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Thank you. Mike Cate

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Living in Carmel is hard because it's slipping away. The false attempt to preserve its character by the Planning Commission and the City Council is frustrating. What is historic, what keeps the character of Carmel is a question that is bantered around when someone or a group wants to see an element of Carmel saved, a great example today is the Hofsas House. The great pink building that has been standing since the 1950's in its location on San Carlos street is now headed toward the dumpster, how is this being allowed to happen. Historic, yes, over 70 years old. A big part of the character of Carmel, yes. I've always loved seeing the

unique architecture of the building as you round the corner coming back into town since I've able to drive.

This is a huge part of what this town was and still kinda is. The Mediterranean Market building, the Bank of America building, the China Art Center, The El Paseo building, The Harrison Memorial Library, would those be allowed to be torn down?

The Hofsas House needs to be preserved, repaired and refurbished, not carted away in a hundred dump trucks. The Stillwell is a perfect example of preserving a look and still modernizing. Some deeper thought needs to go into this by all involved. Do your due diligence and examine all the aspects of it's removal and rebuilding and you'll see that it should not be allowed to happen. The large proposed glass structure has no place in this town, none at all.

Keep the Pink Hofsas House. Put a careful hand into its preservation and people will return with fond memories of what Carmel was and still can be.

I call on the city council to be the stewards of this town, as the words on the wall behind the council proclaims.

Mike Cate  
Carmel, since 1956

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