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March 8, 2016

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Section 16.52.2200, relating to the nomination of the Alamitos Neighborhood Library located at 1836 East Third Street as a historic landmark; and adopting in Sections 2 and 3 hereof uncodified findings and determinations relating to said landmark, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. (District 2)

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to your request on March 1, 2016, this ordinance has been prepared and is submitted for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By

  
LINDA T. VU  
Deputy City Attorney

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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTION 16.52.2200 RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF THE ALAMITOS NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY LOCATED AT 1836 EAST THIRD STREET AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK; AND ADOPTING IN SECTIONS 2 AND 3 HEREOF UNCODIFIED FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS RELATING TO SAID LANDMARK

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 16.52.2200 is added to the Long Beach Municipal Code to read as follows:

16.52.2200 Alamitos Neighborhood Library.

A. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2.63 of the Long Beach Municipal Code and with the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Commission, the City Council designates the following building as a historic landmark in the City: Alamitos Neighborhood Library, located at 1836 East Third Street.

B. The complete location, description and reasons for historic landmark designation are more fully contained in uncodified Section 2 of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Section 2. (Uncodified) Designation as a Historic Landmark.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2.63 of the Long Beach Municipal

1 Code and upon the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Commission, the City  
2 Council of the City of Long Beach hereby designates the Alamitos Neighborhood Library  
3 as a historic landmark based on satisfying significance criteria A and C, as defined in the  
4 City's Cultural Heritage Commission Ordinance (Long Beach Municipal Code, Section  
5 2.63.050).

6 A. Location, description and reasons for designation.

7 The Alamitos Neighborhood Library is located at 1836 East Third  
8 Street, in the City of Long Beach, California, and is identified as Los Angeles  
9 County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 7275-019-900.

10 The Alamitos Neighborhood Library is a two-story Spanish Colonial  
11 Revival style building constructed in 1928. It is the oldest building remaining  
12 in the City's library system and illustrates the growth of municipal  
13 government and its associated services as Long Beach developed. The  
14 Alamitos Neighborhood Library is an excellent example of Spanish Colonial  
15 Revival style applied to an institutional building. The building is also  
16 significant because it retains its historic purpose as a library building and for  
17 its unique neighborhood scale. The Spanish Colonial Revival style is directly  
18 tied to the architecture's attempt to embrace and promote the California  
19 environment and lifestyle during the 1920s. As remarkable examples of the  
20 Spanish Colonial Revival style, notable features of the building include  
21 wrought iron railings and window grates, courtyard with tile fountain, and  
22 terra cotta tile. Character-defining features of the building include the  
23 asymmetrical primary elevation, smooth stucco exterior walls, gabled roof,  
24 exposed rafter tails, decorative wrought iron window grates and brackets  
25 beneath the eaves, wood paneled main entrance doors with wide surround,  
26 terra cotta tile, multi-light fixed and casement metal windows (some with  
27 decorative surrounds), wrought iron balconette railing and decorative  
28 detailing, punched concrete vents, blade sign with wrought iron decoration,

1 tile fountain, and courtyard wall with arched doorway and paneled door.

2 B. Rationale for historic landmark designation.

3 The City Council finds that relative to the designation of the Alamitos  
4 Neighborhood Library as a historic landmark, the following criteria are  
5 manifested as set forth in the Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.63.050  
6 based upon the following:

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

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

12 C. General guidelines and standards for any changes.

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

21 The Standards are incorporated herein by this reference and shall be  
22 used as the authoritative guidelines for reviewing and approving any  
23 proposed exterior work on the building.

24 The provisions of this ordinance shall regulate the building's exterior  
25 walls and other external features. There shall be no restrictions on the  
26 building's interior.

27 Original historic fabric on the exterior of the building shall be  
28 executed in a manner that does not materially impair in an adverse manner

1 those physical characteristics of the structure that account for its  
2 designation as a City landmark. Any such work must be done in keeping  
3 with the building's historic character, period, and architectural style.

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

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8 Section 3. (Uncodified) The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be  
9 recorded in accordance with the provisions of Section 5029 of the California Public  
10 Resources Code and Section 27288.2 of the California Government Code.

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12 Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by  
13 the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of  
14 Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the  
15 Mayor.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, by the following vote:

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

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

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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Mayor