

Town & Country Center worth saving

In your recent "Our Voice" editorial, The Desert Sun did the community a disservice by parroting the developer's misinformation that the Town & Country Center should be demolished because the complex is "not a Taj Mahal." Since 1983, different legally qualified professionals have evaluated the T&CC for historic significance on five separate occasions. All have agreed the T&CC complex is an historic structure eligible for listing on the National Register.

The developer's T&CC "demolition or bust" threat reflects a scenario of his own creation. There is no factual reason the Desert Fashion Plaza cannot be remodeled or replaced without the demolition of the T&CC.

The Town & Country Center is a relatively intact example of the work of two master architects, A. Quincy Jones and Paul R. Williams, whose work is not currently represented in Palm Springs' historic registry. Your recent editorial may help, in small part, to send the T&CC down the road to demolition: much like the long-gone Desert Inn whose demolition you so vocally (and ironically) lament.

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