

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE A.G. AND
HENRIETTA WISHON HOME LOCATED AT 3555 E.
HUNTINGTON BOULEVARD, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TO
THE LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the residence located at 3555 E. Huntington Boulevard was constructed in 1916 for Albert Graves and Henrietta Wishon 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, Albert Graves Wishon played a pivotal role in the early commerce of Fresno and served as the General Manager of the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation which ultimately was purchased by Pacific Gas and Electric, and also served as a Director of the Sun Maid Raisin Company;

WHEREAS, the home was designed by the architectural firm of Coates and Traver, whose local work included the Liberty Theater and Fresno High School;

WHEREAS, the 2-story Wishon Home is a superb and eclectic example of an Arts and Crafts style residence with its irregular massing, steeply pitched roof, gables and dormers, wide overhanging eaves, a façade pergola that connects the house to the out-of-doors, double hung sash windows with multiple lights, French doors, and knee braces at the cornice;

WHEREAS the 88 foot tall California Coast Redwood in the front yard of the home is decorated each year as part of the Christmas festivities on Huntington

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Boulevard and has been honored by the National Christmas Tree Association as the Nation's Tallest Living Lighted Decorated Tree;

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

WHEREAS, the property owners, Natalie and Michael Hauser, 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 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 A.G. and Henrietta Wishon 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 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 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 A.G. and Henrietta Wishon 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 A.G. and Henrietta Wishon 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 _____, 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