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Section 22.171.10 of the Administrative Code provides that the City Council, the Cultural Heritage Commission, or the Director of Planning, may initiate consideration of a proposed site, building, or structure as a Historical-Cultural Monument. The Cultural Heritage Commission, after reviewing and investigating any such Council-initiated designation, shall approve or disapprove in whole or in part the proposed inclusion and submit a report upon such action to the Council.

The Herman Kerckhoff House located at 1325 West Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles CA 90007 is a restored shingle style building which was on the North University Park Community Association (NUPCA) tour in 1981. It was missed by Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) surveyer Roger Hathaway because at that time it was hidden by foliage when the drive through survey was done for CRA in 1986. The adjacent Bonsall House located at 1315 West Adams Boulevard was listed as individually eligible, and the Franklin House located at 1347 West Adams Boulevard was also listed individually eligible.

The Herman Kerckhoff House is currently endangered since there are plans to sell the interior elements at an estate sale. There are plans on selling built-ins and fixtures, not just furniture (as happened at Bullocks Wilshire and the Blacker House in Pasadena), and as such a possible architectural treasure may be lost.

The Herman Kerckhoff House appears to be an important historic asset of West Adams and worthy of protection. It is located in the so-called 'six block' donut hole outside of the University Park Historic Preservation Overlay Zone.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council initiate consideration of the Herman Kerckhoff House located at 1325 West Adams Boulevard , Los Angeles, CA 90007, as a City Historic-Cultural Monument under the procedures of Sec. 22.171.10 of the Administrative Code, and instruct the Planning Department to prepare the Historic-Cultural Monument application for review and consideration by the Cultural Heritage Commission.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that after reviewing the application, the Cultural Heritage Commission submit its report and recommendation to the Council regarding the inclusion of the Herman Kerckhoff House in the City's list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

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