

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE A. EMORY AND CORA WISHON HOME LOCATED AT 1284 N. WILSON AVENUE, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TO THE LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the residence located at 1284 N. Wilson Avenue was constructed in 1913 and subsequently altered with a major addition in 1921;

WHEREAS, the full two-story Arts and Crafts inspired residence was built by Cora Wishon as a "surprise" for her husband A. Emory Wishon ("Emory Wishon");

WHEREAS, the home was featured in the *Journal of Electricity and Western Industry* in a 1922 article, "The Electrical Home for the Electrical Man";

WHEREAS, the "Electrical Man" referred to both Emory Wishon, the son of Fresno pioneer Albert Graves Wishon, and to the home's exclusive use of electrical appliances;

WHEREAS, Emory Wishon worked his entire life in the development of electrical energy, both for the San Joaquin Light and Power Company ("SJLPC") and for Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") when the earlier SJLPC was absorbed by the San Francisco based corporation;

WHEREAS, upon his death in 1948 Emory Wishon was eulogized as a "national eminent figure in the public utility field and a pioneer in the development of the power industry and a civic and industrial leader in California";

WHEREAS, the property owners, Brannon and Shantay Davies, 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 May 23, 2016, 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. Emory and Cora 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 July 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) 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. Emory and Cora Wishon Home is eligible for listing under criteria (i) 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. Emory and Cora 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 _____, 2016.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2016
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2016
Mayor Veto: _____, 2016
Council Override Vote: _____, 2016

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: _____
Seth Mehrten Date
Deputy City Attorney