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Date: **JUL 06 2011**

Los Angeles City Council  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
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Attention: Michael Espinosa, Legislative Assistant  
Planning and Land Use Management Committee

CASE NUMBER: **CHC-2011-937-HCM**  
**WHITTIER'S TEXACO STATION**  
**4450 W. BEVERLY BOULEVARD**

At the Cultural Heritage Commission meeting of June 16, 2011, the Commission moved to include the above property in the list of Historic-Cultural Monument, subject to adoption by the City Council.

As required under the provisions of Section 22.171.10 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, the Commission has solicited opinions and information from the office of the Council District in which the site is located and from any Department or Bureau of the city whose operations may be affected by the designation of such site as a Historic-Cultural Monument. Such designation in and of itself has no fiscal impact. Future applications for permits may cause minimal administrative costs.

The City Council, according to the guidelines set forth in Section 22.171 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, shall act on the proposed inclusion to the list within 90 days of the Council or Commission action, whichever first occurs. By resolution, the Council may extend the period for good cause for an additional 15 days.

The Cultural Heritage Commission would appreciate your inclusion of the subject modification to the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments upon adoption by the City Council.

The above Cultural Heritage Commission action was taken by the following vote:

Moved: Commissioner Hamacher  
Seconded: Commissioner Kennard  
Ayes: Commissioner Barron  
Absent: Commissioners Louie and Scott

**Vote: 3-0**

  
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Attachment: Staff Report with Findings

c: Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Fourth Council District  
Sadie Saladino  
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Sadie Saladino  
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**4450 W. BEVERLY BOULEVARD**

As you will note from the attached copy of our communication to the Los Angeles City Council, the Cultural Heritage Commission has moved to include the above-referenced property in the list of Historic-Cultural monuments, subject to adoption by the City Council.

In due course, our transmittal will be given a council file number and will be referred to the Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee for review and recommendation. If you are interested in attending the Council Committee meeting, you should call Michael Espinosa at (213) 978-1074 for information as to the time and place of the Committee and City Council meetings regarding this matter. Please give Mr. Espinosa at least one week from the date of this letter to schedule this item on the Committee Agenda before you call her.

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Attachment: Application

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Los Angeles Department of City Planning  
RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**ITEM 9**

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION

CASE NO.: CHC-2011-937-HCM  
ENV-2011-938-CE

HEARING DATE: June 16, 2011  
TIME: 10:00 AM  
PLACE: City Hall, Room 1010  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA  
90012

Location: 4450 W. Beverly Blvd.  
Council District: 4  
Community Plan Area: Wilshire  
Area Planning Commission: Central  
Neighborhood Council: Wilshire Center-  
Koreatown  
Legal Description: Lot 14 of Hobart Blvd. Tract

**PROJECT:** Historic-Cultural Monument Application for  
WHITTIER'S TEXACO STATION

**REQUEST:** Declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument

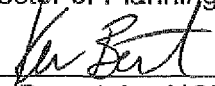
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APPLICANT:** Leonard V. (deceased) and Sadie Saladino  
1929 Alscot Ave.  
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**APPLICANT'S  
REPRESENTATIVE:** Charles J. Fisher  
140 S. Ave. 57  
Los Angeles, CA 90042

**RECOMMENDATION** That the Cultural Heritage Commission:

1. **Declare** the property a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.7
2. **Adopt** the report findings.

MICHAEL J. LOGRANDE  
Director of Planning

  
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Ken Bernstein, AICP, Manager  
Office of Historic Resources

Prepared by:   
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Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner  
Office of Historic Resources

Attachments: Historic-Cultural Monument Application

## FINDINGS

The building "embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction" as an example of a Streamline Moderne style service station.

## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ("CEQA") FINDINGS

The Commission hereby recommends that Council find the proposed designation of the Whittier's Texaco Station as a Historic-Cultural Monument to be exempt from further analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 15308 (Class 8) and 15331 (Class 31).

## CRITERIA

The criterion is the Cultural Heritage Ordinance which defines a historical or cultural monument as any site (including significant trees or other plant life located thereon) building or structure of particular historic or cultural significance to the City of Los Angeles, such as historic structures or sites in which the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, State or community is reflected or exemplified, or which are identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history or which embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction, or a notable work of a master builder, designer or architect whose individual genius influenced his age.

## SUMMARY

Built in 1941 and consisting of two structures, this commercial service station exhibits character-defining features of Streamline Moderne architecture. The structures are a one-story box with canopy style station office and a one-story lubrication building. Both structures have flat roofs, rounded exterior corners and a matching decorative element of three horizontal bands at ceiling level. The office is square in plan, with a central symmetrical entrance through a steel and glass door flanked by steel-framed, multi-pane fixed windows and topped by a transom window. Its canopy is supported by two round metal poles set onto a concrete pump island and topped by a slightly rounded center signage parapet. The office's side facades contain steel-framed, multi-pane fixed windows wrapping around from the front, and wooden doors to two restrooms with transom windows above. The lubrication building is rectangular in plan, with one rounded corner at the front and squared edges at the other corners. It has two auto openings closed only by scissors-type security gates, and a small transom window at the rear of the building. Two free-standing fluorescent lighting fixtures, original to the station, are located at the corners of the lot.

The proposed Whittier's Texaco Station historic monument was built in 1941 by Charles G. Whittier and designed by noted structural engineer Blaine Noice. Based on standard Texaco station designs by industrial designer Walter Dorwin Teague, the station's Streamline Moderne style and box with canopy plan are typical of Texaco's service stations and appears to be a "Type E" service station.

Alterations to the subject building include the removal of original gas pumps and underground tanks, and the enclosure and subsequent re-opening of the north wall of the lubrication building.



## DISCUSSION

The Whittier's Texaco Station property successfully meets one of the specified Historic-Cultural Monument criteria: "embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction." As a significant pre-WWII service station designed in the Streamline Moderne style, the property qualifies for designation as a Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) based on this criterion.

Although a number of pre-WWII gasoline stations exist throughout the city, only three have currently been designated as Historic-Cultural Monuments (HCMs). In 1988, a service station located at 110 South Barrington Avenue in Brentwood (HCM #387) was the first gasoline station to be declared a Historic-Cultural Monument. In addition to serving as a traditional focal point for the Brentwood community, the station stands out as an exceptional example of Spanish Colonial Revival style architecture. The Gilmore Gasoline Service Station (HCM #508) at 859 N. Highland Avenue was declared a Historic-Cultural Monument in 1992. The station is significant for its Art Deco design elements. The Marquez Filling Station (HCM #800) in the Pacific Palisades area was granted Historic-Cultural Monument status in 2005. The station is of particular cultural significance, as it is located within the original *Rancho de Boca Santa Monica*, a land grant that has continuously been owned by the Marquez family since it was issued to them by the Mexican government in 1838.

Currently lacking a fully developed context statement for pre-WWII service stations in Los Angeles, the staff of the Office of Historic Resources referred to the comprehensive Texas Department of Transportation's Historical Studies Report No. 2003-03, "A Field Guide to Gas Stations in Texas" by W. Dwayne Jones. Although recognizing that this study was done for a slightly different context and setting, the report offers exhaustive analysis of pre-WWII service stations, including the Texaco Type E service station.

According to the report, a property must exhibit four key aspects of integrity in order to convey its historic significance:

1. Integrity of location, meaning that the station is located on its original site of construction;
2. Integrity of design, meaning that enough of the station's original design elements are intact to convey the property's original purpose;
3. Integrity of materials, meaning that a substantial percentage of the station's original construction materials remain intact; and
4. One additional aspect of integrity, including integrity of setting, workmanship, feeling or association.

Although a gasoline station's integrity largely relies on the presence of certain character-defining features, such as canopies, service bays and display areas, it is not necessary for all original design elements to remain intact. Because the removal of gasoline pumps and original signage is common, for example, their absence generally does not detract from a station's historic significance. In most cases, greater emphasis is placed on a station's overall form and design, rather than its accessory features. Based on these criteria, the proposed Whittier's Texaco Station historic monument retains sufficient character-defining features to convey its significance as a pre-WWII example of a Streamline Moderne style service station. OHR staff

acknowledges the current condition and maintenance issues of the subject property but believes that these do not compromise the overall integrity of the subject buildings and their setting.

A cursory survey by OHR staff of other service stations in and around downtown Los Angeles in 2008 revealed that although other pre-WWII service stations still exist in the area, they exhibit various states of integrity, with many remodeled beyond recognition and others completely demolished. In comparison to these other pre-WWII service stations, the subject property appears to retain sufficient character-defining features from its c. 1941 period of significance.

## **BACKGROUND**

At its meeting of April 21, 2011, the Cultural Heritage Commission voted to take the application under consideration. On May 26, 2011, the Cultural Heritage Commission toured the subject property.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ("CEQA") REVIEW**

State of California CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15308, Class 8 *"consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment."*

State of California CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15331, Class 31 *"consists of projects limited to maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic buildings."*

The designation of the Whittier's Texaco Station property as a Historic-Cultural Monument in accordance with Chapter 9, Article 1, of The City of Los Angeles Administrative Code ("LAAC") will ensure that future construction activities involving the subject property are regulated in accordance with Section 22.171.14 of the LAAC. The purpose of the designation is to prevent significant impacts to a Historic-Cultural Monument through the application of the standards set forth in the LAAC. Without the regulation imposed by way of the pending designation, the historic significance and integrity of the subject property could be lost through incompatible alterations and new construction and the demolition of irreplaceable historic structures. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards of Rehabilitation are expressly incorporated into the LAAC and provide standards concerning the historically appropriate construction activities which will ensure the continued preservation of the subject property.

The use of Categorical Exemption Class 8 in connection with the proposed designation is consistent with the goals of maintaining, restoring, enhancing, and protecting the environment through the imposition of regulations designed to prevent the degradation of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

The use of Categorical Exemption Class 31 in connection with the proposed designation is consistent with the goals relating to the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and reconstruction of Historic buildings in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings.

# Los Angeles Department of City Planning RECOMMENDATION REPORT

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION

CASE NO.: CHC-2011-937-HCM  
ENV-2011-938-CE

HEARING DATE: April 21, 2011  
TIME: 10:00 AM  
PLACE: City Hall, Room 1010  
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90012

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**APPLICANT'S  
REPRESENTATIVE:** Charles J. Fisher  
140 S. Ave. 57  
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**RECOMMENDATION** That the Cultural Heritage Commission:

1. Take the property under consideration as a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.10(c)4 because the application and accompanying photo documentation suggest the submittal may warrant further investigation.
2. Adopt the report findings.

MICHAEL J. LOGRANDE  
Director of Planning



Lambert M. Giessinger, Preservation Architect  
Office of Historic Resources

Prepared by:



Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner  
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## FINDINGS

Based on the facts set forth in the summary and application, the Commission determines that the application is complete and that the property is significant enough to warrant further investigation as a potential Historic-Cultural Monument.

# HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT APPLICATION

TYPE OR PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL BLOCK LETTERS

## IDENTIFICATION

1. NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT WHITTIER'S TEXACO STATION
2. STREET ADDRESS 4450 BEVERLY BOULEVARD  
CITY LOS ANGELES ZIP CODE 90004 COUNCIL DISTRICT 4  
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 5517-011-014
3. COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION: TRACT HOBART BOULEVARD TRACT, AS PER MAP IN BOOK 17, PAGE 177 OF  
MAPS, FILED, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
BLOCK N/A Lot(s) LOT 14 ARB. NO. N/A  
RANGE OF ADDRESSES 4450-4470 W. BEVERLY BOULEVARD AND 227-229 HOBART BOULEVARD
4. PRESENT OWNER LEONARD V (DECEASED), AND SADIE SALADINO  
STREET ADDRESS 1929 ALSCOT AVENUE  
CITY SIMI VALLEY STATE CA ZIP CODE 93063-4456 PHONE (818) 602-7492 EMAIL: LDOMKA@YAHOO.COM  
OWNER IS: PRIVATE  PUBLIC
5. PRESENT USE VACANT ORIGINAL USE GASOLINE SERVICE STATION

## DESCRIPTION

6. ARCHITECTURAL STYLE STREAMLINE MODERNE
7. STATE PRESENT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE OR STRUCTURE (SEE OPTIONAL DESCRIPTION WORKSHEET)  
(SEE DESCRIPTION WORKSHEET)  
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**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

THE WHITTIER'S TEXACO STATION IS AN IMPORTANT EXAMPLE OF  
NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT  
ART DECO AUTOMOTIVE ARCHITECTURE  
ARCHITECTURAL STYLE (SEE LINE B)

AND MEETS THE CULTURAL HERITAGE ORDINANCE BECAUSE OF THE HIGH QUALITY OF ITS DESIGN AND THE RETENTION OF ITS ORIGINAL FORM, DETAILING AND INTEGRITY.

AND / OR

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

THE WHITTIER'S TEXACO STATION WAS BUILT IN 1941  
NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT YEAR BUILT  
EARLY GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS AND BLAINE NOICE WAS IMPORTANT TO THE  
NAME OF FIRST OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT OWNER

DEVELOPMENT OF LOS ANGELES BECAUSE THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROLIFERATION OF THE AUTOMOBILE WAS A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE GROWTH OF LOS ANGELES DURING THE MID 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY. WITH PLENTY OF LAND TO DEVELOP, THE NEED FOR AN EXTENSIVE ROAD NET FOR REACHING THE FAR FLUNG AREA COMMUNITIES WAS AN ONGOING CONCERN. THE AREA HAD THE MOST EXTENSIVE INTER URBAN LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM IN THE WORLD WITH THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC "RED CARS" AND THE LOS ANGELES RAILWAY SYSTEMS "YELLOW CARS". THIS SYSTEM COULD ONLY GO SO FAR TO REACH THE VARIOUS NEW DEVELOPMENTS THAT SPRANG UP IN THE AREA, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR. CHARLES WHITTIER HAD BUILT HIS TEXACO STATION ON BEVERLY BOULEVARD IN 1941, MAKING IT ONE OF THE LAST PRE-WAR SERVICE STATIONS TO BE BUILT IN THE AREA. AFTER THE WAR, IT WAS JOINED IN 1948 BY A MOBIL STATION IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEST, AT 4474 BEVERLY BOULEVARD AND A SHELL STATION ACROSS THE STREET AT 4451 BEVERLY BOULEVARD. THESE STATIONS WERE THREE OF THE MANY THAT SERVED THE GROWING CITY DURING THE GROWTH PERIOD FROM THE LATE 1940S THROUGH THE MID 1960S. OF THE THREE, ONLY THE EARLIEST ONE, THE TEXACO STATION REMAINS VIRTUALLY INTACT WITH ITS ORIGINAL STRUCTURES. THE MOBIL STATION HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY ALTERED AND THE SHELL STATION HAS BEEN DEMOLISHED AND REPLACED BY A CLUB AND A MINI MALL. THE TEXACO STATION RETAINS THE ORIGINAL OFFICE AND PUMP STRUCTURE THAT WAS THE TEXACO STANDARD DESIGN PRIOR TO WORLD WAR II. THE ADJACENT SERVICE



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**SIGNIFICANCE WORK SHEET**  
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BUILDING WAS BUILT CONCURRENTLY WITH THE OTHER ONE AND UTILIZES THE SAME MATERIALS AND STREAMLINE MODERNE DESIGN ELEMENTS. CHARLES G. WHITTIER HAD WORKED AS A "ROUGHNECK" IN THE OIL DRILLING BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA BEFORE RETIRING TO HIS HOME AT 224 N. HOBART BOULEVARD IN THE 1920S. BORN IN MAINE IN 1871, HE HAD WORKED IN THE LIVERY BUSINESS BEFORE COMING TO CALIFORNIA IN THE FIRST DECADE OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY WITH HIS IRISH-BORN WIFE, MARY. HE BOUGHT THE LAND AT THE CORNER OF HOBART AND BEVERLY AND USED THE SMALL HOUSE THERE AS A RENTAL. IN DECEMBER OF 1932, HE SOLD THE LOT BUT TOOK IT BACK ON WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN A FORECLOSURE IN SEPTEMBER OF 1934. IN 1941 HE RAZED THE HOUSE AND HAD THE TEXACO STATION BUILT, WHICH HE RAN FOR THE TEXACO CORPORATION UNTIL HE TRANSFERRED THE PROPERTY TO STELLA ROACH ON FEBRUARY 9, 1948, ULTIMATELY MOVING TO ORANGE COUNTY, WHERE HE PASSED AWAY IN 1957 AT THE AGE OF 86. THE TEXACO FUEL COMPANY WAS FOUNDED IN BEAUMONT, TEXAS IN 1901. BY 1928, TEXACO WAS THE FIRST OIL COMPANY TO SELL GASOLINE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. THE COMPANY ALSO HAD OPERATIONS IN EUROPE AND EAST AFRICA DURING THAT PERIOD. TEXACO MERGED WITH CHEVRON IN 2001 AND THE TEXACO STATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WERE REBRANDED AT THAT TIME, ALTHOUGH THE TEXACO NAME SURVIVES ON STATIONS LOCATED ELSEWHERE. WHITTIER'S TEXACO STATION WAS ENGINEERED FOR THE SITE BY THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BLAINE NOICE. WHILE THE MAIN STATION BUILDING WAS THE STANDARD TEXACO DESIGN AT THE TIME, THE LUBRICATION BUILDING MAY HAVE BEEN CUSTOM DESIGNED BY NOICE TO MATCH THE OTHER STRUCTURE. BLAINE NOICE CAME TO CALIFORNIA WITH HIS OLDER BROTHER STANLEY DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY. HIS WIDOWED MOTHER WORKED AS A DOMESTIC SERVANT IN THEIR NATIVE OHIO AND BLAINE NOICE WAS A SELF SCHOOLED CIVIL ENGINEER WHEN HE WAS HIRED BY THE SOUTHER PACIFIC RAILROAD AS THEIR SUPERVISOR OF BRIDGES AND BUILDINGS FOR THEIR MEXICAN OPERATION AT THE AGE OF 18. IN 1912, HE WENT TO WORK FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AS A BUILDING INSPECTOR. AFTER SERVING AS A 1<sup>ST</sup> LIEUTENANT AND THEN A CAPTAIN IN WORLD WAR I, HE RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES AS THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT UNTIL 1922, WHEN HE WENT INTO PRIVATE PRACTICE WITH FELLOW STRUCTURAL ENGINEER DAVID H. MERRILL. THE FIRM OF NOICE AND MERRILL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN OF A NUMBER OF LARGE BUILDINGS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UNTIL 1929, WHEN MERRILL LEFT THE FIRM TO BECOME THE MANAGING SECRETARY TREASURER OF THE PACIFIC COAST BUILDING OFFICIALS CONFERENCE. NOICE CONTINUED IN THE FIRM AND WENT ON TO ENGINEER A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS, INCLUDING MANY OF THE STRUCTURES FOR THE WALT

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**Los Angeles Department of City Planning  
RECOMMENDATION REPORT**

**CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**CASE NO.: CHC-2011-937-HCM  
ENV-2011-938-CE**

**HEARING DATE:** June 16, 2011  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM  
**PLACE:** City Hall, Room 1010  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA  
90012

Location: 4450 W. Beverly Blvd.  
Council District: 4  
Community Plan Area: Wilshire  
Area Planning Commission: Central  
Neighborhood Council: Wilshire Center-  
Koreatown  
Legal Description: Lot 14 of Hobart Blvd. Tract

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**REQUEST:** Declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument


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**APPLICANT'S  
REPRESENTATIVE:** Charles J. Fisher  
140 S. Ave. 57  
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**RECOMMENDATION** That the Cultural Heritage Commission:

1. **Declare** the property a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.7
2. **Adopt** the report findings.

MICHAEL J. LOGRANDE  
Director of Planning

  
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Ken Bernstein, AICP, Manager  
Office of Historic Resources

Prepared by:  
  
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Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner  
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Attachments: Historic-Cultural Monument Application

## FINDINGS

The building "embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction" as an example of a Streamline Moderne style service station.

## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ("CEQA") FINDINGS

The Commission hereby recommends that Council find the proposed designation of the Whittier's Texaco Station as a Historic-Cultural Monument to be exempt from further analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 15308 (Class 8) and 15331 (Class 31).

## CRITERIA

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## SUMMARY

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The proposed Whittier's Texaco Station historic monument was built in 1941 by Charles G. Whittier and designed by noted structural engineer Blaine Noice. Based on standard Texaco station designs by industrial designer Walter Dorwin Teague, the station's Streamline Moderne style and box with canopy plan are typical of Texaco's service stations and appears to be a "Type E" service station.

Alterations to the subject building include the removal of original gas pumps and underground tanks, and the enclosure and subsequent re-opening of the north wall of the lubrication building.

## DISCUSSION

The Whittier's Texaco Station property successfully meets one of the specified Historic-Cultural Monument criteria: "embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction." As a significant pre-WWII service station designed in the Streamline Moderne style, the property qualifies for designation as a Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) based on this criterion.

Although a number of pre-WWII gasoline stations exist throughout the city, only three have currently been designated as Historic-Cultural Monuments (HCMs). In 1988, a service station located at 110 South Barrington Avenue in Brentwood (HCM #387) was the first gasoline station to be declared a Historic-Cultural Monument. In addition to serving as a traditional focal point for the Brentwood community, the station stands out as an exceptional example of Spanish Colonial Revival style architecture. The Gilmore Gasoline Service Station (HCM #508) at 859 N. Highland Avenue was declared a Historic-Cultural Monument in 1992. The station is significant for its Art Deco design elements. The Marquez Filling Station (HCM #800) in the Pacific Palisades area was granted Historic-Cultural Monument status in 2005. The station is of particular cultural significance, as it is located within the original *Rancho de Boca Santa Monica*, a land grant that has continuously been owned by the Marquez family since it was issued to them by the Mexican government in 1838.

Currently lacking a fully developed context statement for pre-WWII service stations in Los Angeles, the staff of the Office of Historic Resources referred to the comprehensive Texas Department of Transportation's Historical Studies Report No. 2003-03, "A Field Guide to Gas Stations in Texas" by W. Dwayne Jones. Although recognizing that this study was done for a slightly different context and setting, the report offers exhaustive analysis of pre-WWII service stations, including the Texaco Type E service station.

According to the report, a property must exhibit four key aspects of integrity in order to convey its historic significance:

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2. Integrity of design, meaning that enough of the station's original design elements are intact to convey the property's original purpose;
3. Integrity of materials, meaning that a substantial percentage of the station's original construction materials remain intact; and
4. One additional aspect of integrity, including integrity of setting, workmanship, feeling or association.

Although a gasoline station's integrity largely relies on the presence of certain character-defining features, such as canopies, service bays and display areas, it is not necessary for all original design elements to remain intact. Because the removal of gasoline pumps and original signage is common, for example, their absence generally does not detract from a station's historic significance. In most cases, greater emphasis is placed on a station's overall form and design, rather than its accessory features. Based on these criteria, the proposed Whittier's Texaco Station historic monument retains sufficient character-defining features to convey its significance as a pre-WWII example of a Streamline Moderne style service station. OHR staff

acknowledges the current condition and maintenance issues of the subject property but believes that these do not compromise the overall integrity of the subject buildings and their setting.

A cursory survey by OHR staff of other service stations in and around downtown Los Angeles in 2008 revealed that although other pre-WWII service stations still exist in the area, they exhibit various states of integrity, with many remodeled beyond recognition and others completely demolished. In comparison to these other pre-WWII service stations, the subject property appears to retain sufficient character-defining features from its c. 1941 period of significance.

## **BACKGROUND**

At its meeting of April 21, 2011, the Cultural Heritage Commission voted to take the application under consideration. On May 26, 2011, the Cultural Heritage Commission toured the subject property.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ("CEQA") REVIEW**

State of California CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15308, Class 8 *"consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment."*

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The designation of the Whittier's Texaco Station property as a Historic-Cultural Monument in accordance with Chapter 9, Article 1, of The City of Los Angeles Administrative Code ("LAAC") will ensure that future construction activities involving the subject property are regulated in accordance with Section 22.171.14 of the LAAC. The purpose of the designation is to prevent significant impacts to a Historic-Cultural Monument through the application of the standards set forth in the LAAC. Without the regulation imposed by way of the pending designation, the historic significance and integrity of the subject property could be lost through incompatible alterations and new construction and the demolition of irreplaceable historic structures. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards of Rehabilitation are expressly incorporated into the LAAC and provide standards concerning the historically appropriate construction activities which will ensure the continued preservation of the subject property.

The use of Categorical Exemption Class 8 in connection with the proposed designation is consistent with the goals of maintaining, restoring, enhancing, and protecting the environment through the imposition of regulations designed to prevent the degradation of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

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# Los Angeles Department of City Planning RECOMMENDATION REPORT

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION

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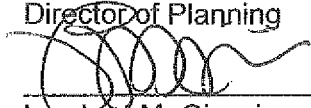
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**RECOMMENDATION** That the Cultural Heritage Commission:

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2. **Adopt** the report findings.

MICHAEL J. LOGRANDE  
Director of Planning

  
Lambert M. Glessinger, Preservation Architect  
Office of Historic Resources

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## **FINDINGS**

Based on the facts set forth in the summary and application, the Commission determines that the application is complete and that the property is significant enough to warrant further investigation as a potential Historic-Cultural Monument.

# HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT APPLICATION

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## IDENTIFICATION

1. NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT WHITTIER'S TEXACO STATION
2. STREET ADDRESS 4450 BEVERLY BOULEVARD  
CITY LOS ANGELES ZIP CODE 90004 COUNCIL DISTRICT 4  
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 5517-011-014
3. COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION: TRACT HOBART BOULEVARD TRACT, AS PER MAP IN BOOK 17, PAGE 177 OF  
MAPS, FILED, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
BLOCK N/A LOT(S) LOT 14 ARB. NO. N/A  
RANGE OF ADDRESSES 4450-4470 W. BEVERLY BOULEVARD AND 227-229 HOBART BOULEVARD
4. PRESENT OWNER LEONARD V (DECEASED), AND SADIE SALADINO  
STREET ADDRESS 1929 ALSCOT AVENUE  
CITY SIMI VALLEY STATE CA ZIP CODE 93063-4456 PHONE (818) 602-7492 EMAIL LDOMKA@YAHOO.COM  
OWNER IS: PRIVATE  PUBLIC
5. PRESENT USE VACANT ORIGINAL USE GASOLINE SERVICE STATION

## DESCRIPTION

6. ARCHITECTURAL STYLE STREAMLINE MODERNE
7. STATE PRESENT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE OR STRUCTURE (SEE OPTIONAL DESCRIPTION WORKSHEET)  
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NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT

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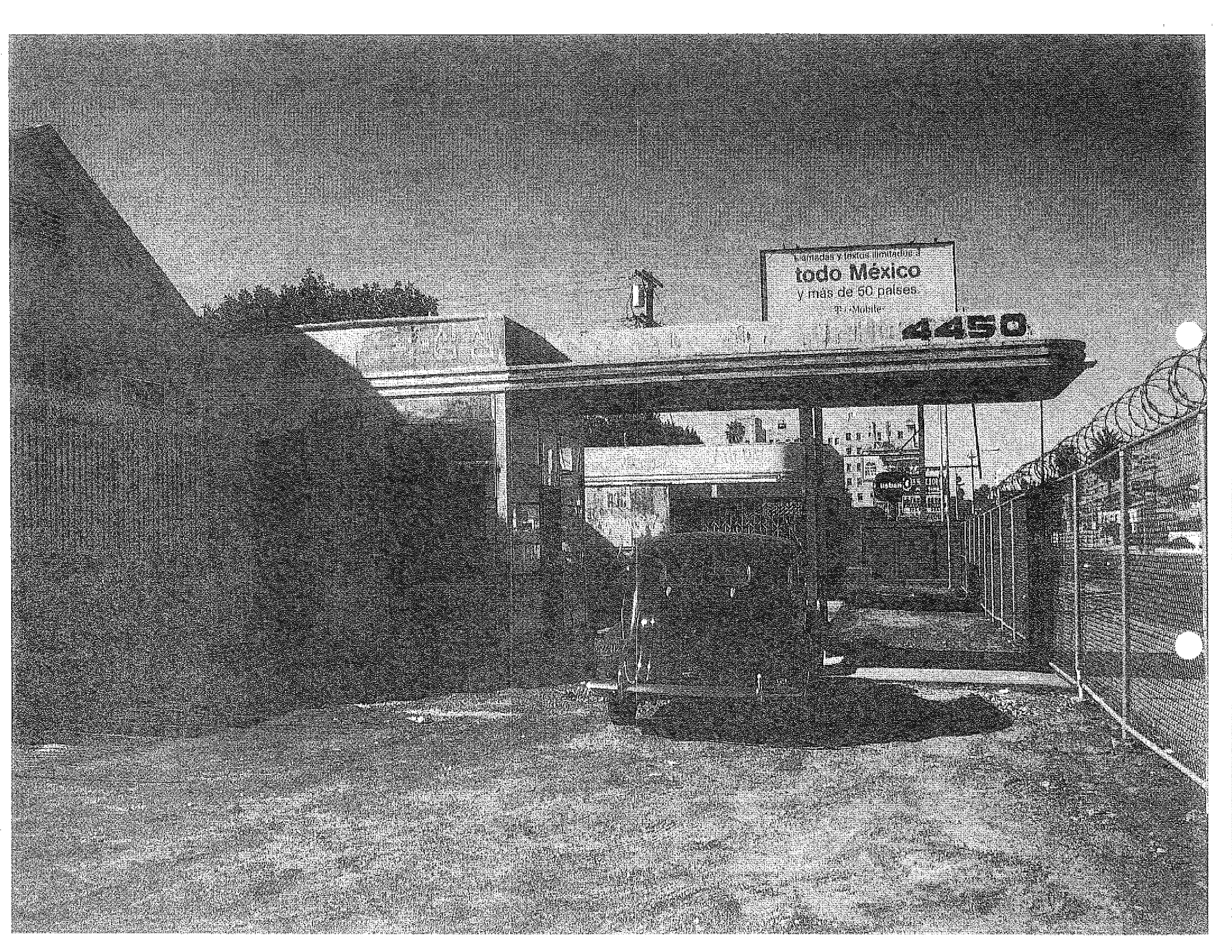
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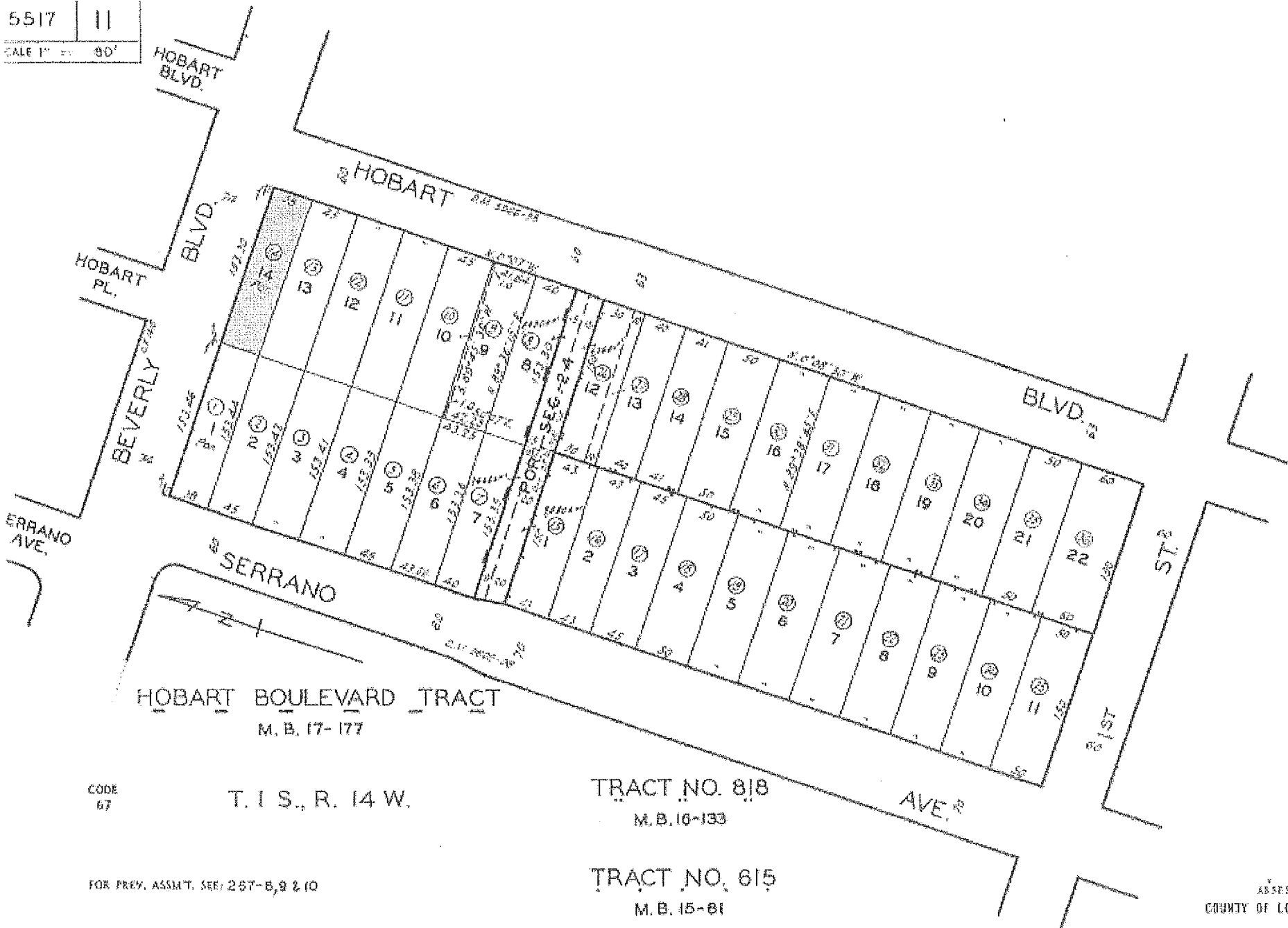


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# HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT APPLICATION

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10. CONSTRUCTION DATE: FACTUAL 1941 ESTIMATED \_\_\_\_\_

11. ARCHITECT, DESIGNER, OR ENGINEER: BLAINE NOICE (STRUCTURAL ENGINEER)

12. CONTRACTOR OR OTHER BUILDER: RENO STEEL & METALS CORP.

13. DATES OF ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPHS MAY 13, 2010 AND FEBRUARY 9, 2011

14. CONDITION:  EXCELLENT  GOOD  FAIR  DETERIORATED  NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE

15. ALTERATIONS: NORTH WALL OF GARAGE ENCLOSED IN 1975, BUT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REOPENED.

16. THREATS TO SITE  NONE KNOWN  PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT  VANDALISM  PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT

17. IS THE STRUCTURE  ON ITS ORIGINAL SITE  MOVED  UNKNOWN

18. SIGNIFICANCE

BRIEFLY STATE HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE; INCLUDE DATES, EVENTS, AND PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE (SEE OPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE WORKSHEET) THE STATION IS AN EXCELLENT SURVIVING EXAMPLE OF A BRANDED GAS STATION FROM THE MID 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY. BUILT IN THE STREAMLINE MODERNE STYLE, THE STATION WAS DESIGNED AND ENGINEERED BY THE PROMINENT LOCAL STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BLAINE NOICE FOR THE USE AS A TEXACO STATION JUST BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENTRY INTO WORLD WAR II, MAKING IT ONE OF THE LAST PRE WAR FILLING STATIONS TO BE BUILT IN LOS ANGELES. THE PROPERTY WAS OWNED BY CHARLES G. WHITTIER, A RETIRED OIL WORKER, USED HIS STATION AS A MEANS OF SUPPLEMENTING HIS INCOME AND AS A MEANS OF KEEPING HIMSELF BUSY. TEXACO WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR GASOLINE DISTRIBUTORS IN CALIFORNIA FOR MANY YEARS. THE STATION BUILDINGS ARE INTACT AND REPRESENT THE HISTORY OF GAS STATION DESIGN DURING THE 1930S AND EARLY 1940S. THEY ARE A VISIBLE REMINDER OF THE CALIFORNIA CAR CULTURE THAT EVOLVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. THE STATION IS PRESENTLY UNDERGOING RESTORATION.

19. SOURCES (LIST BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, SURVEYS, PERSONAL INTERVIEWS WITH DATES) LOS ANGELES CITY BUILDING PERMITS PER ATTACHED, LA COUNTY ASSESSORS RECORDS, RECORDED DEEDS, LOS ANGELES CITY DIRECTORIES, CENSUS RECORDS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUBDIVISION MAPS, LOS ANGELES TIME ARTICLES.

DATE FORM PREPARED JANUARY 26, 2011 PREPARER'S NAME CHARLES J. FISHER

ORGANIZATION OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE STREET ADDRESS 140 S. AVENUE 57

CITY HIGHLAND PARK STATE CA ZIP CODE 90042 PHONE (323) 256-3593

E-MAIL ADDRESS: ARROYOSECO@HOTMAIL.COM

# DESCRIPTION WORK SHEET

TYPE OR PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL, BLOCK LETTERS

THE WHITTIER'S TEXACO STATION IS A TWO STRUCTURES, SINGLE STORY,  
NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT NUMBER OF STORIES

STREAMLINE MODERNE, SQUARE-SHAPED AND RECTANGULAR PLAN AUTO SERVICE STATION BUILDINGS  
ARCHITECTURAL STYLE (SEE LINE 8 ABOVE) PLAN SHAPE (SEE CHART) STRUCTURE USE (RESIDENCE, ETC)

WITH A PAINTED STEEL FINISH AND STEEL TRIM.  
MATERIAL (WOOD SIDING, WOOD SHINGLES, BRICK, STUCCO, ETC) MATERIAL (WOOD, METAL, ETC)

ITS FLAT ROOF IS CORRUGATED STEEL, GLASS AND STEEL  
ROOF SHAPE (SEE CHART) MATERIAL (CLAY TILE, ASPHALT OR WOOD SHINGLES) WINDOW MATERIAL

MULTI LIGHT FIXED AND THREE SINGLE PANE TRANSOM WINDOWS ARE PART OF THE DESIGN.  
WINDOW TYPE (DOUBLE HUNG (SLIDES UP & DOWN), CASEMENT (OPENS OUT), HORIZONTAL SLIDING, ETC)

THE ENTRY FEATURES A CENTRALLY PLACE CAR CANOPY IS OVER THE OFFICE ENTRY OF THE SERVICE STATION  
DOOR LOCATION (RECESSED, CENTERED, OFF-CENTER, CORNER, ETC.)

WITH A SINGLE paneled single window steel DOOR. ADDITIONAL CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS  
ENTRY DOOR STYLE (SEE CHART)

OF THE STRUCTURE ARE TWO LOW ROOF WINGS OVER THE CANOPY AT THE FRONT OF THE STATION OFFICE THAT  
IDENTIFY ORIGINAL FEATURES SUCH AS PORCHES (SEE CHART), BALCONIES; NUMBER AND SHAPE OF DORMERS (SEE CHART);

COVERS THE PUMP ISLAND. THE CANOPY IS SUPPORTED BY TWO PLAIN ROUND STEEL POLES. BOTH THE ROOF WINGS  
NUMBER AND LOCATION OF CHIMNEYS; SHUTTERS; SECONDARY FINISH MATERIALS; PARAPETS; METAL TRIM, DECORATIVE TILE OR CAST STONE, ARCHES.

AND THE CANOPY EDGE HAVE ROUNDED CORNERS, WITH THE CANOPY EDGE HAVING THREE NARROW FASCIA BANDS.  
ORNAMENTAL WOODWORK, SYMMETRY OR ASYMMETRY, CORNICES, FRIEZES, TOWERS OR TURRETS, BAY WINDOWS; HALFTIMBERING; HORIZONTALITY;

THE THREE BANDS CARRY ONTO THE OFFICE AND RESTROOM SECTION AT THE CEILING LEVEL, TOPPED WITH A SIMPLE STEEL  
VERTICALITY; FORMALITY OR INFORMALITY, GARDEN WALLS, ETC.

PARAPET. THE BANDS ARE ALSO FOUND AT THE CEILING LEVEL OF THE LUBRICATION BUILDING WHICH HAS A  
ADDITIONAL DEFINING ELEMENTS

ROUNDED EDGE AT THE FRONT TOWARD THE STATION BUILDING AND SQUARED EDGES AT THE OTHER THREE CORNERS.  
ADDITIONAL DEFINING ELEMENTS

TWO AUTO OPENINGS IN THE LUBRICATION BUILDING HAVE SCISSORS-TYPE SECURITY GATES, WITH NO OTHER DOORS.  
ADDITIONAL DEFINING ELEMENTS

A SMALL UPPER TWO PANED TRANSOM SHAPED WINDOW FACES THE REAR OF THAT BUILDING. THE SYMMETRICAL  
ADDITIONAL DEFINING ELEMENTS

SERVICE STATION OFFICE HAS GLASS COVERING MUCH OF THE FRONT AND THE TWO SIDES BACK TO THE REAR OFFICE  
ADDITIONAL DEFINING ELEMENTS

WALL WITH WOOD DOORS TOPPED WITH WORKING TRANSOM WINDOWS ON EACH SIDE FOR THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RESTROOMS  
ADDITIONAL DEFINING ELEMENTS

A SINGLE TRANSOM WINDOW IS LOCATED ABOVE THE OFFICE ENTRY WHICH IS CENTERED UNDER THE CANOPY.  
ADDITIONAL DEFINING ELEMENTS

SECONDARY BUILDINGS CONSIST OF THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS ON THE SITE, BUT THERE ARE TWO

FREE STANDING ORIGINAL FLUORESCENT DOUBLE HEAD LIGHTING FIXTURES AT THE CORNERS OF THE LOT.  
IDENTIFY GARAGE, GARDEN SHELTER, ETC.

SIGNIFICANT INTERIOR SPACES INCLUDE STEEL WALLS, OPEN CEILINGS, WITH OPEN FLUORESCENT LIGHTING  
IDENTIFY ORIGINAL FEATURES SUCH AS WOOD PANELING; MOLDINGS AND TRIM, SPECIAL GLASS WINDOWS,

AND CONCRETE FLOORS. A LARGE COMPRESSOR IS IN THE LUBRICATION BUILDING ALONG WITH BUILT-IN STEEL WORK-  
ORNATE CEILINGS; PLASTER MOLDINGS; LIGHT FIXTURES; PAINTED DECORATION; CERAMIC TILE, STAIR BALUSTRADES; BUILT-IN FURNITURE, ETC.

BENCHES. ORIGINAL BATHROOM SINKS AND ATTACHED WALL MIRRORS.  
IDENTIFY NOTABLE MATURE TREES AND SHRUBS

HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT APPLICATION



City of Los Angeles  
Department of City Planning

05/13/2010

**PARCEL PROFILE REPORT**

**PROPERTY ADDRESSES**

4450 W BEVERLY BLVD

**ZIP CODES**

90004

**RECENT ACTIVITY**

None

**CASE NUMBERS**

CPC-1984-1-HD  
ORD-161116-SA27

**Address/Legal Information**

PIN Number: 138B193 489  
Lot Area (Calculated): 5,826.8 (sq ft)  
Thomas Brothers Grid: PAGE 593 - GRID H7  
Assessor Parcel No. (APN): 5517011014  
Tract: HOBART BOULEVARD TRACT  
Map Reference: M B 17-177  
Block: None  
Lot: FR 14  
Arb (Lot Cut Reference): None  
Map Sheet: 138B193

**Jurisdictional Information**

Community Plan Area: Wilshire  
Area Planning Commission: Central  
Neighborhood Council: Wilshire Center - Koreatown  
Council District: CD 4 - Tom LaBonge  
Census Tract #: 2114.10  
LADBS District Office: Los Angeles Metro

**Planning and Zoning Information**

Special Notes: None  
Zoning: C2-1  
Zoning Information (ZI): ZI-2374 Los Angeles State Enterprise Zone  
General Plan Land Use: General Commercial  
Plan Footnote - Site Req.: See Plan Footnotes  
Additional Plan Footnotes: Wilshire  
Hillside Area (Zoning Code): No  
Specific Plan Area: None  
Design Review Board: No  
Historic Preservation Review: No  
Historic Preservation Overlay Zone: None  
Other Historic Designations: None  
Other Historic Survey Information: None  
Mills Act Contract: None  
POD - Pedestrian Oriented Districts: None  
CDO - Community Design Overlay: None  
NSO - Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay: None  
Streetscape: No  
Sign District: No  
Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area: None  
CRA - Community Redevelopment Agency: None  
Central City Parking: No  
Downtown Parking: No  
Building Line: None  
500 Ft School Zone: Proposed: Alexandria New Primary Center  
500 Ft Park Zone: No

**Assessor Information**

Assessor Parcel No. (APN): 5517011014  
APN Area (Co. Public Works)\*: 0.133 (ac)  
Use Code: 2600 - Auto Service Body and Fender Repair  
Assessed Land Val.: \$80,703  
Assessed Improvement Val.: \$6,251  
Last Owner Change: 09/23/74  
Last Sale Amount: \$9  
Tax Rate Area: 67



Deed Ref No. (City Clerk):	9-387 1-774,76
<b>Building 1:</b>	
1. Year Built:	1941
1. Building Class:	SX
1. Number of Units:	1
1. Number of Bedrooms:	0
1. Number of Bathrooms:	0
1. Building Square Footage:	182.0 (sq ft)
<b>Building 2:</b>	
2. Year Built:	1944
2. Building Class:	SX
2. Number of Units:	1
2. Number of Bedrooms:	0
2. Number of Bathrooms:	0
2. Building Square Footage:	593.0 (sq ft)
<b>Building 3:</b>	
3. Year Built:	Not Available
3. Building Class:	Not Available
3. Number of Units:	0
3. Number of Bedrooms:	0
3. Number of Bathrooms:	0
3. Building Square Footage:	0.0 (sq ft)
<b>Building 4:</b>	
4. Year Built:	Not Available
4. Building Class:	Not Available
4. Number of Units:	0
4. Number of Bedrooms:	0
4. Number of Bathrooms:	0
4. Building Square Footage:	None
<b>Building 5:</b>	
5. Year Built:	Not Available
5. Building Class:	Not Available
5. Number of Units:	0
5. Number of Bedrooms:	0
5. Number of Bathrooms:	0
5. Building Square Footage:	0.0 (sq ft)

**Additional Information**

Airport Hazard:	None
Coastal Zone:	None
Farmland:	Area not Mapped
Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone:	No
Fire District No. 1:	No
Fire District No. 2:	Yes
Flood Zone:	None
Hazardous Waste / Border Zone Properties:	No
Methane Hazard Site:	None
High Wind Velocity Areas:	No
Hillside Grading:	No
Oil Wells:	None
Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone:	No
Distance to Nearest Fault:	1.87403 (km)
Landslide:	No
Liquefaction:	No

**Economic Development Areas**

Business Improvement District:	None
Federal Empowerment Zone:	None
Renewal Community:	No
Revitalization Zone:	Central City
State Enterprise Zone:	Los Angeles State Enterprise Zone
Targeted Neighborhood Initiative:	None

**Public Safety**

Police Information:	
Bureau:	West
Division / Station:	Wilshire



Report District:	709
Fire Information:	
District / Fire Station:	52
Batallion:	5
Division:	1
Red Flag Restricted Parking:	No

## CASE SUMMARIES

Note: Information for Case Summaries is Retrieved from the Planning Department's Plan Case Tracking System (PCTS) Database.

**Case Number:** CPC-1984-1-HD

**Required Action(s):** HD-HEIGHT DISTRICT

**Project Description(s):** CHANGE OF HEIGHT DISTRICT WITHIN THE "CORE AREA OF L.A." - GENERAL PLAN ZONE CONSISTENCY PROGRAM.

## DATA NOT AVAILABLE

ORD-161116-SA27

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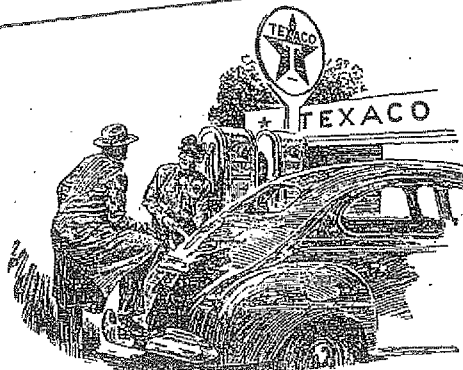
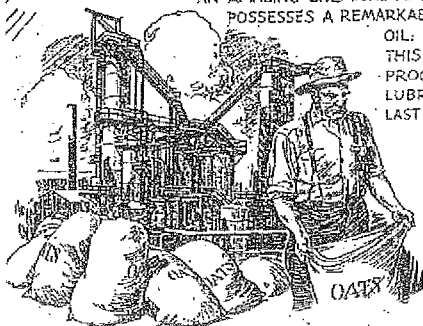


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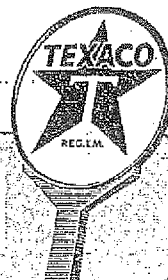


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## **Building Permit History 4450 Beverly Boulevard**

- June 4, 1941: Building Permit No. 14188 to construct a 1-story 3-room steel frame gasoline service station at 4450 Beverly Bl. on Lot 14, Hobart Boulevard Tract. Type E Texaco service station approved by C.P.C. for architectural details per B. R. 613, City Plan Dept.  
Owner: Charles G. Whittier  
Architect: None  
Engineer: Blaine Noice  
Contractor: Reno Steel & Metals Corp.  
Cost: \$1,500.00
- June 4, 1941: Building Permit No. 14189 to construct a 1-story 1-room steel frame lubrication building at 4450 Beverly Bl. on Lot 14, Hobart Boulevard Tract. Type E Texaco service station approved by C.P.C. for architectural details per B. R. 613, City Plan Dept.  
Owner: Charles G. Whittier  
Architect: None  
Engineer: Blaine Noice  
Contractor: Reno Steel & Metals Corp.  
Cost: \$1,800.00
- March 17, 1969: Sign Permit No. LA84364 to erect a single bubble flashing arrow.  
Owner: David Hein  
Architect: None  
Engineer: None  
Contractor: L. L. Lynch  
Cost: \$200.00
- March 13, 1975: Building Permit No. LA4753 for enclosing the North wall of existing garage.  
Owner: Leonard V. Saladino  
Architect: None  
Engineer: F. I. Ilacin  
Contractor: Owner  
Cost: \$450.00

January 10, 2011:

Building Permit No. LA59251 for general rehabilitation (No alteration & no structural changes.) (less than 10% of replacement cost of building.) to comply with abate order.

Owner: Leonard V. and Sadie Saladino

Architect: None

Engineer: None

Contractor: Owner

Cost: \$501.00

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY  
BUILDING DIVISION

Application for the Erection of a Building

CLASS "D" steel

To the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles:  
Application is hereby made to the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles, through the office of the Superintendent of Building, for a building permit in accordance with the description and for the purpose hereinafter set forth. This application is made subject to the following conditions, which are hereby agreed to by the undersigned applicant and which shall be deemed conditions entering into the contract of the permit:  
First: That the permit does not grant any right of preference to erect any building or other structure therein described, or any portion thereof, upon any street, alley or other public place or ground therein.  
Second: That the permit does not grant any right or privilege to use any building or other structure therein described, or any portion thereof, for any purpose that is, or may hereafter be prohibited by ordinance of the City of Los Angeles.  
Third: That the granting of the permit does not affect or prejudice any claim of title to, or right of possession to, the property described in such permit.

Lot No. 14  
Tract Hobart Blvd.  
Location of Building 4450 Beverly St. } Approved by City Engineer  
(House Number and Street) }  
Between what cross streets SW cor. Beverly & Hobart }  
Degree.

USE INK OR INDELIBLE PENCIL

- Purpose of building Gasoline Service Station Families — Rooms 3  
(Store, Residence, Apartment House, Hotel, or any other purpose)
- Owner (Print Name) CHARLES G. WHITTIER Phone —
- Owner's address P.R. 2 Box 529 San Bernardino Cal
- Certificated Architect — State License No. — Phone —
- Licensed Engineer Blaine Noice State License No. 97 Phone —
- Contractor Reno Steel & Metals Corp. State License No. 56036 Phone CH. 53181
- Contractor's address 4407 San Fernando R. Glendale
- VALUATION OF PROPOSED WORK {including all labor and material and all permanent lighting, heating, ventilating, water supply, plumbing, fire apparatus, electrical wiring and/or elevator equipment therein or thereon} \$ 1500.00
- State how many buildings NOW on lot and give use of each. None  
(Store, Residence, A. Arment House, Hotel, or any other purpose)
- Size of new building 500 sq ft No. Stories 1 Height to highest point 14 Size lot 153 x 21
- Type of soil — Foundation (Material) — Depth in ground —
- Width of footing — Width of foundation wall — Size of redwood sill — x —
- Material exterior wall Steel Size of studs: (Exterior) — x — (Interior bearing) — x —
- Joist: First floor — x — Second floor — x — Rafters — x — Material of roof —
- Chimney (Material) — Size Flue — x — No. inlets each flue — Depth footing in ground —

I have carefully examined and read the above completed Application and know the same is true and correct, and hereby certify and agree that if a permit is issued all the provisions of the Building Ordinance and State Laws will be complied with whether herein specified or not; I also certify that plans and specifications filed will conform to all the Building Ordinances and State Laws.

Sign here: Reno Steel & Metals Corp.  
By: E. O. Curry

Plans, Specifications and other data must be filed if required.

PERMIT NO.	FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY			Fee
	Plans and Specifications checked	Exam	Fire District	
<u>1188</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>750</u>
	Corrections specified	Notes, Edits	By: <u>—</u>	Stamp here when Permit is issued
PLANS	Plans, Specifications and Applications reviewed and approved	Applicant's check and signature	<u>—</u>	
JUN 4 1941	By: <u>—</u>	By: <u>—</u>	Inspector	

**FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

Application	Fire District	Bldg. Line	Forced Draft Ventil.
Classification	Zoning	Street widening	

<p>(1) <b>REINFORCED CONCRETE</b></p> <p>Barrels of Cement.....</p> <p>Tons of Reinforcing Steel.....</p>	<p>(2) The building referred to in this Application will be more than 100 feet from _____ Street</p> <p>Sign here..... <small>(Owner or Authorized Agent)</small></p>
<p>(3) This building will be not less than 10 feet from any other building used for residential purposes on this lot.</p> <p>Sign here..... <small>(Owner or Authorized Agent)</small></p>	<p>(4) There will be an unobstructed passageway at least 10 feet wide, extending from any dwelling on lot to a Public Street or Public Alley at least 10 feet in width.</p> <p>Sign here..... <small>(Owner or Authorized Agent)</small></p>

**REMARKS:**

1-4-41 Type C small service etc. approved  
 see B.C.C. for structural details  
 see B.P. 613. Etc. in Dept.

**PLAN CHECKIN**

RECEIPT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

VALUATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY  
BUILDING DIVISION

Application for the Erection of a Building

CLASS "D" Steel

To the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles:  
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Third: That the granting of the permit does not affect or prejudice any claim of title to, or right of possession in, the property described in such permit.

Lot No. 14

Tract Hobart Blvd

Location of Building 4450 Beverly  
Between what cross streets SW. Cor. Beverly & Hobart

Approved by City Engineer

USE INK OR INDELIBLE PENCIL

- Purpose of building Fabrication Bldg. Families - Rooms 1
- OWNER (Print Name) CHARLES G. WHITTIER Phone
- Owner's address R.R. 2 Box 529 San Bernardino Cal
- Certificated Architect State License No. Phone
- Licensed Engineer Glenn Noice State License No. 97 Phone
- Contractor Reno Steel & Metals Corp. State License No. 56036 Phone CH. 5.3151
- Contractor's address 4407 San Fernando R. Mendota, Calif
- VALUATION OF PROPOSED WORK (including all labor and material and all permanent lighting, heating, ventilation, water supply, plumbing, fire sprinkler, electrical wiring and/or elevator equipment therein or thereon) \$ 1800.00
- State how many buildings NOW on lot and give use of each 1 Home
- Size of new building 600' No. Stories 1 Height to highest point 14' 3/4' Size lot 153' x 38'
- Type of soil Foundation (Material) Depth in ground
- Width of footing Width of foundation wall Size of redwood sill x
- Material exterior wall Size of studs (Exterior) x (Interior bearing) x
- Joist: First floor x Second floor x Rafters x Material of roof
- Chimney (Material) Size Flue x No. inlets each flue Depth footing in ground

I have carefully examined and read the above completed Application and know the same is true and correct, and hereby certify and agree that if a permit is issued all the provisions of the Building Ordinance and State Laws will be complied with whether herein specified or not; I also certify that plans and specifications filed will conform to all the Building Ordinances and State Laws.

Sign here: Reno Steel & Metals Corp.  
By: [Signature]

Plans, Specifications and other data must be filed if required.

PERMIT NO.	FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY			Fee
	Plans and Specifications checked	Specs.	Plans	
14112	[Signature]	[Signature]	[Signature]	[Signature]
PLANS	Corrected	Specs. List	Specs. Drawing	
PLANS	Plans, Specifications and Application reviewed and approved	Application checked and approved		
PLANS	For Plans Use	Used with	Specs. List	Proprietor



**PERMIT USE ONLY**

Application	Fire District	Bldg. Line	Forced Draft Ventil.
Construction	Forming	Street Widening	
(1) REINFORCED CONCRETE		(8) The building referred to in this Application will be more than 100 feet from _____ Street	
Tons of Cement		Sign Here _____ <small>(Owner or Authorized Agent)</small>	
(3) This building will be not less than 10 feet from any other building used for residential purposes on this lot.		(4) There will be an unobstructed passageway at least ten (10) feet wide, extending from any dwelling on lot to a Public Street or Public Alley at least 10 feet in width.	
Tons of Reinforcing Steel		Sign Here _____ <small>(Owner or Authorized Agent)</small>	

REMARKS: *6-4-4 Type C Texas license etc. approved for Bldg. for architectural details. Sec. B.R. 3. City Plan Dept. R. Roberts*

INSIDE LOT	LOT SIZE
KEY LOT	<i>32 x 75</i>
CORNER LOT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CORNER LOT RIVER	<input type="checkbox"/>

**PLAN CHECKING**

RECEIPT NO. 273  
 VALUATION \$ 331  
 PAID \$ 7.50

DAS 9-5-64

**APPLICATION FOR INSPECTION OF SIGNS**

CITY LOS ANGELES  
DEPT. OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

**INSTRUCTIONS:** 1. Applicant to Complete Numbered Items Only.  
2. Plot Plan Required on Back of Original.

CENSUS TRACT: 2114

1. LEGAL DESCR.	LOT	BLK.	TRACT	CENSUS TRACT	
	14	/	Hobart Blvd. TR	2114	
2. TYPE OF SIGN OR NEW WORK				ZONE	
19 Single Bubble Flashing Arrow				C-2-2	
3. JOB ADDRESS				FIRE DIST.	
4450 Beverly Blvd.				II 87/60	
4. BETWEEN CROSS STREETS				LOT (TYPE)	
Berrano Ave. AND Hobart Blvd.				COR	
5. OWNER'S NAME				LOT SIZE	
David Hein 662-2901				38 x 153.3	
6. OWNER'S ADDRESS				P.O. BOX	
Same				ZIP	
7. ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER				STATE LICENSE NO	
				PHONE	
8. CONTRACTOR				STATE LICENSE NO.	
L. L. Lynch 129576				PHONE	
				AT 6-6939	
9. SIZE OF SIGN		HEIGHT ABOVE		TOTAL COPY AREA	
6'6"		GRADE 2 FT. ROOF FT.			
10. ILLUMINATION TO BE USED: SINGLE FACE <input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE FACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
NONE <input type="checkbox"/> DIRECT <input type="checkbox"/> INDIRECT <input type="checkbox"/> FLASHING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER					
11. MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION		SUPPORTING FRAME		FRAME OF SURFACE	
		mtl		mtl	
				plast	
12. JOB ADDRESS				DISTRICT OFFICE	
4450 Beverly Blvd.				LA	
13. VALUATION TO INCLUDE ALL FIXED EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO OPERATE AND USE PROPOSED SIGN				GRADING	
\$ 200				/	
14. SIZE OF EXISTING BUILDING		TYPE		STORIES	
				EXT. WALLS	
				ROOF CONST.	
				HIGHWAY DED.	
				yes	
TYPE OF SIGN OR NEW WORK				CONS.	
Single Bubble Flashing Arrow				/	
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REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/>				ZONED BY	
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Plan check expires six months after fee is paid. Permit expires one year after fee is paid or six months after fee is paid if construction is not commenced.

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**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY**

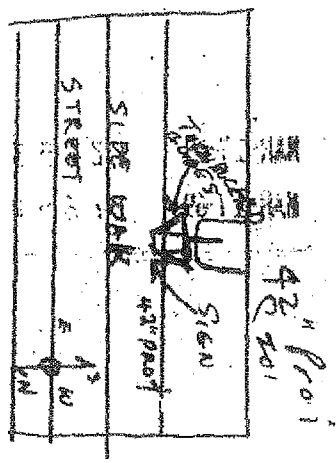
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Signed James H. Moore (Owner or Agent)

	Name	Date
Bureau of Engineering	R. Byler	3-17-69
Municipal Arts Commissioners		
Board of Building Safety Commissioners		
Traffic		
Planning		
Conservation		

Plot Plan



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PERMITS AND CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY AND FOR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

R&S B-3-8874

INSTRUCTIONS: Applicant to Complete Numbered Items Only.

1. LEGAL DESCR.	LOT	BLK	TR/CT	DIST. MAP
	14		Hobart Blvd.	4661
2. PRESENT USE OF BUILDING	NEW USE OF BUILDING			ZONE
08 <del>Single Dwelling</del>	08 <del>Single Dwelling</del> auto repairs			C2-2
3. JOB ADDRESS	FIRE DIST.			LOT (TYPE)
4450 Beverly Blvd.	Hobart AND Serrano			001'
4. BETWEEN CROSS STREETS	OWNER'S NAME			LOT SIZE
	Leonard V. Saladino			38x158.30
5. OWNER'S NAME	PHONE			ALLEY
6. OWNER'S ADDRESS	662-2901			/
same	CITY			BLDG. LINE
LA	90004			/
7. ENGINEER	ACTIVE STATE LICENSE No.			AFFIDAVITS
F.L. Tlacin	SE 1801			CCPD
8. ARCHITECT OR DESIGNER	PHONE			
	385-7636			
9. CONTRACTOR	ACTIVE STATE LICENSE No.			
Owner				
10. BRANCH LENDER	ADDRESS			
	CITY			
11. SIZE OF EXISTING BLDG.	STORIES	HEIGHT	NO. OF EXISTING BUILDINGS ON LOT AND USE	
24' x 34'	1			
12. CONST. MATERIAL OF EXISTING BLDG.	EXT. WALLS	ROOF	FLOOR	
13. JOB ADDRESS	DIST. OFFICE			
3 4450 Beverly Blvd.	LA			
14. VALUATION TO INCLUDE ALL FIXED EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO OPERATE AND USE PROVIDED BUILDING	CRIT. SOIL			
\$ - 450.00	/			
15. NEW WORK: (Describe)	GRADING			
ENCLOSING	/			
No. Wall	HIGHWAY DED.			
16. NEW USE OF BUILDING	SIZE OF ADDITION	STORIES	HEIGHT	V.B.S. FLOOD
08 <del>Single Dwelling</del> Auto Repairs		1	11'	/
TYPE	GROUP OCC.	PLANS CHECKED	CONS.	
12	F-L		/	
BLDG. AREA	MAX. OCC.	TOTAL	PLANS APPROVED	ZONED BY
N.J.				Wooden
DWELL. UNITS	GUEST ROOMS	PARKING REQ'D PROVIDED	CAPTURES APPROVED	FILE WITH
SPRINKLERS REQ'D SPECIFIED	CONT. INSP.	INSPECTION ACTIVITY		INSPECTOR
		COMB	MAJ. S.	CONS
P.C. No.	S.P.C.	B.P.	I.F.	G.P.I.
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P.C. No.	PLAN CHECK EXPIRES SIX MONTHS AFTER FEE IS PAID. PERMIT EXPIRES ONE YEAR AFTER FEE IS PAID OR SIX MONTHS AFTER FEE IS PAID IF CONSTRUCTION IS NOT COMMENCED.			

CARRIER'S USE ONLY

37088 E : 4753 \$ = 168 701 8.25

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Signed	(Owner or Agent)	Signature/Date
		Dalton 3-4-75
Bureau of Engineering	ADDRESS APPROVED	
	SEWERS	SEWERS AVAILABLE
		NOT AVAILABLE
		SFC PAID
		SFC DUE
	DRIVEWAY	
	HIGHWAY DEDICATION	REQUIRED
		COMPLETED
	FLOOD CLEARANCE	
Conservation	APPROVED FOR ISSUE	NO FILE
Fire	APPROVED (TITLE 19) (L.A.M.C. 5760)	
Planning	SEWER SYSTEM APPROVED	

Original Permit. LA. 14189/40.  
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4450 W Beverly Blvd



Permit #:

11016 - 30000 - 00472

Plan Check #: XII WL00106

Printed: 01/10/11 01:18 PM

Event Code:

Bldg-Alter/Repair  
Commercial  
Express Permit  
No Plan Check

City of Los Angeles - Department of Building and Safety  
**APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT  
AND CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY**

Last Status: Ready to Issue  
Status Date: 01/10/2011

TRACT	BLOCK	LOT#	ARB	COUNTY MAP REF #	PARCEL ID # (PIN #)	ASSESSOR PARCEL #
HOBART BOULEVARD TR		14		M B 17-177	138B193 489	5517-011-014

**4. PARCEL INFORMATION**

Area Planning Commission - Central  
LADBS Branch Office - 1A  
Council District - 4  
Certified Neighborhood Council - Wilshire Center - Kort  
Community Plan Area - Wilshire

Census Tract - 2114.10  
Census Tract - 2114.20  
District Map - 138B193  
Energy Zone - 9  
Fire District - 2

Near Source Zone Distance - 1.9  
School Within 500 Foot Radius - YES  
Thomas Brothers Map Grid - 593-H7

ZONE(S): C2-17

**5. DOCUMENTS**

Z1 - Z1-2374 Los Angeles State Enterpris CDBG - SEZ-Los Angeles State Enterpris  
ORD - ORD-161116-SA27  
CPC - CPC-1984-1-HD  
CDBG - LARZ-Central City

**6. CHECKLIST ITEMS**

**7. PROPERTY OWNER, TENANT, APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Owner(s)  
Saladino, Leonard V And Sadie 1929 Alscot Ave SIMI VALLEY CA 93063  
  
Tenant  
Applicant (Relationship, Owner-Bldg)  
- Owner-Builder

**8. EXISTING USE**

(09) Gas Station

**9. PROPOSED USE**

**10. DESCRIPTION OF WORK**

General rehabilitation (No alteration & no structural changes.) (less than 10% of replacement cost of building) to comply with abate order.

**11. # Bldgs on Site & Use:**

**12. APPLICATION PROCESSING INFORMATION**

BLDG. PC By: DAS PC By:  
OK for Cashier: Carolina Guardado Coord. OK:  
Signature: Date: 1/10/11

For inspection requests, call toll-free (888) LA4BUILD (524-2845).  
Outside LA County, call (213) 482-0000 or request inspections via  
www.ladbs.org. To speak to a Call Center agent, call 311 or  
(866) 4LACITY (452-2489). Outside LA County, call (213) 473-3231.

For Cashier's Use Only W/O #: 11600472

**13. PROJECT VALUATION & FEE INFORMATION** Final Fee Period

Permit Valuation: \$501 PC Valuation:

TOTAL TOTAL Bldg-Alter/Repair	195.23
Permit Fee Subtotal Bldg-Alter/Rept	130.00
Fire Hydrant Refuse-To-Pay	
EQ Instrumentation	0.50
J.S. Surcharge	3.15
Gas Surcharge	9.45
Planning Surcharge	9.42
Planning Surcharge Misc Fee	10.00
Planning Gen Plan Maint Surcharge	4.71
State Green Building Surcharge	1.00
Permit Issuing Fee	27.00

sewer Cap ID:

Total Bond(s) Due:

**14. ATTACHMENTS**



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14. APPLICATION COMMENTS

In the event that any box (i.e. 1-16) is filled to capacity, it is possible that additional information has been captured electronically and could not be printed due to space restrictions. Nevertheless, the information printed exceeds that required by Section 19825 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California.

15. Building Relocated From:

16. CONTRACTOR, ARCHITECT, & ENGINEER NAME ADDRESS

CLASS LICENSE# PHONE#

(O) , Owner-Builder

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PERMIT EXPIRATION/REFUNDS: This permit expires two years after the date of the permit issuance. This permit will also expire if no construction work is performed for a continuous period of 180 days (Sec. 98.0602 LAMC). Claims for refund of fees paid must be filed within one year from the date of expiration for permits granted by LADBS (Sec. 22.12 & 22.13 LAMC). The permittee may be entitled to reimbursement of permit fees if the Department fails to conduct an inspection within 60 days of receiving a request for final inspection (HS 17951).

17. OWNER-BUILDER DECLARATION

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that I am exempt from the Contractors' State License Law for the following reason (Section 7031.5, Business and Professions Code: Any city or county which requires a permit to construct, alter, improve, demolish, or repair any structure, prior to its issuance, also requires the applicant for such permit to file a signed statement that he or she is licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Contractors License Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code) or that he or she is exempt therefrom and the basis for the alleged exemption. Any violation of Section 7031.5 by any applicant for a permit subjects the applicant to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500).):

I, as the owner of the property, or my employees with wages as their sole compensation, will do the work, and the structure is not intended or offered for sale (Sec. 7044, Business & Professions Code: The Contractors License Law does not apply to an owner of property who builds or improves thereon, and who does such work himself or herself or through his or her own employees, provided that such improvements are not intended or offered for sale. If, however, the building or improvement is sold within one year from completion, the owner-builder will have the burden of proving that he or she did not build or improve for the purpose of sale).

OR

I, as the owner of the property, am exclusively contracting with licensed contractors to construct the project (Sec. 7044, Business & Professions Code: The Contractors License Law does not apply to an owner of property who builds or improves thereon, and who contracts for such projects with a contractor(s) licensed pursuant to the Contractors License Law.)

18. WORKERS' COMPENSATION DECLARATION

I hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, one of the following declarations:

I have and will maintain a certificate of consent to self insure for workers' compensation, as provided for by Section 3700 of the Labor Code, for the performance of the work for which this permit is issued.

I have and will maintain workers' compensation insurance, as required by Section 3700 of the Labor Code, for the performance of the work for which this permit is issued. My workers' compensation insurance carrier and policy number are:

Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that in the performance of the work for which this permit is issued, I shall not employ any person in any manner so as to become subject to the workers' compensation laws of California, and agree that if I should become subject to the workers' compensation provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code, I shall forthwith comply with those provisions.

WARNING: FAILURE TO SECURE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE IS UNLAWFUL, AND SHALL SUBJECT AN EMPLOYER TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND CIVIL FINES UP TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000), IN ADDITION TO THE COST OF COMPENSATION, DAMAGES AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 3700 OF THE LABOR CODE, INTEREST, AND ATTORNEY'S FEES.

19. ASBESTOS REMOVAL DECLARATION / LEAD HAZARD WARNING

I certify that notification of asbestos removal is either not applicable or has been submitted in the AQMD or EPA as per section 19827.5 of the Health and Safety Code. Information is available at (909) 396-2336 and the notification form at [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov). Lead safe construction practices are required when doing repairs that disturb paint in pre-1978 buildings due to the presence of lead per section 6716 and 6717 of the Labor Code. Information is available at Health Services for LA County at (800) 524-5323 or the State of California at (800) 597-5323 or [www.dhs.ca.gov/eh/lead/](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/eh/lead/).

20. FINAL DECLARATION

I certify that I have read this application INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS is correct. I agree to comply with all city and county ordinances and state laws relating to building construction, and hereby authorize representatives of this city to enter upon the above-mentioned property for inspection purposes. I realize that this permit is an application for inspection and that it does not approve or authorize the work specified herein, and it does not authorize or permit any violation or failure to comply with any applicable law. Furthermore, neither the City of Los Angeles nor any board, department officer, or employee thereof, make any warranty, nor shall be responsible for the performance or results of any work described herein, nor the condition of the property nor the soil upon which such work is performed. I further affirm under penalty of perjury, that the proposed work will not destroy or unreasonably interfere with any access or utility easement belonging to others and located on my property, but in the event such work does destroy or unreasonably interfere with such easement, a substitute easement(s) satisfactory to the holder(s) of the easement will be provided (Sec. 91.0106.4.3.4 LAMC).

By signing below, I certify that:

- (1) I accept all the declarations above namely the Owner-Builder Declaration, Workers' Compensation Declaration, Asbestos Removal Declaration / Lead Hazard Warning and Final Declaration; and
- (2) This permit is being obtained with the consent of the legal owner of the property.

Print Name:

Saido Salgado

Sign:

Saido Salgado

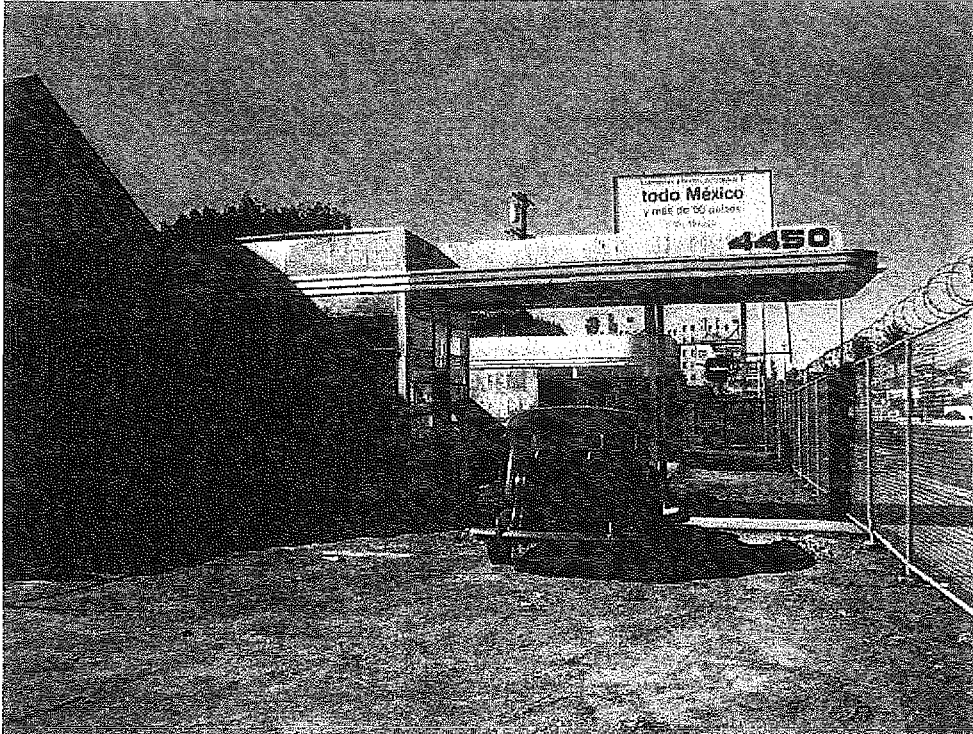
Date:

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Owner

Authorized Agent

# Whittier's Texaco Station Photographs

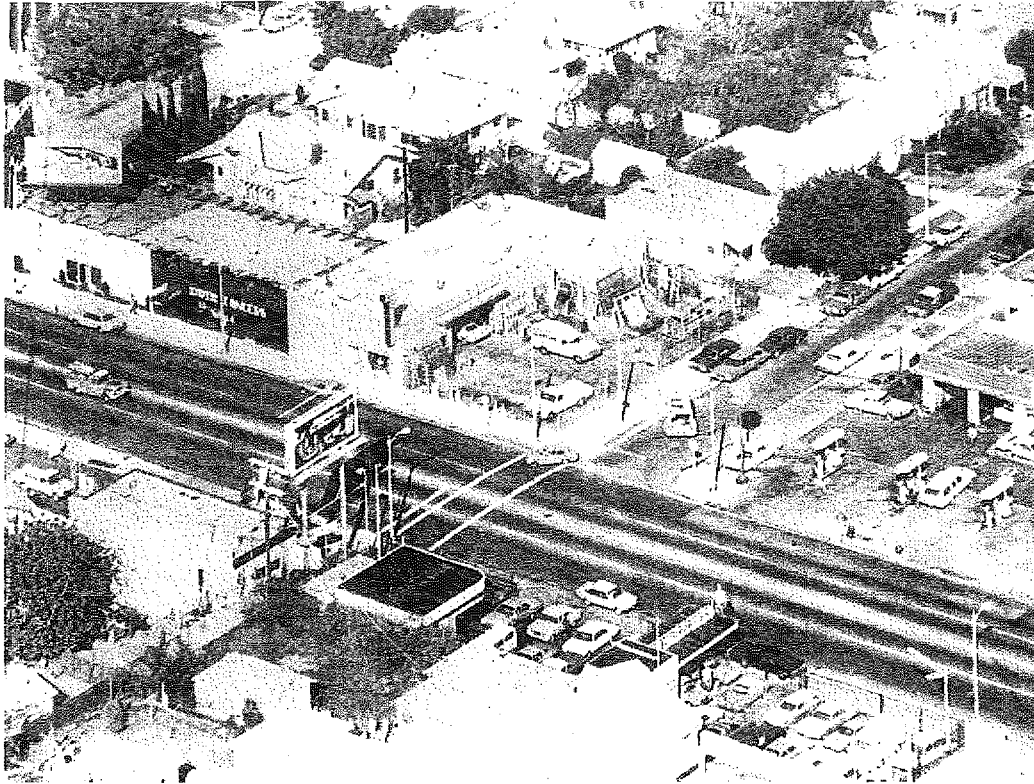


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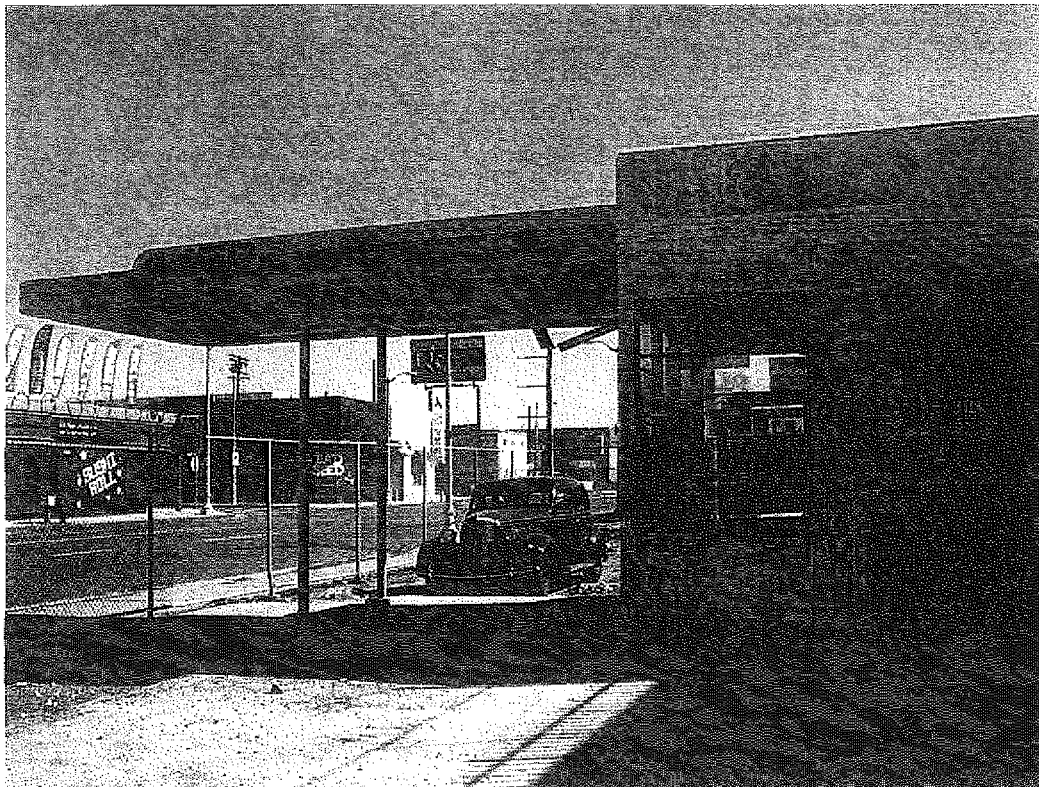


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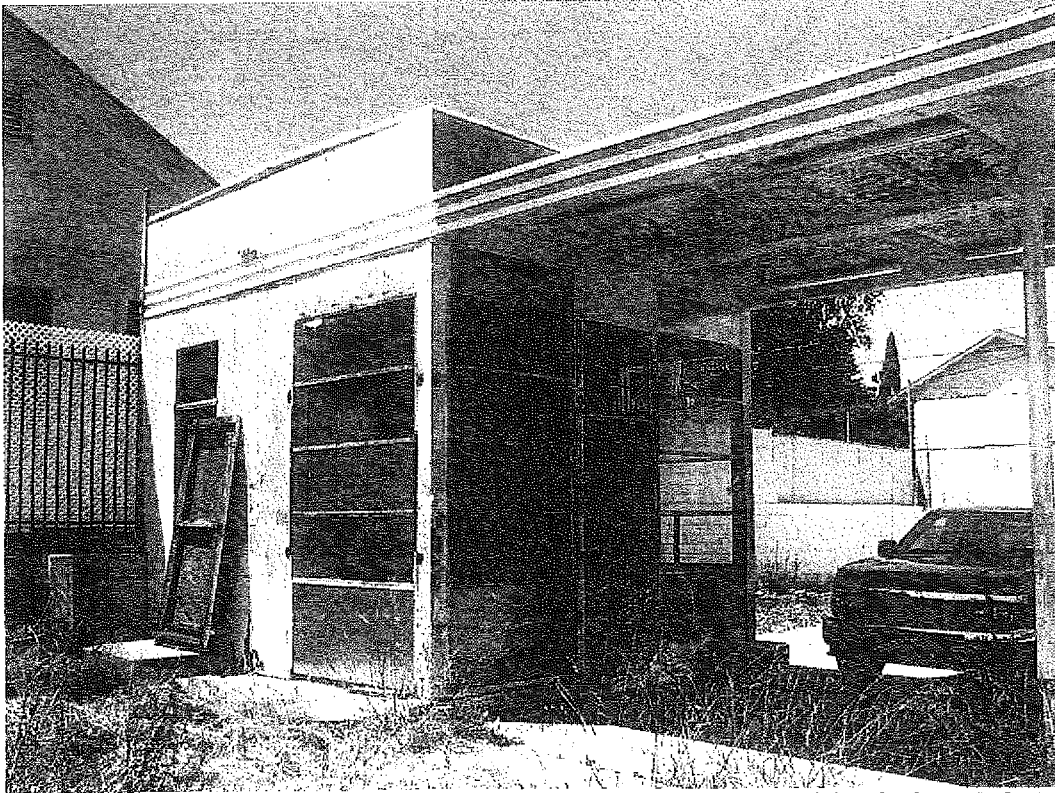




*Whittier's Texaco Station in the 1970s, 4450 Beverly Boulevard, February 9, 2011 (Photograph copied by Charles J. Fisher)*



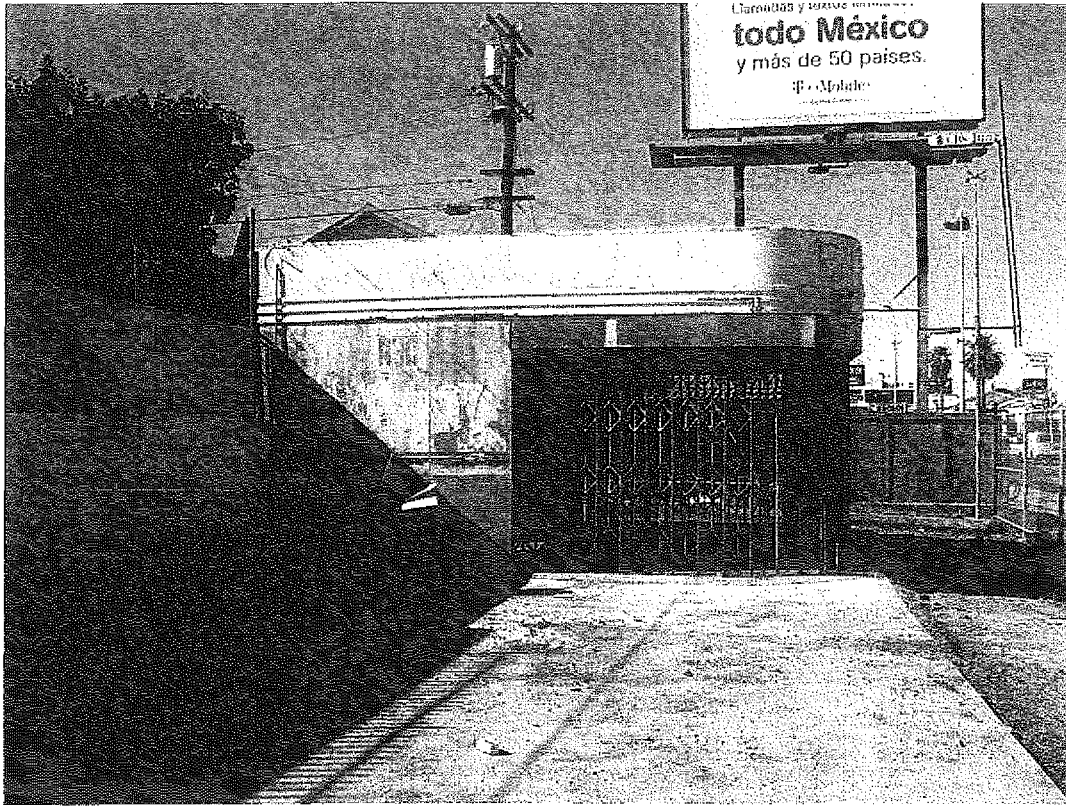
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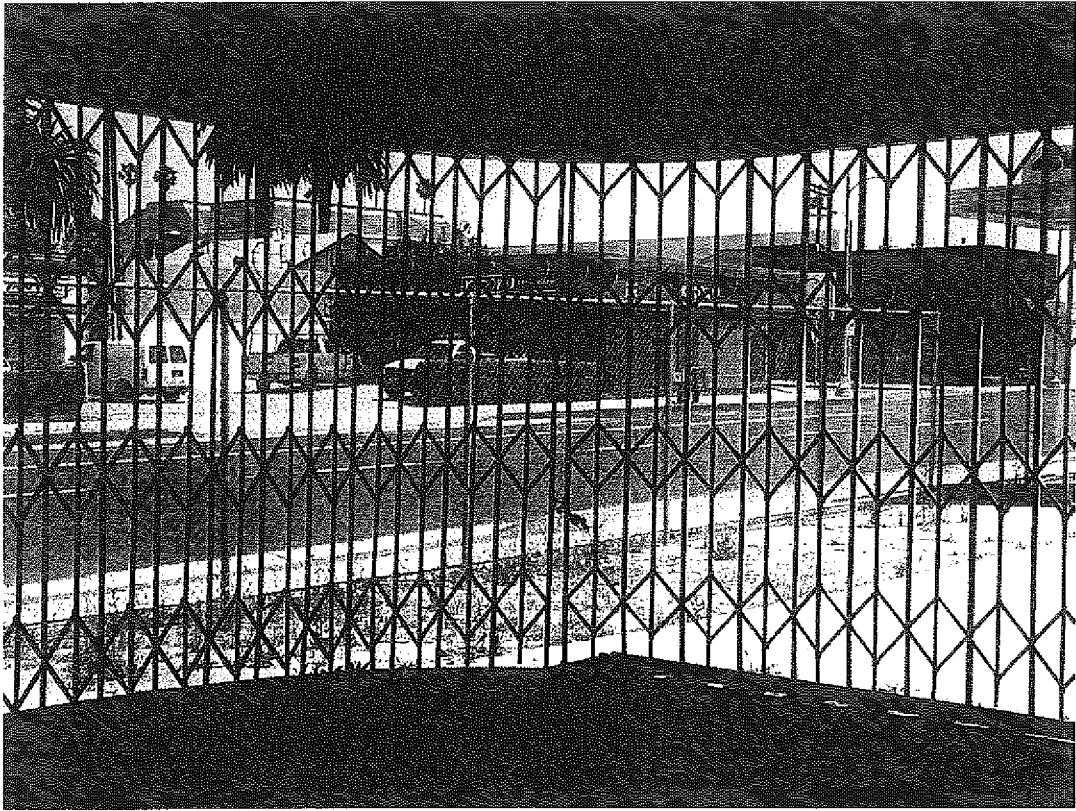


*Whittier's Texaco Station, lubrication building, 4450 Beverly Boulevard, February 9, 2011 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)*

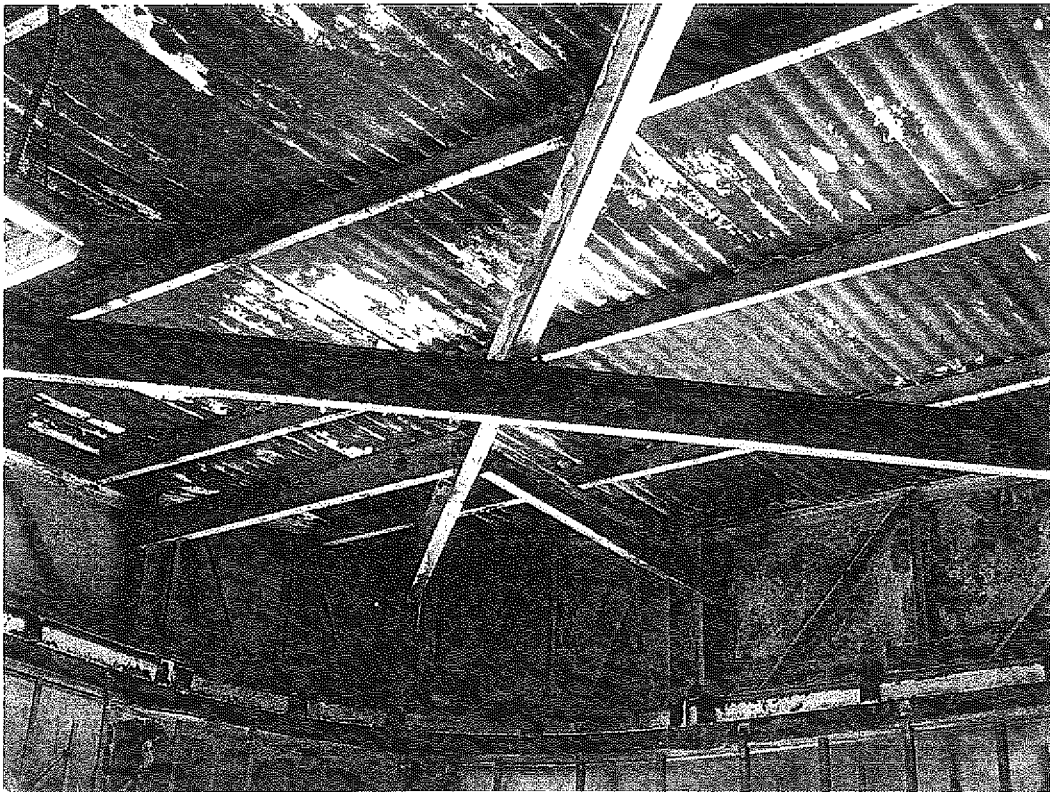


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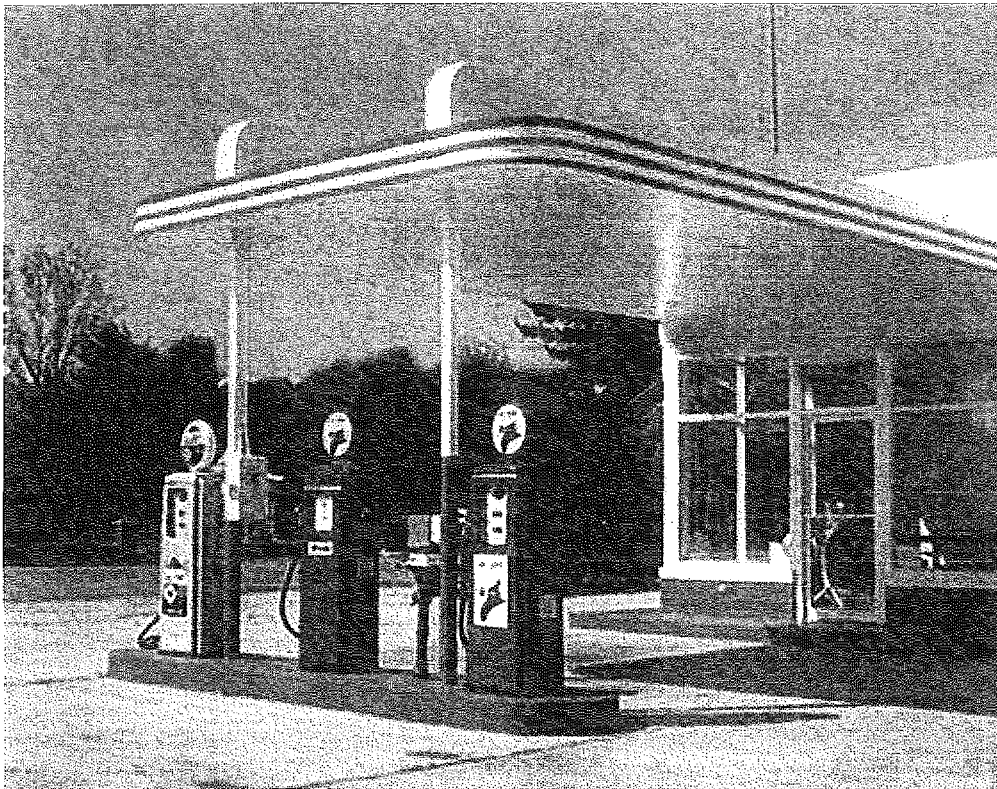




*Whittier's Texaco Station, lubrication building, 4450 Beverly Boulevard, May 13, 2010 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)*



*Whittier's Texaco Station, lubrication building ceiling, 4450 Beverly Blvd, May 13, 2010 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)*



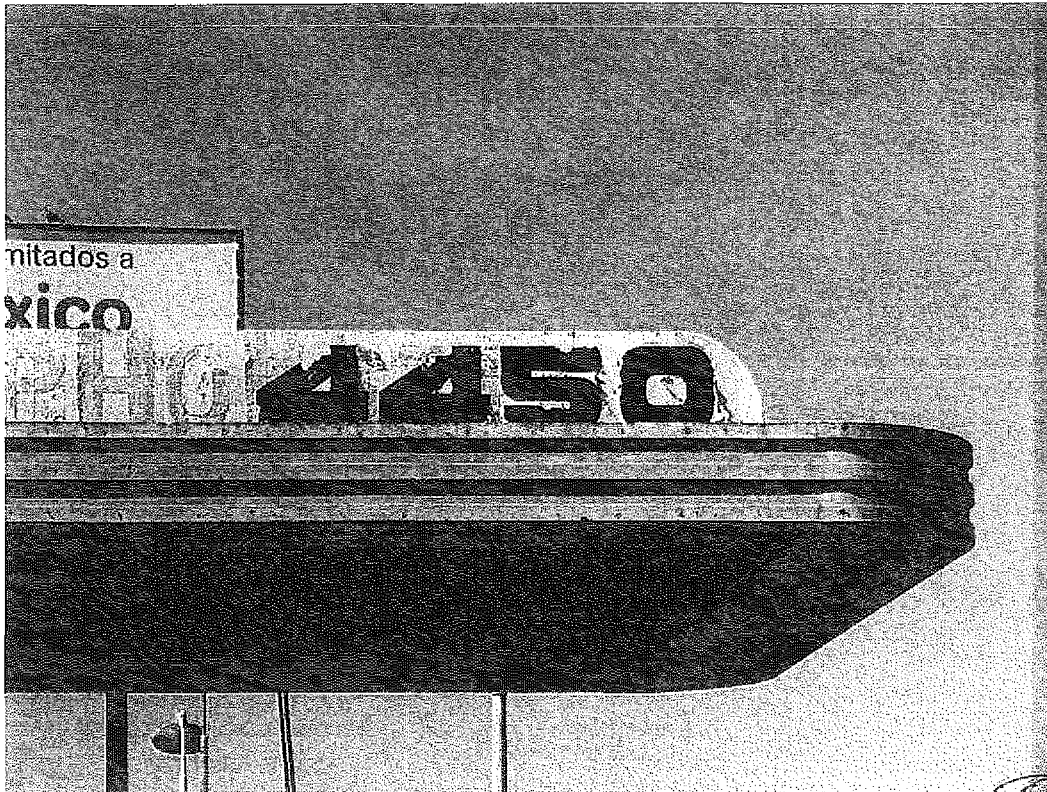
*Restored Texaco Station in unknown location-note red pumps for Fire Chief (regular) and silver pump for Sky Chief (premium)*



*Whittier's Texaco Station, restored steel on lubrication building, 4450 Beverly Boulevard, February 9, 2011  
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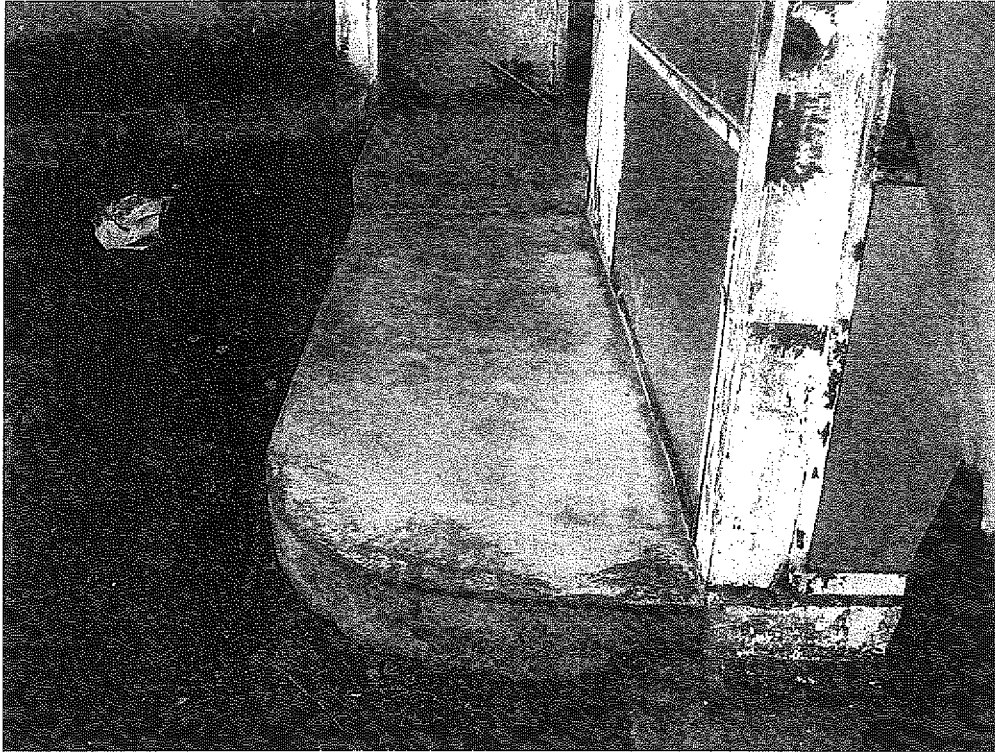


*Whittier's Texaco Station, restored concrete on pump island, 4450 Beverly Boulevard, February 9, 2011  
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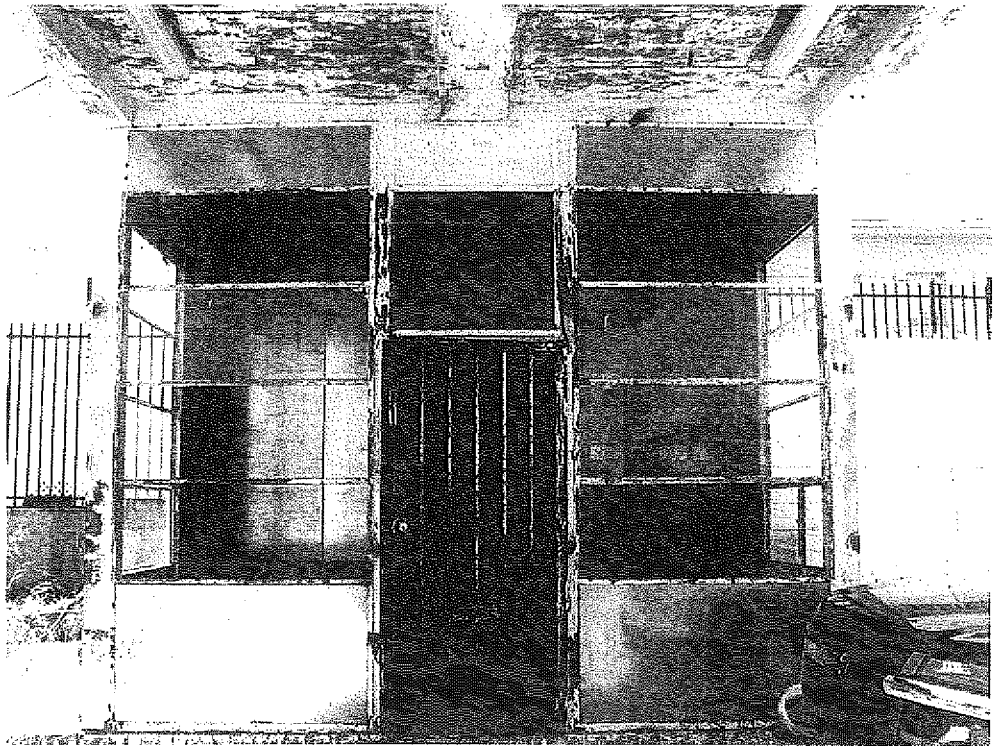


*Whittier's Texaco Station, canopy detail, 4450 Beverly Boulevard, February 9, 2011 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)*

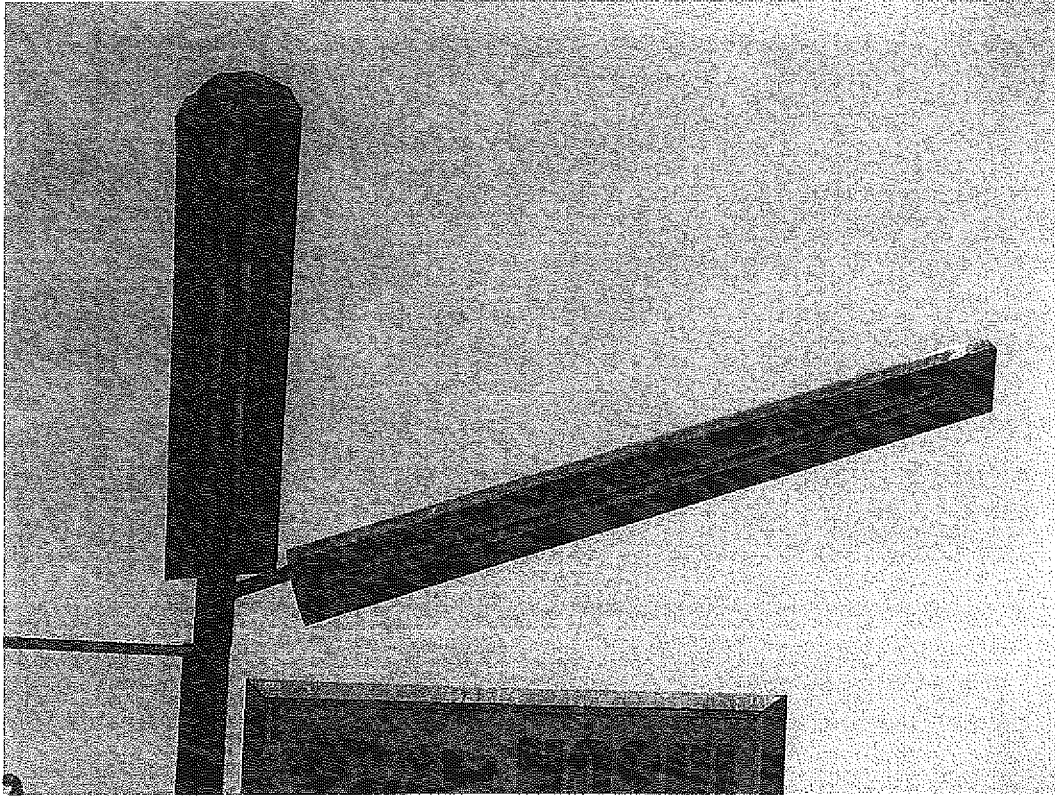




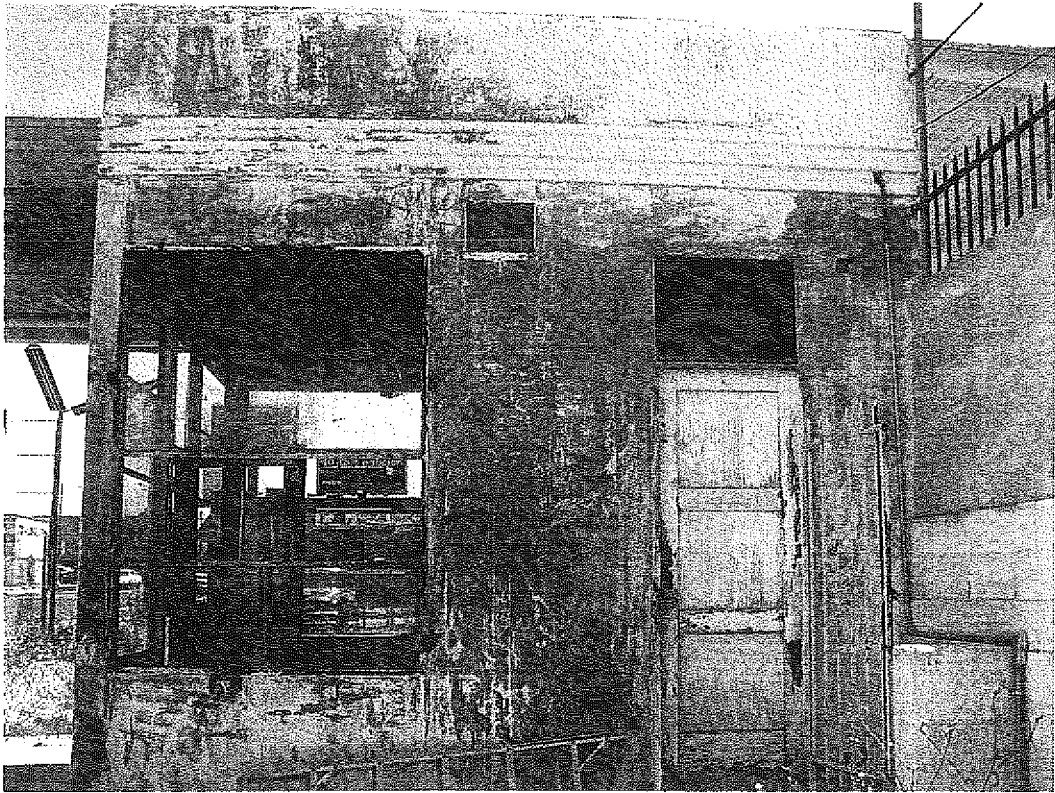
*Whittier's Texaco Station, original concrete on East side of office, 4450 Beverly Boulevard, February 9, 2011  
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*Whittier's Texaco Station, entry to office, 4450 Beverly Boulevard, May 13, 2010 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)*

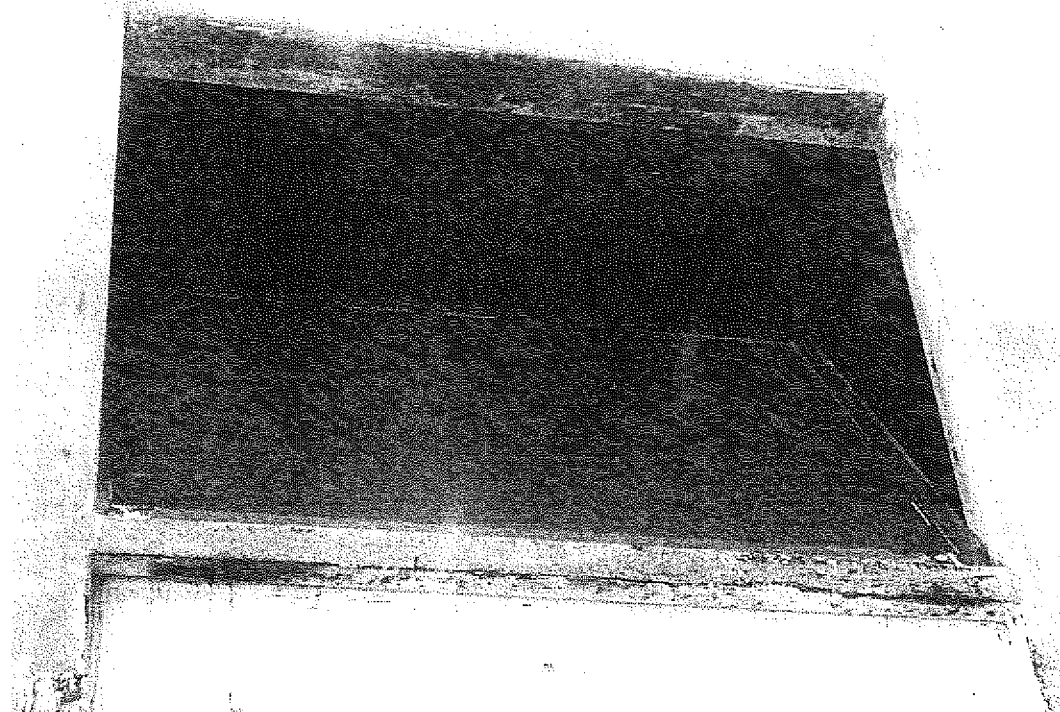


*Whittier's Texaco Station, early fluorescent lighting, 4450 Beverly Blvd, May 13, 2010 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)*

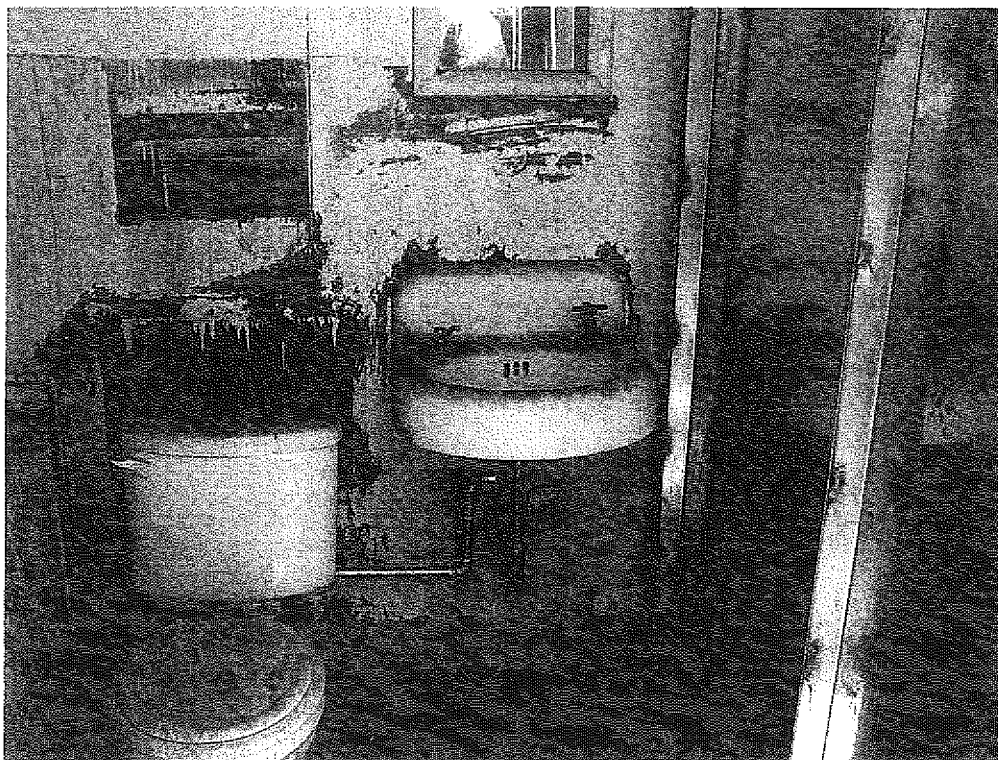


*Whittier's Texaco Station, West side & men's room wooden door, 4450 Beverly Boulevard, May 13, 2010  
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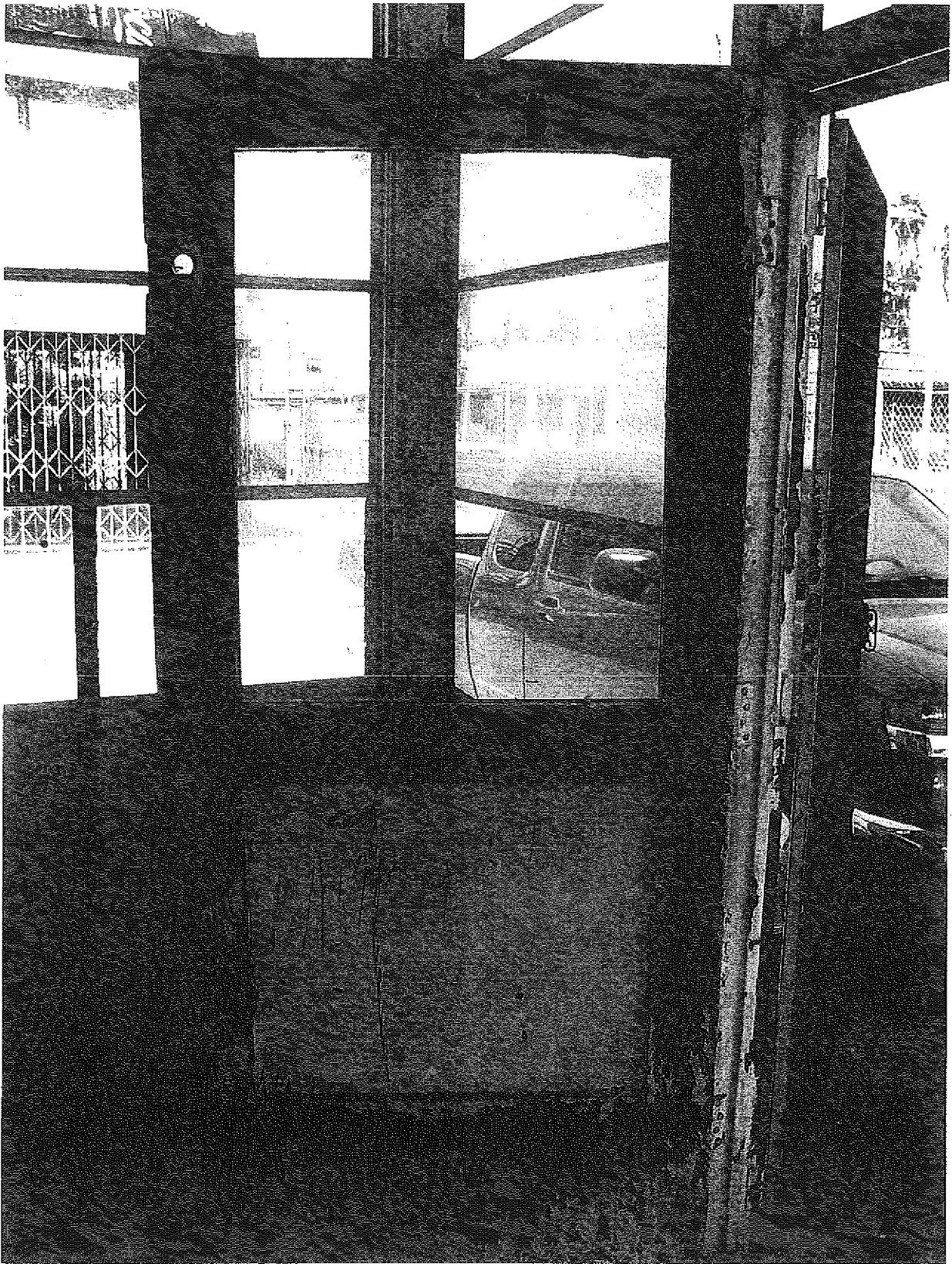




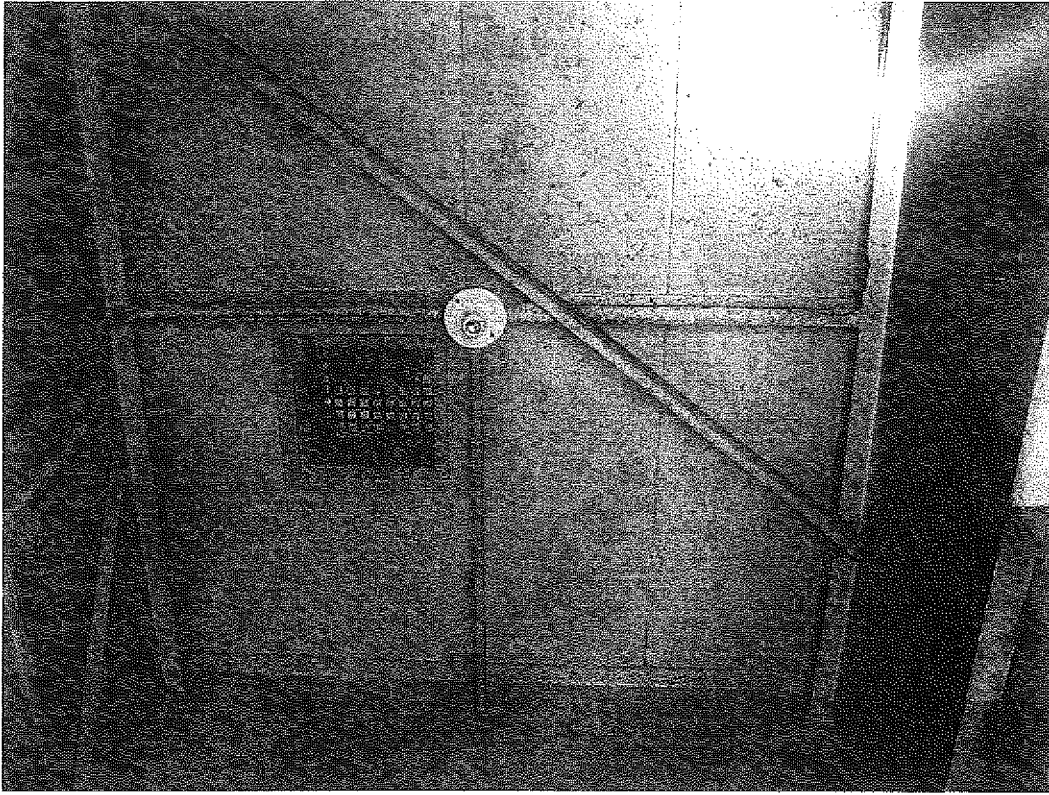
*Whittier's Texaco Station, transom window above bathroom door, 4450 Beverly Boulevard, May 13, 2010  
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*Whittier's Texaco Station, men's room, 4450 Beverly Boulevard, May 13, 2010 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)*



*Whittier's Texaco Station, original steel door to office, 4450 Beverly Blvd, May 13, 2010 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)*

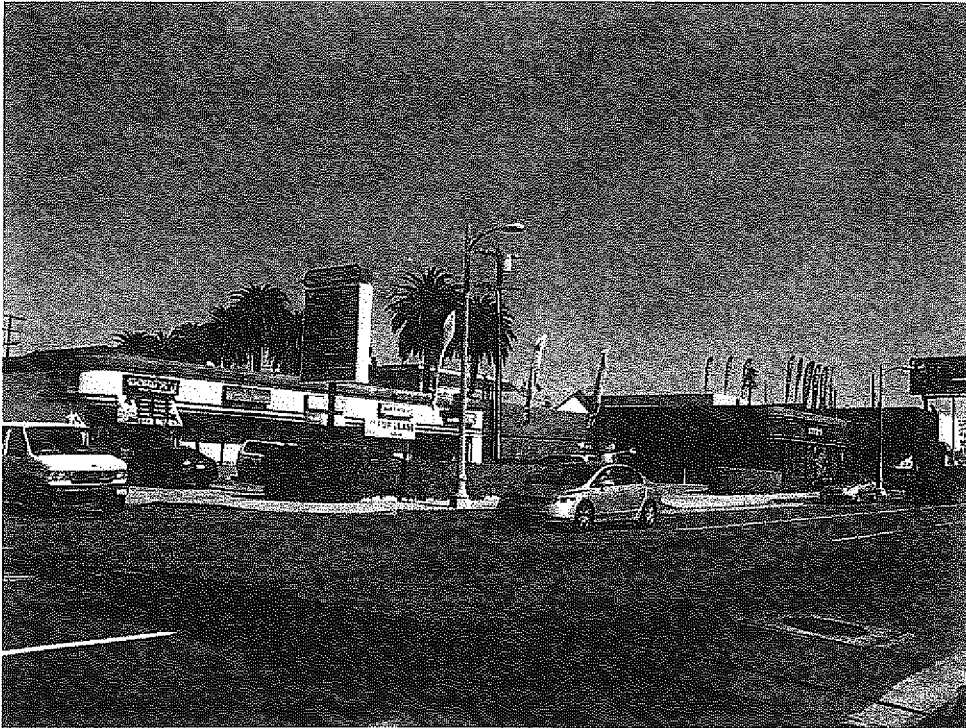


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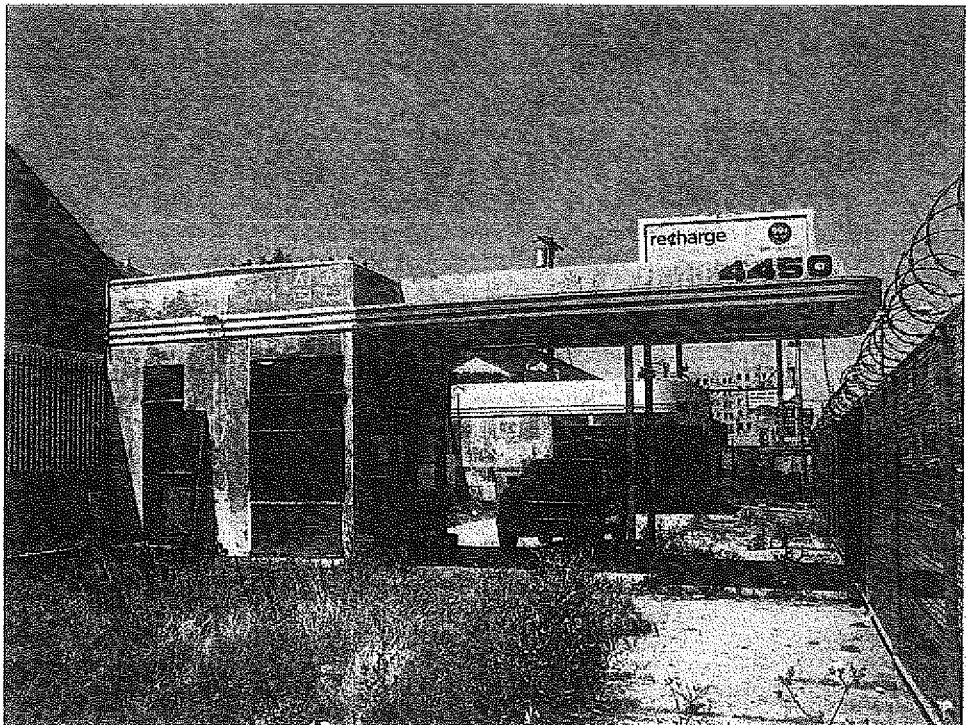


*Former Mobil Station to West of Whittier's Texaco Station, 4450 Beverly Boulevard, February 9, 2011 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)*





*Site of former Shell Station at 4451 Beverly Boulevard, across street from Whittier's Texaco Station, 9, 2011  
(Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)*



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