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Subject: Agenda Item 23-002CH, Cultural Heritage Commission, January 31, 2023, 2749 East Ocean Boulevard

Long Beach Heritage extremely appreciates that we were able to meet with the architect of the proposed project and the owner of the Samuel Raymond house at 2749 East Ocean Boulevard, as well as Development Services staff, via Webex twice during December, 2022. During these informative meetings, we discussed changes to the home originally built for Samuel Raymond and the design of the proposed addition. We believe that the revised plans for the addition to the historic home, built in 1918 and designed by world famous architect Irving Gill (1870-1936), are greatly improved from the previous concept. We also support staff's requirement that the owner must save the original arch and door on the rear elevation of the residence, which will be relocated inside the building. In addition, we approve requiring the owner to retain the low wall designed by Gill in front of the street façade. Long Beach Heritage approves of the new plans for the rear addition to the Samuel Raymond house.