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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE FRED AND VIRGINIA BILLINGS HOME LOCATED AT 3650 E. HUNTINGTON BOULEVARD, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TO THE LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the residence located at 3650 E. Huntington Boulevard was constructed in 1938 in the Alta Vista Tract;

WHEREAS, the Alta Vista Tract was developed in 1911 as a streetcar suburb by Albert Graves Wishon following the extension circa 1907 of the Sunnyside and Recreation Line;

WHEREAS, the home was constructed for Fred and Virginia Billings;

WHEREAS, Fred Billings came to Fresno in 1910 and went into the real estate business with Rhine Meyering (aka Billings and Meyering) who in 1914 acquired and developed the Alta Vista Tract;

WHEREAS, Fred Billings served as the first Chair of the County Planning Commission, the Director of the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce and additionally was the Director of the Sanger Citrus Association;

WHEREAS, the home was designed by Charles E. Butner, a major architect who studied under Paul Cret at the University of Pennsylvania and with business partner Edward Glass designed several major Fresno buildings;

WHEREAS, the 2-story Colonial Revival style home is an excellent example of the work of a major architect, Charles E. Butner;

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WHEREAS, the Billings Home is an important contributor to the history of the neighborhood and to the proposed Huntington Boulevard Historic District;

WHEREAS, the property owners, Janet and Stephen Stone, support the designation of the 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 July 28, 2014, 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 Fred and Virginia Billings 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 August 25, 2014, 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 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 Fred and Virginia Billings Home is eligible for listing under criteria i, ii 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 Fred and Virginia Billings 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 _____ day of _____, 2014.

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NOES :
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ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2014
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2014
Mayor Veto: _____, 2014
Council Override Vote: _____, 2014

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: _____
Mary Raterman-Doidge Date
Deputy City Attorney