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1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-19-0156

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH ESTABLISHING A HISTORIC  
5 RESOURCES DESIGNATION FOR THE BOWYER  
6 RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 3200 EAST 1ST STREET, AS  
7 PRESCRIBED BY CHAPTER 2.63 OF THE LONG BEACH  
8 MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE RECORDED PURSUANT TO  
9 THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION  
10 27288.2 AND PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 5029  
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12 The City Council of the City of Long Beach does hereby resolve as follows:  
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14 Section 1. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the authority and  
15 mandate of California Public Resources Code Section 5029 in order to provide recorded  
16 notice to current and future owners of the affected properties that such properties have  
17 been designated as historical landmarks.

18 Section 2. Pursuant to Chapter 2.63 of the Long Beach Municipal Code,  
19 the City Council of the City of Long Beach has adopted Ordinance No. ORD- 19-0026  
20 designating the Bowyer Residence located at 3200 East 1st Street as a local Historical  
21 Landmark. As a local Historic Landmark, the demolition, alteration, or relocation is  
22 restricted, subject to controls and standards set forth in this resolution and in Chapter  
23 2.63 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, as may be amended from time to time.

24 Section 3. The legal description for the Bowyer Residence located at  
25 3200 East 1st Street is set forth on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein  
26 as though set forth in full. The owner of the Bowyer Residence located at 3200 East 1st  
27 Street is Roman Yaque Silva-Doyle and Bernadette Laxa.

28 Section 4. Designation as a Historic Landmark. Pursuant to the

1 provisions of Chapter 2.63 of the Long Beach Municipal Code and upon the  
2 recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Commission, the City Council of the City of  
3 Long Beach hereby designates the Bowyer Residence located at 3200 East 1st Street as  
4 a local Historic Landmark based on satisfying significance criteria "B" and "C", as defined  
5 in the City's Cultural Heritage Commission Ordinance (Long Beach Municipal Code,  
6 Section 2.63.050). The designation of the Bowyer Residence as a local Historic  
7 Landmark has been codified in Section 16.52.2340 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

8 A. Basis for Recommendation:

9 1. Property Description. The subject property is located  
10 on Block 43, Lot 6 of the Alamitos Beach Townsite in the Bluff Park  
11 neighborhood of Long Beach. This Spanish Colonial Revival consists of a  
12 two thousand eight hundred ninety two (2,892) foot square two-story  
13 residence that has a generally rectangular footprint. Built in 1924, the  
14 house is surrounded by single-family residential structures. An arcaded  
15 front entry with three openings extends from the façade. Two restrained  
16 Corinthian columns support the archways. The second story is set back  
17 from the porch, providing a shallow balcony where a single door is flanked  
18 by two windows on either side. Simple brackets support the shallow eaves  
19 beneath a full tile roof. The exterior walls are clad in stucco. Subtle  
20 quoining detailed on the front side corners. Many visible windows are  
21 deeply inset and of 8-paned wood double hung sash, with several along the  
22 side of the house mimicking the porch colonnade with a Palladian arch.  
23 There is one small stained glass window on one side. A Distinctive tall  
24 tower and chimney with recessed arches are architectural features on the  
25 west side of the home. The primary entrance, an original ten-paneled wood  
26 door with original hardware, is recessed and off-center. The porch is deep  
27 and would have been scored concrete. Two steps lead up to the porch and  
28 front door. The roof is fully tiled. A detached garage of similar design and

1 materials is located at the rear of the parcel. Landscaping consists of  
2 irregularly shaped lawn, bordered by low bushes and some multi-trunked  
3 palms and yucca, a Mediterranean landscape. The walkway leading from  
4 the sidewalk is of scored concrete. Generally the subject property appears  
5 to retain all aspects of integrity with the exception of the rear additions  
6 constructed in 1969.

7 Due to the era and style of home, it was evaluated under the "Oil and  
8 Industry" themes, Harbor and Navy Expansion, as well as the Great  
9 Depression, and Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style of the Historic  
10 Context Statement.

11 2. Significance.

12 a. Owners.

13 (i) Joseph and Dorleskie Bowyer. This  
14 custom Spanish Colonia Revival style was designed for the first owners,  
15 Joseph and Dorleskie Bowyer. They spent the majority of their adult,  
16 married years in Arizona mining towns and northern Mexico. The appeal of  
17 a Spanish Revival, with a deep graceful colonnade, stucco exterior and tiled  
18 roof would have spoken to their romanticism of the West. As an older  
19 couple, well-endowed by their mining profits, money would have been of  
20 little consequence. They chose the prominent architecture firm of Dedrick &  
21 Bobbe to design their Long Beach residence; equally prominent and skilled  
22 contractor, W. Jay Burgin, was in charge of the construction. Joseph  
23 Bowyer was a native of Philadelphia but spent most of his adult life in the  
24 western territories, including the Utah Territory where he worked for the  
25 Union Pacific Railroad and was present at the 1869 transcontinental railway  
26 celebration at Promontory Point. While living in Utah he met and married  
27 Dorleskie Taylor. They had four children. Dorleskie Taylor Bower was born  
28 in Kaysville, Utah. She is a descendent of Joseph Taylor who fought in the

1 Revolutionary War, and was related to President James Madison as well as  
2 President Zachary Taylor. Dorleskie had deep ties to Long Beach,  
3 spending her summers in the city with relatives. This familiarity influenced  
4 the couple's decision to retire here.

5 (ii) Kate Souder Langstroth. By 1931 the  
6 Bowyers had sold the subject property to Kate Souder Langstroth, widow of  
7 Philadelphia paper mill operator, Theodore A. Langstroth. Originally leaving  
8 Philadelphia for the healthful air of New Mexico, Mrs. Langstroth made her  
9 way to Long Beach with her adult son, Charles Langstroth. When Kate died  
10 in 1938, her son sold the subject property.

11 (iii) The Weiss Family. William H. and Lois  
12 Weiss next bought the subject property and in 1969 added several rooms to  
13 the second story rear. In 1979, they added a swimming pool and spa to the  
14 backyard. William was the Chief Officer for the States Line Company, a  
15 transatlantic shipping firm.

16 b. Architectural Design. This custom-built  
17 residence was constructed in 1924. This arcaded, two-story residence on  
18 exclusive First Street in what is now Bluff Park was an important addition to  
19 the growing oil boom era in Long Beach of 1921-1945. This Spanish  
20 Colonial style residence near the beach would have made a prominent  
21 statement. The residence is well designed with a high level of architectural  
22 detailing that includes the use of the unique and intact arcade entry with  
23 Corinthian columns, full tile roof and intricate double hung and multi-paned  
24 windows. Other details include a tall ornamental tower and functional  
25 chimney, stained glass and two Palladian windows. The massing, size and  
26 detailing of the building gives the structure a stately appearance, truly  
27 unique among a neighborhood of Craftsman and Spanish homes, and none  
28 with both the prominent portico and tower. This building meets the criteria

1 of being distinctive with characteristics of the Spanish Colonial Revival style  
2 and designed and constructed by master craftsmen.

3 B. Rationale for historic landmark designation. The City Council  
4 finds that relative to the designation of the Bowyer Residence located at  
5 3200 East 1st Street as a local historic landmark, the following criteria are  
6 manifested as set forth in the Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.63.050  
7 based upon the following:

8 "B." It is associated with the lives of persons significant in the  
9 City's past. The building was constructed in the period recognized by the  
10 City's Historic Context Statement as the "The 20th Century Development  
11 and Expansion period from 1921-1945." During this period, there was  
12 substantial investment and growth including port development, expansion of  
13 Long Beach boundaries through annexation of surrounding areas. This  
14 period also included expansion of the Navy and the Harbor, including the  
15 Breakwater. The subject property is unique and designed to be stately in  
16 appearance. The subject property is also located in what is now the Bluff  
17 Park neighborhood, annexed into the geographic boundaries of the City of  
18 Long Beach in 1909 and becoming a Landmark District in 1982. There are  
19 only a handful of individually designated historic landmarks in this  
20 neighborhood. The subject property was an imposing residence for several  
21 key players in Western history, including Joseph Bowyer, Dorleskie Taylor  
22 Bowyer, Charles S. Langstroth, and William H. Weiss. All contributed to  
23 opening the Western territories via telegraph, rail or shipping.

24 "C." It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or  
25 method of construction, or it represents the work of a master or it  
26 possesses high artistic values. The subject property was constructed in  
27 1924. Dedrick & Bobbe designed the house; W. Jay Burgin constructed it.  
28 The firm of Dedrick & Bobbe was recognized architects throughout

1 California. The firm of W. Jay Burgin was synonymous with quality in Long  
2 Beach. The subject property is unique in its prominence and  
3 craftsmanship. This distinctive custom-home is an example of the Spanish  
4 Colonial Revival style.

5 Section 5. General guidelines and standards for any changes.

6 A. Any maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation,  
7 restoration, preservation, conservation, or reconstruction work proposed for  
8 the building shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the "Secretary  
9 of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with  
10 Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing  
11 Historic Buildings" (1995), by Weeks and Grimmer, as amended, as well as  
12 the "Procedures for Certificate of Appropriateness" (the "Standards") found  
13 in Section 2.63.080 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

14 B. The Standards are incorporated herein by this reference and  
15 shall be used as the authoritative guidelines for reviewing and approving  
16 any proposed exterior work on the building.

17 C. The provisions of this Resolution shall regulate the building's  
18 exterior walls and other external features. There shall be no restrictions on  
19 the building's interior.

20 D. Original historic fabric on the exterior of the building shall be  
21 executed in a matter that does not materially impair in an adverse manner  
22 those physical characteristics of the structure that account for its  
23 designation as a City landmark. Any such work must be done in keeping  
24 with the building's historic character, period, and architectural style.

25 E. No exterior changes to the building shall be allowed unless an  
26 approved Certificate of Appropriateness has been applied for by an  
27 applicant and is issued by the City authorizing such environmental change.

28 Section 6. Pursuant to the authority of the Public Resources Code

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1 Section 5029 and Government Code Section 27288.2, the City Clerk shall cause a  
2 certified copy of this Resolution to be recorded in the Official Records of the County of  
3 Los Angeles.

4 Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect on the same date the  
5 ordinance referred to in Section 2 of this Resolution becomes effective, and the City Clerk  
6 shall certify the vote adopting this Resolution.

7 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
8 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of October 8, 2019,  
9 by the following vote:

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11 Ayes: Councilmembers: Pearce, Price, Supernaw, Mungo,  
12 Andrews, Uranga, Richardson.

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15 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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17 Absent: Councilmembers: Austin.

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EXHIBIT "A"  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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5 Lot 6 in Block 43 of the Resubdivision of Part of the Alamitos Beach  
6 Townsite, in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, State of  
7 California, as per Map recorded in Book 5, Page 55 of Maps, in the Office of  
8 the County Recorder of Said County.

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10 Excepting and Reserving unto the Grantor herein all minerals, gas, oil,  
11 petroleum, naphtha and other hydrocarbon substances located in and under  
12 said land below a depth of 500 feet from the surface thereof, without right to  
13 surface entry.

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15 APN: 7264-015-007  
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