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RE: Support the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for our Nishiyama Residence/Otomisan Japanese Restaurant

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Dear Ms. Jones and Members of the Cultural Heritage Commission:

On behalf of the [YOUR NAME/ BUSINESS NAME HERE] and a group of historians and preservationists, [Insert I/We] support the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for Nishiyama Residence/Otomisan Japanese Restaurant, located at 2504-2508 East First Street in Boyle Heights.

A 1924 building permit identified Ryohei Nishiyama as the owner of the 1.5-story, Queen Anne-style residence at 2508 East First Street, originally built for Mrs. Anna E. Littleboy at the height of Boyle Heights' early development period.

From the mid-1920s through the present day, there has been a Japanese American commercial presence at this property. In 1956, Otemo Sushi Café (now called Otomisan Japanese Restaurant) opened in the easternmost storefront of the commercial building. The building that houses Otomisan is the last Japanese restaurant in Boyle Heights and tells a story of Japanese American entrepreneurship in Los Angeles before and after World War II. The buildings and signage represent multiple layers of historical and cultural significance, including early residential and commercial development of Japanese Americans in Boyle Heights.

[If you wish, insert brief information about your organization here, including name of organization, mission, etc]

There are many historic and culturally significant resources in Boyle Heights, yet few have been locally designated. We urge you to take this nomination into consideration at your meeting on November 5, 2020.

Please contact me at [insert phone] or [insert email] if you have any questions.

Sincerely,