

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE ELIA HOME LOCATED AT 634-640 VAN NESS AVENUE, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TO THE LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Elia Home was constructed in 1915 as a two-story duplex residence and added onto in 1935 with a one-story storefront commercial building; and

WHEREAS, the home is associated with the early development of the Armenian Town neighborhood and works toward honoring a rich segment of Fresno's early ethnic history; and

WHEREAS, the home has distinction as a Live/Work property type, specifically as a residence with a storefront commercial addition; and

WHEREAS, the home retains integrity to its period of significance, by retaining all 7 aspects of historic integrity except Setting, with character-defining features for the duplex residence and storefront commercial building; and

WHEREAS, the character-defining features for the duplex residence include the hipped roof, symmetrical façade, wood clapboard siding, porches that span the full width of the façade, double-hung wood windows, Doric columns seen in support of the porches and as a decorative element of the interior built-in dining cabinets, and the unique main entry door opening mechanism located at the top of the stairway for the second-story unit; and

Date Adopted:
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Effective Date:
City Attorney Approval:

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WHEREAS, the character-defining features for the storefront commercial building include the smooth wall surface, floor-to-ceiling storefront, the use of chevrons, triangles, and other stylized geometric motifs as decorative elements on the façade, and projects which provide a vertical emphasis; and

WHEREAS, the property owners, Ashakka LLC, support the designation of the building to Fresno's Local Official Register of Historic Resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno Historic Preservation Commission, at a duly noticed public hearing held on April 23, 2018, heard testimony on the subject property; and

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 Elia Home 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 May 24, 2018, 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 and iii 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 Elia Home is eligible for listing under criteria i and iii 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 Elia Home a Historic Resource to the Local Register of Historic Resources.

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 24th day of May 2018.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC, CR
City Clerk

BY: _____
Date

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

BY: _____
John Hastrup Date
Deputy City Attorney