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Best Sacramento landmark that should be around forever

1. TOWER BRIDGE

Capitol Mall & Front St.

2. TOWER THEATRE

2508 Land Park Drive; (916) 442-0985; readingcinemasus.com/tower

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1. DOWNTOWN SACRAMENTO

godowntownsac.com

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undietacos.org

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Best place for a secret meeting

THE BACK DOOR LOUNGE

Old Sacramento is changing, but one place no one wants to change is The Back Door Lounge.

With its half-concealed alley entrance invoking the speakeasys of yesteryear, this cool, dim drinking cave has the feel of a joint the Rat Pack would have picked for their hardest partying. Its old Edwardian mirrors are laced in magenta lights casting a hellish haze on crimson wallpaper from another era.

The Back Door Lounge has been owned for more than 40 years by Gail Dick, whose father was also a working-class bar-runner for decades. She has stubbornly kept her old town hideaway casual,

quirky and unapologetically geared toward neighborhood characters. In the afternoons, young individualists drink alongside the tough, time-hardened faces of a Sacramento fading from memory. At night, the lounge is soaked in raucous nostalgia, with singers hitting Frank Sinatra numbers and the occasional group of friends drunkenly bellowing Billy Joel hits at the top of their lungs.

The lounge is unmarred by "branding" efforts and trends, and many who love it just keep its existence to themselves. So it's no surprise it was voted the best place for a secret meeting.

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