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A months-long battle over the future of the decades-old Tahquitz Plaza office buildings is over, with the sound of applause rather than the crash of the wrecking ball punctuating the result.



The Palm Springs City Council's unanimous vote granting the four Hugh Kaptur-designed buildings

Class I Historic Site status prevents their demolition and will put strict controls on future renovations.

This is a happy result because all involved, including property owner Nexus Development, are on board.

Nexus had fought the push for historic designation for months and had planned to raze the buildings to make way for a 91-unit mixed-use project known as Aberdeen. Nex-



Tahquitz Plaza was granted Class I Historic Site status by the Palm Springs City Council on Wednesday.
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us President Cory Alder said at Wednesday's council meeting that vocal public discontent over that plan shifted the company's mindset as well. "We started listening," he told the council.

Kaptur will be working with the owner to revitalize the 1970s-era Pueblo-style office complex for new uses. Congratulations to all who helped break through the impasse and laying the new foundation that will preserve another piece of Palm Springs' architectural portfolio.