

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE F. REX AND VERA SPORLEDER HOME LOCATED AT 3702 E. HUNTINGTON BOULEVARD, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TO THE LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the residence located at 3702 E. Huntington Boulevard was constructed in 1926 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 first occupant of the home, F. Rex Sporleder, came to Fresno in 1922 and by 1950 was the sole owner of the Hollenbeck-Bush Planing Mill which was founded in Fresno in 1890;

WHEREAS, the home was built by the contracting firm of Fisher and McNulty who constructed numerous residential and commercial buildings of note in Fresno including the Pantages Theatre and Twining Laboratories;

WHEREAS, the 2-story Sporleder Home was designed with aesthetic influences from both the Spanish and Italian Renaissance Revival and is of architectural interest due to the overall design of the home, the hexagonal breakfast nook and the extant 2nd story sleeping porch; and

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

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WHEREAS, the property owners, Melissa Black and Clay Cox, 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 August 25, 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 F. Rex and Vera Sporleder 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 September 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 F. Rex and Vera Sporleder 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 F. Rex and Vera Sporleder Home 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

AYES :  
 NOES :  
 ABSENT :  
 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