

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE RALPH AND JENNY WATSON HOME LOCATED AT 3537 E. HUNTINGTON BOULEVARD, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TO THE LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the residence located at 3537 E. Huntington Boulevard was constructed in 1922 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 residence was constructed by Jenny Watson's father, Albert Graves Wishon, on lots 11 and 12 of block 17, adjacent to his 1916 Arts and Crafts inspired home;

WHEREAS, the 2-story Watson Home is an excellent example of the Tudor Revival, a style loosely based on a variety of Medieval English prototypes and which was popular in the Fresno area between the two World Wars;

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

WHEREAS, the property owners, James and Judith Newton, 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;

Date Adopted:

Date Approved:

Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval: 

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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 Ralph and Jenny Watson 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 Ralph and Jenny Watson 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 Ralph and Jenny Watson 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