

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE SEQUOIA HOTEL/FINK & SKOPP BUILDING LOCATED AT 925-933 VAN NESS AVENUE, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TO THE LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES (APN 46825403)

WHEREAS, the building located at 925-933 Van Ness Avenue is the adapted first story of the four-story 1912 Sequoia Hotel that was partially demolished in 1962; and

WHEREAS, in 1962 the first story was retained and redesigned as four-unit commercial building in a New Formalist style by renowned local architect Robert W. Stevens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno Historic Preservation Commission, at a duly noticed public hearing held on October 24, 2022 heard testimony on the subject property to consider an Application for a Demolition Permit; and

WHEREAS, based on that testimony, and the presentation of facts the Historic Preservation Commission concurred that the integrity of the original 1912 Sequoia Hotel building is lacking, the reuse as the Fink & Skopp retail building in 1962 retains its integrity since no significant alterations to the building have been made; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission determined the integrity of the building remains, and the property is eligible for listing on the Local Historic Register as specified in the Fulton Corridor Historic Resources Survey, dated April 2014, and the 2022 DPR; and

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Date Approved:  
Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval: HT

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WHEREAS, the Application for a Demolition Permit was denied by the Historic Preservation Commission (4 – Aye, 1 – Recusal) with a recommendation that the City Council consider listing the property on the Local Historic Register; and

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

That the Sequoia Hotel/Fink & Skopp building meets the criteria set out in Article 16, Chapter 12 Section 12-1607 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; Article 16 Section 12601 et seq. this hearing has been duly noticed for Council action upon the designation recommended by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2023, Council held a hearing where it considered the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission, and considered substantial evidence, including by not limited to staff presentation, a report prepared by staff addressing the property’s eligibility to the Local Historic Register, a Primary Record (“RP”) 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 (1) and (2) to subdivision 12-1607(a)(1)(2).

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 Sequoia Hotel/Fink & Skopp building is eligible for listing under criteria (1) and (2) of Fresno Municipal Code, subdivision 12-1607(a) based upon the evidence presented to Council in the staff presentation, staff report, the PR and the BSOR.

3. Council designates the Sequoia Hotel/Fink & Skopp building a Historic Resource to the Local Register of historic Resources.

4. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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

I, TODD STERMER, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023  
Mayor Approval/No Return: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023  
Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023  
Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

TODD STERMER, CMC  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
ANDREW JANZ  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Raterman-Doidge Date  
Senior Deputy City Attorney

Attachment: DPR 523L