National Endangerment Alert: Richard Neutra's Chuey House in Los Angeles
USModernist and NCMH announce a national endangerment alert for the 1958 Robert and Josephine Chuey Residence at 2460 Sunset Plaza Drive, Los Angeles CA. Designed by Richard Neutra, the home has been listed for sale as a “development opportunity/teardown” for $10.5 million.

With 1.5 acres of land and panoramic views, nothing is mentioned in the listing about the extraordinary 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1896-square-foot Modernist house designed by Richard Neutra on the property. Ominously, the MLS listing includes no photos of the house.

Neutra, born in 1892, designed more than 300 houses in Southern California between 1927 and 1969. In 1949, Time Magazine featured Neutra on its cover and ranked him second only to Frank Lloyd Wright in American architecture. He is
considered to be among the most important modernist architects in history.

“This classic Modernist house is a prime target for the bulldozer,” Executive Director George Smart said. “It an older house on a large lot, coupled with an empty lot next door – the perfect storm for a McMansion and a tragedy for a uniquely beautiful Neutra residence.”

USModernist and North Carolina Modernist Houses issue national endangerment alerts when a potentially endangered house goes on the market rather than wait while it sits empty – sometimes for months or years. “By doing so, we gain critical time,” Smart noted, “time that dramatically increases the chances of finding a buyer who wants the house, not just the property.”

For more information on the Chuey House and Richard Neutra, visit: http://www.ncmodernist.org/neutra.htm and scroll down to 1958. Photo by Julius Shulman.

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