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RESOLUTION NO. RES-20-0106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH ESTABLISHING A HISTORIC RESOURCES DESIGNATION FOR THE W.L. PORTERFIELD DUPLEX LOCATED AT 141 AND 143 E. 10TH STREET, AS PRESCRIBED BY CHAPTER 2.63 OF THE LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE RECORDED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 27288.2 AND PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 5029

The City Council of the City of Long Beach does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the authority and mandate of California Public Resources Code Section 5029 in order to provide recorded notice to current and future owners of the affected properties that such properties have been designated as historical landmarks.

Section 2. Pursuant to Chapter 2.63 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, the City Council of the City of Long Beach has adopted Ordinance No. ORD-20-0036 designating the W.L. Porterfield Duplex located at 141 and 143 E. 10th Street as a local historical landmark. As a local historic landmark, the demolition, alteration, or relocation is restricted, subject to controls and standards set forth in this resolution and in Chapter 2.63 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, as may be amended from time to time.

Section 3. The legal description for the W.L. Porterfield Duplex located at 141 and 143 E. 10th Street is set forth on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth in full. The owner of the W.L. Porterfield Duplex is Gail Cooper.

1 Section 4. Designation as a Historic Landmark. Pursuant to the
2 provisions of Chapter 2.63 of the Long Beach Municipal Code and upon the
3 recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Commission, the City Council of the City of
4 Long Beach hereby designates the W.L. Porterfield Duplex located at 141 and 143 E.
5 10th Street as a historic landmark based on satisfying significance criteria "B" and "C", as
6 defined in the City's Cultural Heritage Commission Ordinance (Long Beach Municipal
7 Code, Section 2.63.050). The designation of the W.L. Porterfield Duplex as a local
8 historic landmark has been codified in Section 16.52.2360 of the Long Beach Municipal
9 Code.

10 A. Basis for Recommendation:

11 1. Property Description. The subject property is located
12 on the northwest corner of Locust Avenue and E. 10th Street. The site is
13 located within the PD-30 (Downtown Plan) zoning district. The rectangular
14 shaped property is developed with two detached residential buildings, and a
15 detached single car garage. The property is not located in a designated
16 historic district. The residential building at 141 and 143 E. 10th Street is
17 situated along the western portion of the rectangular shaped lot facing 10th
18 Street. This two-story duplex was built in 1901 and was designed in the
19 Foursquare architectural style. The American Foursquare period of
20 significance is from 1894-1910.

21 This duplex located at 141 and 143 E. 10th Street is on the
22 same lot as the single-family house located at 1005 Locust Avenue.

23 2. Significance.

24 a. Architectural Design. The rectangular shaped,
25 two-story building features a hipped roof, large overhanging eaves and
26 exposed rafters. The building exterior walls feature decorative wood siding
27 and wood shingles. Narrow horizontal wood planks accent the base of the
28 first-floor and second-floor walls. A flared trim design delineates the break

1 between the two stories. The second-floor walls feature a decorative
2 shingle design which has an overlapping geometric pattern that is repeated
3 on all four sides of the building. A larger sized geometric pattern accents
4 the south (front) and east facing side elevations. The building features two
5 bay windows, one located on the front elevation facing 10th Street and one
6 located on the west facing elevation. Most of the original double hung
7 windows remain throughout the structure. One of the building's entry doors
8 appears to be an original feature to the building, which consists of four
9 rectangular raised panels; one panel located above a rectangular window
10 and three located below the window. The duplex is considered one of the
11 oldest buildings in Long Beach and amongst the last remaining buildings of
12 the Foursquare architecture style in Long Beach. The subject building is
13 intact and features a unique shingle design and flared shiplap accenting the
14 base of both stories makes this building an irreplaceable example of an era
15 and style no longer found in Long Beach.

16 b. Historical Background. The duplex was
17 originally located at 607-609 E. Ocean Boulevard. In 1914, W.D.
18 Culbertson moved the building to the 1005 Locust and 141 E. 10th Street
19 property. According to Sanborn maps (dated 1902, 1905 and 1908) the
20 two-story duplex featured a covered patio which extended across the entire
21 front elevation. The covered patio was removed from the front elevation in
22 1914. A smaller covered porch is now located on the southeast corner of
23 the building, which provides access to the two residential units. In 1925, a
24 11' x 24' sleeping room was converted to a storeroom and a bedroom. In
25 1938, a bay window was added to the front elevation which added 18-
26 square feet to the building.

27 c. Owner. Walter L. Porterfield owned both the
28 607-609 E. Ocean Boulevard property and the property addressed at 1005

1 Locust Avenue and 141 E. 10th Street, where he had the duplex moved in
2 1914. Porterfield resided at 141 E. 10th Street from the 1920 to 1935.
3 Porterfield was instrumental in bringing telephone service to Long Beach
4 through his Home Telephone Company. Porterfield served as President of
5 the U.S. Long Distance Telephone and Telegraph Company. He owned
6 several properties, including the Ocean Center Building and the Cliff
7 Dwellers hotel property.

8 B. Rational for historic landmark designation. The City Council
9 finds that relative to the designation of the W.L. Porterfield Duplex located
10 at 141 and 143 E. 10th Street as a historic landmark, the following criteria
11 are manifested as set forth in the Long Beach Municipal Code Section
12 2.63.050 based upon the following:

13 "B." It is associated with the lives of persons significant in
14 the City's past. The historic building is associated with the life of a
15 significant Long Beach civic and business leader, Walter L. Porterfield.
16 Porterfield lived in the building between 1920 and 1930. Porterfield was
17 instrumental in bringing local telephone service to the City of Long Beach
18 and he served as President of the U.S. Long Distance Telephone and
19 Telegraph Company.

20 "C." It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or
21 method of construction, or it represents the work of a master or it possesses
22 high artistic values. Built in 1901, it is considered amongst the last
23 remaining intact Foursquare buildings located in downtown Long Beach.
24 The building features distinctive, decorative wood shingle siding, double-
25 hung sash wood windows and a hipped roof.

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

27 A. Any maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation,
28 restoration, preservation, conservation, or reconstruction work proposed for

1 the building shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the “Secretary
2 of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with
3 Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing
4 Historic Buildings” (1995), by Weeks and Grimmer, as amended, as well as
5 the “Procedures for Certificate of Appropriateness” (the “Standards”) found
6 in Section 2.63.080 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

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

10 C. The provisions of this Resolution shall regulate the building’s
11 exterior walls and other external features. There shall be no restrictions on
12 the building’s interior.

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

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

21 Section 6. Pursuant to the authority of the Public Resources Code
22 Section 5029 and Government Code Section 27288.2, the City Clerk shall cause a
23 certified copy of this Resolution to be recorded in the Official Records of the County of
24 Los Angeles.

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

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of September 1, 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Pearce, Price, Supernaw,
Mungo, Andrews, Uranga, Austin,
Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.


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EXHIBIT "A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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LOT 23 OF THE LOCUST AVENUE TRACT, IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 7 PAGE 135 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

EXCEPT THE WEST 48 FEET THEREOF.

ALSO EXCEPT THEREFROM ALL OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES LYING BELOW THE SURFACE OF SAID PROPERTY, BUT WITH NO RIGHT OF SURFACE ENTRY AS PROVIDED IN THE DEED RECORDED IN BOOK M1924 PAGE 547 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.