

## Tokio Florist Restoration Inches Forward

Plans continue to progress to restore the Tokio Florist site on Hyperion, Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument #1198 and an icon of Silver Lake's history. The Craftsman and Tudor-style house was built in 1911, and moved to the current site, which is now near Trader Joe's, in 1929.

According to plans being developed by [Breland-Harper of Echo Park](#), the entire site will be restored. The historic house will be completely renovated into a professional office building. In addition, a new, small 3-story office building will be built into the hillside and a new 1-story retail building will be located at Hyperion. And, the historic greenhouse will be restored. Parking will be located convenient to Hyperion, and at the front of the site.

### An iconic history

The [Los Angeles Conservancy overview](#) notes that the historic home and garage were moved from their original location in what is now known as Koreatown to the current location in Silver Lake by Dr. Harry Brigham, who lived in the home until his death.

In 1960, the Sakai-Kozawa family purchased the home and operated their retail florist business from 1960 to 2006 from the location. Sumi and Frank Kozawa were responsible for the landscaped grounds, which included a Japanese garden featuring rare plantings, koi ponds, wooden bridges, rocks, and circular pathways.

### Restored garden & next steps

The garden will be restored by [James Corner Field Operations](#), the urban design and landscape architecture firm behind the High Line in New York City and Tongva Park in Santa Monica, and will reflect native California landscapes.

Tokio Florist was active until 2006, when the Kozawa family retired. Tokio Florist had originally opened just before the Great Depression on Los Feliz Boulevard, and moved to the Hyperion location in 1960 where the Kozawas developed the Japanese gardens around the property.

The project continues to be developed, and currently has an application at the Planning Department for the Mills Act under review. The Mills Act grants tax relief to owners of qualified historic properties who participate in the restoration and maintenance of historic properties.