

RESOLUTION NO. RES-16-0118

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH ESTABLISHING A HISTORIC  
RESOURCES DESIGNATION FOR THE PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 6509 GUNDRY AVENUE, 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 ORD-16-0013  
designating the property located at 6509 Gundry Avenue 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 City of Long Beach is the current property owner and the  
legal description for the property at 6509 Gundry Avenue is set forth on Exhibit "A",  
attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

Section 4. Designation as a Historic Landmark. Pursuant to the  
provisions of Chapter 2.63 of the Long Beach Municipal Code and upon the  
recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Commission, the City Council of the City of

Long Beach hereby designates the property located at 6509 Gundry Avenue as a historic landmark based on satisfying significance criteria A and C, as defined in the City's Cultural Heritage Commission Ordinance (Long Beach Municipal Code, Section 2.63.050). The designation of 6509 Gundry Avenue as a local historic landmark has been codified in Section 16.52.2220 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

A. Location, description and reasons for designation.

1. The former Fire Station No. 12 is located at 6509 Gundry Avenue, is located within a residential neighborhood on the northwest corner of Gundry Avenue and 65th Street between Brayton Avenue and Falcon Avenue, in the City of Long Beach, California, and is identified as Los Angeles County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 7114-012-900 and legally described as Tract No. 7845, Lot 102 and Lot 103. Fire Station No. 12 was previously utilized by the City's Fire Department until 2013 when it was decommissioned and a new fire station was constructed blocks away. The building is now utilized as a field office for the 9th Council District.

2. The former Fire Station No. 12 is designed in the Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style which is influenced by Spanish, Baroque, Moorish and other European styles. The one-story building exemplifies the style with its asymmetrical façade, cross-gabled clay tile-clad roof, rounded rafter tails, clay tile attic vents, stucco exterior, and deeply recessed window frames. Despite removal of the original windows, garage door and a few decorative elements, the building retains its essential form and character from its period of significance. Fire Station 12 is a modest example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, but is a well preserved building that retains the essential form and character of the Spanish Colonial Revival style. The station is capped by a medium-pitched cross-gables roof with barrel clay tiles, and has slightly over overhanging

1 eaves with exposed rafter tails. Round clay tile attic vents are visible  
2 beneath some of the roof gables. The building is clad in contemporary  
3 textured stucco. A chimney flue extends vertically from the south wall with  
4 a simple chimney top and the original tower located at the north corner of  
5 the building remaining. The building broadly falls in the cross-gable  
6 subtype which creates the classic asymmetrical front façade associated  
7 with the Spanish Colonial style residential buildings that typically would  
8 feature a large centered focal window. In this case, the large focal window  
9 located under the front-facing gable roof is substituted for the front garage  
10 door with an arch opening. From the 1910s to the late 1920s, the Fire  
11 Department expanded in response to the growth of the city, the rise in  
12 tourism, and development of the oil industry. The discovery of oil in Signal  
13 Hill in 1921 led to significant growth in the north Long Beach area. Fire  
14 Station No. 12 was built to serve the fast-growing north Long Beach area  
15 through City revenues resulting from City oil revenues. Fire Station No. 12  
16 was constructed during the Depression and completed in 1930; however,  
17 funding was so scarce that the building was not officially opened as a fire  
18 station until 1936. In the interim, the building was unoccupied until 1933  
19 when it became occupied by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and  
20 was used as a sewing center. As part of the WPA programs, Fire Station  
21 No. 12 served the City as a sewing depot, providing jobs to hundreds of  
22 unemployed women. These women turned donated items into quilts or  
23 mended clothing and gifted them to the needy. The structure is also  
24 significant because it is associated with the New Deal in Long Beach and  
25 was one of the last remaining operating pre-1930s stations located within a  
26 residential neighborhood. The station was constructed within a residential  
27 neighborhood because the original placement of fire stations was based  
28 primarily on "localized necessity," instead of a comprehensive plan. Of the

1 City's 23 fire stations, Fire Station No. 12 is one of the last remaining pre-  
2 1930s fire stations located in a residential neighborhood.

3 B. Rationale for historic landmark designation. The City Council  
4 finds that relative to the designation of the subject property located at 6509  
5 Gundry Avenue as a historic landmark, the following criteria are manifested  
6 as set forth in the Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.63.050 based  
7 upon the following:

8 A. It is associated with events that have made a significant  
9 contribution to the broad patterns of the City's history.

10 C. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or  
11 method of construction, or it represents the work of a master, or it possesses high  
12 artistic values.

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

14 A. Any maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation,  
15 restoration, preservation, conservation, or reconstruction work proposed for  
16 the building shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the "Secretary  
17 of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with  
18 Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing  
19 Historic Buildings" (1995), by Weeks and Grimmer, as amended, as well as  
20 the "Procedures for Certificate of Appropriateness" (the "Standards") found  
21 in Section 2.63.080 of the Long Beach Municipal Code. Also, reference  
22 should be made to the recommended mitigation measures contained in the  
23 Historic Resources Assessment for Fire Station No. 12 by Laura G. Carius,  
24 LSA Assoc., dated March 2016.

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

28 C. The provisions of this Ordinance shall regulate the building's

1 exterior walls and other external features. There shall be no restrictions on  
2 the building's interior.

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

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

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

15 Section 7. This resolution shall take effect on the same dated the  
16 ordinance referred to in Section 2 of this resolution becomes effective, and the City Clerk  
17 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 November 22, 2016,  
by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Pearce, Price,  
Supernaw, Uranga, Austin,  
Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Mungo, Andrews.

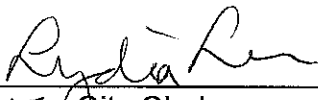
  
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ASSISTANT City Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

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