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Subject: Support for COAC2201-05 proposed South of Nick's at 5354 E 2nd Street
Attachments: historic photo.jpg; Proposed South of Nicks - Belmont 2nd Street_CHC Submittal.pdf

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Dear Cultural Heritage Commission: I am writing in support of the historic restoration and revitalization to the historic use for the proposed South of Nick's at 5354 E 2nd Street. I live very close to the project on Bay Shore in Belmont Shore, own a business in Belmont Shore called Rance's Chicago Pizza, on the Board of Directors for the Belmont Shore Business Association and a commissioner on the local Belmont Shore Parking Commission. I am also the developer of this proposed project and passionate about historic restoration projects. I am also a huge fan of Nick's on 2nd which is one of the highest quality restaurant operations in our wonderful city.

Upon purchasing the property, I went to the Historical Society of Long Beach to search for old photos of the property and that is where I found the attached photo. I immediately knew I wanted to voluntarily restore the historic blade sign, return the entry to the historic location with the beautiful pendent light and also restore the windows and iron accents at the corner tower element. I am doing all of these items at my cost because I believe it will honor the history of the building. I also plan to display this photo of the building from 1954 inside the building upon completion. I would also like to use the same iron metalwork design for the railing for the dining area and other minor enhancements to make the property functionally suitable for modern day business conditions. I greatly appreciate your time and consideration for this project which would truly enhance our Belmont Shore community.

I look forward to meeting you all on May 31st for the hearing. This building has been sitting vacant for 6 years so I am very excited to get the property back into service for our community. Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

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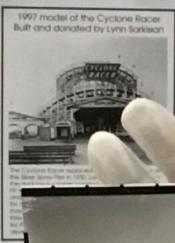


1920s

- 1920** Population according to the United States Census: 55,593
Buffum's department store opens
- 1921** Oil is discovered on Signal Hill
A Million-Dollar-a-Month building boom begins including downtown skyscrapers
The City of Long Beach adopts the city manager form of government
- 1922** Farmers of 17 nationalities sell produce at the municipal market at Lincoln Park
Farmers & Merchants Bank opens its office tower on Pine Avenue
- 1923** The Morning Sun publishes its first issue
Major flood control work along the Los Angeles River in Long Beach is completed
The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word establish St Mary's Hospital
Long Beach Airport is established on land previously controlled by the Long Beach Water Company
- 1924** The Prisks and Hoskins purchase the Press with the Press
The Houghton family donates the Houghton North Long Beach
- 1926** Long Beach opens the Navy Landing and officers of the Pacific Fleet arrive to help with the Pacific Coast Club, a private club opens on the beach
Wilson High School opens
- 1927** Long Beach City College opens on the campus
- 1928** The Pacific Southwest Exposition opens in the harbor
The Marina News begins publication

1930s

- 1930** Population according to United States Census: 142,032
The Cyclone Racer roller coaster replaces the Jackrabbit Racer on the Pike
The Ford Motor Company plant opens in the harbor area
Harriman Jones clinic and hospital opens
- 1931** The Proctor & Gamble plant opens in the harbor area
- 1932** The owners of the Press-Telegram purchase the Sun
Marine Stadium is dredged for Olympic rowing events
The Dow Chemical plant opens near Marine Stadium to produce iodine from oil field brine
The Municipal Auditorium opens in Rainbow Pier
- 1933** A 6.4 earthquake strikes Southern California and 120 people are killed
New Deal funds help rebuild earthquake damaged schools and other buildings
Jordan High School opens
- 1934** The entire City Council is recalled as a result of reelection
- 1935** Western Airlines begins service to Long Beach Airport
The first oil well in the harbor area begins production
- 1937** The Long Beach Independent begins publication



1940s

- 1940** Population according to the United States Census: 164,271
Construction of the Naval Shipyard and Roosevelt Navy Base begin in the harbor
The Victory Pier is built for the Navy to load ammunition for China
Local African Americans organize an NAACP chapter in the City
Douglas Aircraft plant begins
Administration building is
The Pacific Fleet from
Barrage at removed
Alamitos Naval
Government camps in

1950s

- 1950** Population according to the United States Census: 200,000
Six new elementary schools are constructed to accommodate children of the post-war Long Beach State College, which grows into State University. Long Beach begins its current campus
- 1952** Catalina Swimwear sponsors the first Miss Long Beach to increase tourism
Ridder Publications purchases the Press-Telegram
Subsidence in the harbor reaches 29 feet
Edison Plant
- 1953** Voters approve using tidelands funds to build Bay Marina
The first water injection site in the harbor subsidence
- 1954** Long Beach City College opens a new campus
- 1957** Voters approve bonds to support construction of community hospitals
Millikan High School opens
- 1958** Lakewood High School opens
American Avenue is renamed Long Beach Boulevard
Hancock Oil Company refinery burns
- 1959** The Long Beach Grand Prix opens



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