

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE FRESNO  
DAILY EXPOSITOR BUILDING LOCATED AT 1029-1031  
FULTON MALL, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TO THE LOCAL  
REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the *Fresno Weekly Expositor* was founded by J.W. Ferguson as editor and owner in Millerton on April 27, 1870;

WHEREAS, Ferguson relocated the newspaper to Fresno in 1874 when the City became the County seat and the *Expositor* therefore became Fresno's first newspaper;

WHEREAS, the *Fresno Weekly Expositor* became a daily newspaper on April 3, 1882;

WHEREAS, the *Expositor* was first housed in a wood frame building at the northwest corner of Tulare and J Street (now Fulton Mall) and in 1881 was moved three parcels north to a purpose-built masonry building to which in 1888 a second story was added;

WHEREAS, the *Expositor* ceased publication on September 1, 1898 due to financial difficulties;

WHEREAS, the *Expositor Building* is among the oldest surviving commercial buildings in the City of Fresno;

WHEREAS, the building is associated with J.W. Ferguson who played a significant role in Fresno's early political and social history;

WHEREAS, the building was modernized in the 1950s but the original masonry construction is still intact beneath the tenant improvement;

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WHEREAS, forensic evidence indicates that the bricks used in the construction of the *Expositor* are stamped with the name of "Betteridge";

WHEREAS, William Betteridge was a prominent contractor and brick maker who constructed several monumental late 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings in Fresno including the now demolished Hughes Hotel Block, the Grand Central Hotel, and the Temple Bar Building;

WHEREAS, the *Expositor* building offers an opportunity to yield information about Fresno's earliest building practices and construction technology;

WHEREAS, the property owner, Henry Liu, supports the designation of the *Expositor* building to Fresno's Local Official Register of Historic Resources;

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno Historic Preservation Commission, at a duly noticed public hearing held on February 23, 2015, heard testimony on the subject property;

WHEREAS, based on that testimony, and the presentation of facts relating to the criteria for official designation, as set forth in the Fresno Municipal Code, Chapter 12, Article 16, made the following findings:

That the *Fresno Daily Expositor Building* meets the criteria set out in Article 16, Chapter 12, Section 12-1607 (a) of the Fresno Municipal Code; and is eligible for listing on Fresno's Local Register of Historic Resources; and be recommended to the Fresno City Council for adoption as a Local Resource; and whereas in accordance with Fresno Municipal Code, Article 16 Section 12-1601 et seq. this hearing has been duly noticed for Council action upon the designation recommended by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2015, Council held a hearing where it considered the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission, and considered substantial evidence, including but not limited to, staff presentation, a report prepared by staff

addressing the property's eligibility to the Local Register, a Primary Record ("PR") and a Building, Structure and Object Record ("BSOR") prepared by the City's Historic Preservation Specialist (as defined in FMC § 12-1604(b)) finding that the property met the Historic Resource eligibility requirements for criteria i, ii and iv to subdivision 12-1607(a)(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. Council finds that the above recitals are true and correct.
2. Council finds that the *Fresno Daily Expositor Building* is eligible for listing under criteria i, ii, and iv of Fresno Municipal Code, subdivision 12-1607(a)(1) based upon the evidence presented to Council in the staff presentation, staff report, the PR and the BSOR.
3. Council designates the *Fresno Daily Expositor Building* a Historic Resource to the Local Register of Historic Resources.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015  
Mayor Approval/No Return: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015  
Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015  
Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC  
City Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Raterman-Doidge Date  
Deputy City Attorney