

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE EUGENE AND ELEANOR RISLEY HOME LOCATED AT 243 N. VAN NESS AVENUE, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TO THE LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the residence located at 243 N. Van Ness Avenue was constructed circa 1904 in the North Park Subdivision;

WHEREAS, North Park was developed in 1902 by William G. Uridge, a real estate entrepreneur and architect Benjamin G. McDougall and quickly became one of the most affluent neighborhoods as Fresno's elite residents moved north from L Street and the downtown area;

WHEREAS, the parcel (lots 30, 31 and the south 1/2 of lot 29) were sold to Eleanor Risley in 1903 who transferred the property to her husband Eugene W. Risley in 1904;

WHEREAS, Eugene W. Risley was a superior court judge and city attorney;

WHEREAS, the 2-story residence is a rare example in Fresno of the Shingle style of architecture which developed out of the Queen Anne in New England in the 1880s and which was a major design aesthetic in the San Francisco Bay Area in the "First Bay Tradition," as developed by architects Ernest Coxhead, Willis Polk, Bernard Maybeck and others;

WHEREAS, it is possible that the Risley home was designed by Benjamin G. McDougall who began his architectural studies in 1883 at the California School of

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Design, continued his training under his architect father and circa 1900 opened an office of the McDougall Brothers in Fresno;

WHEREAS, an original granite hitching post is located on the park strip in front of the home and is a contributor to the significance of the Risley Home;

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Risley Home was included in the City's North Park Historic Survey and was evaluated as individually eligible and as a contributor to a proposed Historic District for the National Register of Historic Places;

WHEREAS, the property owners, Kim and Robert Thomas Herold, 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 December 21, 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 Eugene and Eleanor Risley 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 January 28, 2016, 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 Eugene and Eleanor Risley 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 Eugene and Eleanor Risley 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016  
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Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016  
Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC  
City Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Talía Kolluri-Barbick Date  
Senior Deputy City Attorney