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# Public Comment for Design Commission Meeting on August 25, 2020

<b>Commission, Committee or Legislative Body</b>	Design Commission
<b>Meeting Date</b>	August 25, 2020
<b>Agenda Item Number</b>	5A
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<b>Comments</b>	<p>Members of the Design Commission, Pasadena Heritage recommends against approving the today's application for Concept Design Review for the proposed work on the Bank Americard building. Although we believe this building can be successfully reused, we do not believe that the current proposal is a suitable option. We believe any successful reuse scheme would maintain the monumentality of the structure, and preserve much of the travertine cladding. Although this proposal has been continued for several sessions, there have been no meaningful changes to improve it. We fear that if this concept is approved, very few changes can be made at Final Design. There are still some pressing questions that need to be addressed before going to Final Design, including: pedestrian experience, activation of the Marengo Avenue plaza, and careful study of solar efficiency. These unresolved issues have all been addressed by Design Commissioners in previous meetings, and we hope you</p>

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can provide further direction. We are not convinced that the project, as proposed, is in keeping with the General Plan or Central District Specific Plan - is it not just another corporate office box in a plaza? We urge continuance or denial until a more creative solution is proposed.

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

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