

RESOLUTION NO. C-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF THE BEMBRIDGE HOUSE FOR INCLUSION IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

WHEREAS, the National Register of Historic Places ("National Register") is the nation's official list of buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts worthy of preservation because of their significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the National Register recognizes resources of local, state and national significance, which have been documented and evaluated according to uniform standards and criteria; and

WHEREAS, authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect historic and archeological resources; and

WHEREAS, the National Register is administered by each State's Office of Historic Preservation for the National Park Service, which is part of the U. S. Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for listing in the National Register, a resource must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- A. It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;
- B. It is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or

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1 represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack  
2 individual distinction.

3 D. It has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history  
4 or prehistory; and

5 WHEREAS, the Bembridge House, located at 953 Park Circle Drive, Long  
6 Beach, California, was designated as a local Long Beach Historic Landmark on November 20,  
7 1980, and is significant under the National Register criterion "C" as the most elaborate and  
8 intact Queen Anne Victorian architecture extant in the City of Long Beach, California. The  
9 property consists of a three-story wood frame main house, a two-story carriage house,  
10 and a small octagonal aviary in the side yard. Architecturally, the exterior of the main  
11 house has complex and varied massing. The steep hip roof has multiple gables with  
12 stone, wood and decorative shingle cladding, and rich ornamental detailing. The house  
13 interiors are in pristine original condition, with original woodwork, wall finishes, and gas-  
14 electric chandeliers; and

15 WHEREAS, the Bembridge House is located in the original residential  
16 district of the City, where other more modest Victorian homes survive, but where  
17 subsequent development and increased density have altered the historic context. The  
18 carriage house is a rare example of a type of building that has all but disappeared from  
19 the City and the region. Constructed in 1906, the Bembridge House is the most  
20 monumental, elaborate and ornate Queen Anne surviving today in Long Beach and  
21 demonstrates the continued popularity of Victorian design in the first decade of the  
22 twentieth century. It represents an outstanding example of Victorian design and  
23 craftsmanship in the context of pioneering residential homes in Long Beach. The  
24 buildings have retained a high degree of original integrity and have unusually significant  
25 and intact interiors; and

26 WHEREAS, the State Historical Resources Commission will be considering an  
27 application to include the Bembridge House in the National Register of Historic Places at its  
28 meeting on Friday, November 5, 2004, and the City is required to return comments on the

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1 "Review and Comment" form to the State Office of Historic Preservation fifteen (15) days prior  
2 to said meeting.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
4 follows:

5 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach strongly supports the  
6 nomination of the Bembridge House, a local Long Beach Historic Landmark, for listing in the  
7 National Register of Historic Places, and instructs the City Manager to execute all  
8 documentation necessary for the application of said listing.

9 Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the  
10 City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

11 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of  
12 the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, by the following  
13 vote:

14 Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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18 Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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20 Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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24 City Clerk

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