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July 26, 2005

Councilmember LaBonge
City Planning Department,
Attn: Lambert Giessinger
cc: Planning Commission
Attn: Gabriele Williams
Cultural Heritage Commission
Cultural Affairs Department

Charles Fisher
140 S. Avenue 57
Highland Park, CA 90042

RE: AMENDING BOUNDARIES OF HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT 163 TO INCLUDE 2660-64 NORTH HYPERION AVENUE, 2646-64 NORTH GRIFFITH PARK BOULEVARD AND 3027-33 ANGUS STREET

At the meeting of the Council held July 26, 2005, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted.....	_____
Attached motion (-) adopted.....	_____
Attached resolution adopted.....	_____
FORTHWITH.....	_____
Mayor concurred	_____
To the Mayor FORTHWITH	_____
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s).....	_____ X
Mayor approved.....	_____
Mayor failed to act - deemed approved.....	_____
Findings adopted.....	_____ X
Negative Declaration adopted.....	_____
Categorically exempt.....	_____
Generally exempt.....	_____

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COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FILE NO. 05-0715

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER TONY CARDENAS, VICE-CHAIR
PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NO

COMMUNICATION FROM THE VICE-CHAIR, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE relative to amending boundaries of Historic-Cultural Monument 163 to include 2660-2664 North Hyperion Avenue, 2646-2664 North Griffith Park Boulevard, and 3027-3033 Angus Street.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (LaBonge - Garcetti):

1. ADOPT the Findings of the Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) as the Findings of Council.
2. APPROVE the recommendation of the CHC relative to amending boundaries of Historic-Cultural Monument 163 to include 2660-2664 North Hyperion Avenue, 2646-2664 North Griffith Park Boulevard, and 3027-3033 Angus Street to meet Cultural Heritage Ordinance definition of a monument criteria as set forth in Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.130 because the site was Disney Studio's animation school from 1935 to 1940.

Applicant: Charles Fisher, Representative

CHC 2005-3157 HCM

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CHC reports that such designation in and of itself has no fiscal impact. Future applications for permits may cause minimal administrative costs.

TIME LIMIT FILE - AUGUST 1, 2005

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - JULY 29, 2005)

Summary:

Motion (LaBonge - Garcetti) notes that the former Disney Studio in the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles played a key role in the development of what would become what is now the Disney entertainment empire and in the development of the entertainment industry in Los Angeles.

The Motion further notes that a portion of the former studio located on Hyperion Avenue site was nominated in 1976 by the City Council at the request of Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson (then Thirteenth District) and is designated as Historic-Cultural Monument No. 163.

Recent research has determined that another portion of the studio was located at the area encompassing the following addresses: 2710 Hyperion Avenue (historic address), 2646 Griffith Park Boulevard, 2650 Griffith Park Boulevard, 2656 Griffith Park Boulevard (historic address), 3027 Angus Street, 3031 Angus Street and 3033 Angus Street.

Motion (LaBonge - Garcetti), further notes that the property was the site of the Animation School for the Walt Disney Studios from 1935 until the Disney Studio was moved to its present location in Burbank in 1940. There, Walt

Disney used the building on this site as a school to train cartoonists in the art of film animation ("Disney Animation School Site").

The Disney Animation School Site is culturally and historically significant for the reasons set forth in the attached information. Under Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.126 the City Council may, on its own initiative, propose sites for inclusion or deletion from the list.

Motion (LaBonge - Garcetti) requests pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.126, that the City Council hereby initiate the inclusion of the Disney Animation School Site in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments as an amendment to Monument No. 163; and that the nomination/application, as attached to the Motion (Council file No. 05-0715), be forwarded to the Cultural Heritage Commission for review and investigation and for action as set forth in Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.126.

The Vice-Chair of Planning and Land Use Management Committee, sitting as a Committee of one, on July 13, 2005, considered the June 1, 2005 action Cultural Heritage Commission (as noted in the Commission's determination dated June 30, 2005), relative to amending the boundaries of Historic-Cultural Monument 163 to include 2660-2664 North Hyperion Avenue, 2646-2664 North Griffith Park Boulevard, and 3027-3033 Angus Street to meet Cultural Heritage Ordinance definition of a monument criteria as set forth in Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.130 because the site was Disney Studio's animation school from 1935 to 1940, as initiated by Motion (LaBonge - Garcetti).

Staff from the Cultural Heritage Commission briefly described the site and the Commission's action at the meeting held on June 1, 2005.

The Chief Planning Deputy for Council District Four, and several other speakers, including individuals representing the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council and Silver Lake Association, as well as nearby neighbors spoke in support of the amendment to the boundaries to include the Disney Animation School Site in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments. One speaker provided historical photographs of the studio and surrounding area, and reported that her father was a story man (and worked on the Disney Animation for "Bambi"), and that her mother and father were both artist at the studio. Another speaker requested that the Committee/Council support the Commission's action for the cultural preservation of this site.

After careful consideration of the documents on file, and in consideration of the testimony provided, the Committee recommended that Council approve the June 1, 2005, action of the Cultural Heritage Commission, as noted in the determination letter dated June 30, 2005 relative to approval of the site.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER TONY CARDENAS, VICE-CHAIR
PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
REYES:	ABSENT
CARDENAS:	YES
WEISS:	ABSENT



ADOPTED
MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATIONS
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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
Findings Adopted

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