reflecting his design beliefs and philosophies, designed the building -- this is not enough to credit the project to Sone's design work through his firm? Under this theory, a number of recognized Historic Resources in Pasadena would have failed, and will fail in the future.</p> <p>Further, the assertion made by the applicant that the travertine cannot be restored is wrong. Travertine is restorable, but, time and cost are needed. The iconic, and , maybe, historic nature of</p>

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this material and its distinctive and beautiful design contribution should be recognized, and the travertine restored and preserved on at least two of the facades.

I repeat: the North and East facades, or all four facades, should be preserved, and the roof "opened" up using creativity and technology to facilitate the introduction of light and air into the building. Specifically, please give consideration to the creative observations and suggestions of Chair Carpenter in this regard.

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**I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting.**

Yes

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