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OCT 28 2013

Date:

Los Angeles City Council
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 410
Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention: Sharon Gin, Legislative Assistant
Planning and Land Use Management Committee

SUBJECT: **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC) FACILITIES
VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

At the Cultural Heritage Commission meeting of **October 17, 2013**, the Commission moved to include the above properties 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 actions were taken by the following votes:

CHC-2013-2387-HCM
GEORGE F. BOVARD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
3551 TROUSDALE PARKWAY

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

Vote: 3-0

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Time Limit: 1/15/14
Last Day For Council To Act: 1/15/14
Pursuant To: LAAC

**CHC-2013-2419-HCM
GYWNN WILSON STUDENT UNION
3535 S. FIGUEROA STREET**

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

Vote: 3-0

**CHC-2013-2397-HCM
MUDD MEMORIAL HALL OF PHILOSOPHY
3709 S. UNIVERSITY AVENUE**

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

Vote: 3-0

**CHC-2013-2392-HCM
PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING
3560 S. WATT WAY**

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

Vote: 3-0

**CHC-2013-2394-HCM
DOHENY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
3550 TROUSDALE PARKWAY**

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

Vote: 3-0

**CHC-2013-2399-HCM
ALLAN HANCOCK FOUNDATION
3616 S. TROUSDALE PARKWAY**

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

Vote: 3-0

**CHC-2013-2401-HCM
OLIN HALL OF ENGINEERING
3650 McCLINTOCK AVENUE**

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

Vote: 3-0

**CHC-2013-2403-HCM
UNIVERSITY RELIGIOUS CENTER
835 W. 34TH STREET**

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

Vote: 3-0

**CHC-2013-2405-HCM
VON KLEINSMID CENTER
3518 S. TROUSDALE PARKWAY**

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

Vote: 3-0

**CHC-2013-2408-HCM
ANNENBERG SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS
3502 S. WATT WAY**

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

Vote: 3-0

**CHC-2013-2411-HCM
3440 SOUTH HOPE STREET BUILDING
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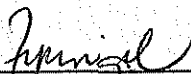
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DOSAN AHN CHANG HO FAMILY HOME
809 W. 34TH STREET

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Attachment: Applications

c: Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr., Ninth Council District
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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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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 properties 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 Sharon Gin at (213) 978-1074 for information as to the time and place of the Committee and City Council meetings regarding this matter. Please give Ms. Gin 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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Los Angeles Department of City Planning RECOMMENDATION REPORT

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION

CASE NO.: CHC-2013-2415-HCM
ENV-2013-2416-CE

DATE: October 17, 2013
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: City Hall, Room 1010
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Location: 809 W. 34th Street
Council District: 9
Community Plan Area: South Los Angeles
Area Planning Commission: South Los Angeles
Neighborhood Council: Empowerment Congress
North Area
Legal Description: Lot 6 of TR 29395

PROJECT: Historic-Cultural Monument Application for the
DOSAN AHN CHANG HO FAMILY HOME

REQUEST: Declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument

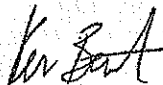
**APPLICANT/
OWNER:** University of Southern California (USC)
Brian League, Executive Director Real Estate Development
University of Southern California
3335 S. Figueroa St., Unit G
Los Angeles, CA 90007

**OWNER'S
REPRESENTATIVE:** Historic Resources Group
12 S. Fair Oaks Ave. Suite 200
Pasadena, CA 91105

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



Ken Bernstein, AICP, Manager
Office of Historic Resources



Lambert M. Giessinger, Preservation Architect
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Attachments: Historic-Cultural Monument Application

FINDINGS

- 1) The building reflects "the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, State or community" for its association with the expatriate Korean independence movement in the United States.
- 2) The building is "identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history" having been the primary residence for the family of "Dosan" Ahn Chang-Ho.

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 circa 1900, this two-story single-family residential building exhibits character-defining features of the American Foursquare style with some Craftsman features. The subject building is rectangular in plan with a hipped roof. Two hipped roof dormers have decorative rafter tails, wood-shingle siding, and louvered vents. The main elevation features a cutaway porch with square piers and a closed railing. A hipped roof overhangs the porch entry steps. The main entrance has a wooden, eight-light door with a simple surround. West of the entrance is a small wood-sash window. The second story contains two wooden double-hung windows. The building is primarily covered in wood-lap siding. A concrete accessible ramp is located at the rear elevation.

The home was the primary residence for the family of Dosan Ahn Chang (1878-1938) from 1937-1946. During Korea's struggle for independence, the home became a central meeting place for Korean activists in Los Angeles. Ahn Chang-Ho (pen name "Dosan") was born in Korea and emigrated to San Francisco with his wife Helen (1884-1969) in 1902. He is recognized for establishing the first Korean organization in the United States: the Friendship Society (1903), as well as the Mutual Assistance Society in San Francisco. He also founded the Young Korean Academy in 1913. He moved to Riverside, CA in 1904 and a decade later settled in Los Angeles, where he remained active organizing and working towards Korean independence, writing the seminal tract "A Korean's Appeal for Independence" (1919). Though he returned to Korea in 1926, his family settled in the subject building where his wife raised their children. Dosan died in 1932 after being imprisoned by Japanese forces in Shanghai, China.

The subject building was acquired by the University of Southern California (USC) in 1966 and moved to its present location in 2004. It now houses the Korean Studies Institute.

The subject building has few alterations and was restored in 2004.

DISCUSSION

The Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Family Home property successfully meets two of the specified Historic-Cultural Monument criteria: 1) reflects "the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, State or community" and 2) is "identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history." For its association with the Korean independence movement and Ahn Chang-Ho, the property qualifies for designation as a Historic-Cultural Monument based on these criteria.

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 Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Family Home 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.

**HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT
APPLICATION**

TYPE OR HAND PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL BLOCK LETTERS

IDENTIFICATION

1. NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Family Home
2. STREET ADDRESS 809 W. 34th Street
CITY Los Angeles ZIP CODE 90089 COUNCIL DISTRICT 9
3. ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 5039003027
4. COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION: TRACT IR 29395
BLOCK None LOT(S) 6 ARB. NO. None
5. RANGE OF ADDRESSES ON PROPERTY 910,950 W. Jefferson Blvd. 3399 Watt Way
801,809,823,829,835,849,851855,901,925,941,945,947,950,951,955 W. West 34th,
6. PRESENT OWNER University of Southern California (Brian League; Executive Director Real Estate Development)
STREET ADDRESS 3335 S. Figueroa St., Unit G E-MAIL ADDRESS: bleague@re.usc.edu
CITY Los Angeles STATE CA ZIP CODE 9007 PHONE (213) 740-3067
OWNERSHIP: PRIVATE _____ PUBLIC _____
7. PRESENT USE Academic ORIGINAL USE Private Home

DESCRIPTION

8. ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Four Square-Craftsman
(SEE STYLE GUIDE)
9. STATE PRESENT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE OR STRUCTURE (SEE OPTIONAL DESCRIPTION WORK SHEET, 1 PAGE MAXIMUM)
See Attached.
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**HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT
APPLICATION**

NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Family Home

10. CONSTRUCTION DATE: Pre-1907 FACTUAL: ESTIMATED:

11. ARCHITECT, DESIGNER, OR ENGINEER unknown

12. CONTRACTOR OR OTHER BUILDER unknown

13. DATES OF ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPHS June 2013
(1 8X10 BLACK AND WHITE GLOSSY AND 1 DIGITAL E-MAILED TO CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION@LACITY.ORG)

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

15. ALTERATIONS See attached.

16. THREATS TO SITE: NONE KNOWN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT VANDALISM PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT
 ZONING OTHER _____

17. IS THE STRUCTURE: ON ITS ORIGINAL SITE MOVED UNKNOWN

SIGNIFICANCE

18. BRIEFLY STATE HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE; INCLUDE DATES, EVENTS, AND PERSON ASSOCIATED WITH THE SITE (SEE ALSO SIGNIFICANCE WORK SHEET. 750 WORDS MAXIMUM IF USING ADDITIONAL SHEETS)

See attached.

19. SOURCES (LIST BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, SURVEYS, PERSONAL INTERVIEWS WITH DATES) _____
See attached.

20. DATE FORM PREPARED 06/30/2013 PREPARER'S NAME Christine Lazzaretto Judy Marks

ORGANIZATION Historic Resource Group STREET ADDRESS 12 South Fair Oaks Suite 200

CITY Pasadena STATE CA ZIP CODE 91105 PHONE (626) 793-2400

E-MAIL ADDRESS: christine@historiocala.com

9. Physical Description

The Dosan Ahn Chang House is located on the University Park campus of the University of Southern California (USC). This house was moved to its present location in 2004 from its original location on McClintock Avenue and 34th Street. The house is based on an American Four Square with Craftsman details. This two-story building has a brick foundation and rectangular plan. It has a hipped roof and wood lap siding. The main (south) façade features a cutaway porch with square piers and a closed rail. A hipped roof overhangs the porch entry steps. The main entrance has a wood, eight-light door with a simple surround. West of the main entrance is a small, wood-sash window. East of the porch is a wood sash, rectangular picture window. The second story contains two wood, double-hung, one-over-one windows with lamb's tongues. Two hipped roof dormers (facing south and west) have decorative rafter tails, wood-shingle siding, and louvered vents. The roof has a wide eave overhang with exposed decorative rafter tails. The rear (north) façade appears to have been altered at the first story with T1-11 siding at the lower walls, and fixed, single and multi-lite windows at the second story. A concrete accessible ramp is located at the rear elevation. The building appears to be in overall good condition.

15. Alterations

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18. Significance

The Dosan Ahn Chang House was constructed prior to 1907, according to USC records. It was the primary residence for the family of Dosan Ahn Chang from 1937 to 1946. During Korea's struggle for Independence, the home became a central meeting place for Korean activists.

Ahn Chang-Ho pen name "Dosan" (1878-1938), was born in Korea, and emigrated to San Francisco with his wife Helen (1884 -1969) in 1902, seeking a better education. He is known for establishing the first Korean organization in the United States; The Friendship Society (1903), as well as the Mutual Assistance Society in San Francisco. Ahn also founded the Young Korean Academy in 1913. This organization is still active in both the United States and South Korea.

Dosan moved to Riverside California in 1904, and according to the National Association of Korean Americans, worked in the citrus groves there, and taught. In 1914, he moved to Los Angeles, living with his family, writing, teaching, and continuing to run a Korean independence organization. Dosan was the voice of Korean Americans in their struggle to gain independence from Japan, penning a seminal tract entitled "A Korean's Appeal for Independence (1919).

In 1926, Dosan returned to Korea to advocate for independence, while his family remained in Los Angeles. Their home on McClintock became a gathering place for Korean Americans backing the Korean independence movement, as well as where Helen Ahn raised five children.

**Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Family House (AHN) USC, 809 W. 34th Street
City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument Application**

In 1932, Dosan was imprisoned by the Japanese in Shanghai, China, falsely accusing him of a bombing plot. He died in prison as a result of torture and poor sanitary conditions.

This building was acquired by USC after the 1966 Hoover Redevelopment Project and moved to its current location in 2004. The Hoover Redevelopment Project, a postwar urban renewal scheme under the aegis of the Community Redevelopment Agency, allowed USC to expand its campus. Currently housing the USC Korean Studies Institute, the building was originally located on McClintock Avenue in a predominantly Korean neighborhood.

Although the house originally rested beyond the borders of USC, campus expansion eventually included the property. The home is significant both to USC and to the Korean community due to its pivotal role in providing a central meeting place for the burgeoning Korean Independence movement and continuing the work of Dosan Ahn Chang. As stated in literature available at the house, the mission of the Korean Studies Institute located in the house, is to "explain Korea to the world through research and teaching."

The USC College of Letters, Arts & Sciences committed to the renovation and relocation of the Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Family House in order to make it the permanent home of the Korean Studies Institute. The interior renovation was completed on November 11, 2004. The new space was dedicated on March 29, 2006.

Conclusion

The Dosan Chang Ho Family House is significant because of its role as a central meeting place for Korean activists in the 1930's and 1940's struggling to overcome Japanese oppression. Its' role as the Korean Studies Institute on the USC campus acknowledges the important part this structure played in Korean-American history and strives to continue the work of Dosan Ahn Chang through learning and mutual understanding. Although never occupied by Dosan, the house has come to represent the early struggles of Korean Americans in Los Angeles, and has taken on considerable importance to the Korean Community as an early symbol of their contribution to Los Angeles.

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- 2) The building is "identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history" having been the primary residence for the family of "Dosan" Ahn Chang-Ho.

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 circa 1900, this two-story single-family residential building exhibits character-defining features of the American Foursquare style with some Craftsman features. The subject building is rectangular in plan with a hipped roof. Two hipped roof dormers have decorative rafter tails, wood-shingle siding, and louvered vents. The main elevation features a cutaway porch with square piers and a closed railing. A hipped roof overhangs the porch entry steps. The main entrance has a wooden, eight-light door with a simple surround. West of the entrance is a small wood-sash window. The second story contains two wooden double-hung windows. The building is primarily covered in wood-lap siding. A concrete accessible ramp is located at the rear elevation.

The home was the primary residence for the family of Dosan Ahn Chang (1878-1938) from 1937-1946. During Korea's struggle for independence, the home became a central meeting place for Korean activists in Los Angeles. Ahn Chang-Ho (pen name "Dosan") was born in Korea and emigrated to San Francisco with his wife Helen (1884-1969) in 1902. He is recognized for establishing the first Korean organization in the United States: the Friendship Society (1903), as well as the Mutual Assistance Society in San Francisco. He also founded the Young Korean Academy in 1913. He moved to Riverside, CA in 1904 and a decade later settled in Los Angeles, where he remained active organizing and working towards Korean independence, writing the seminal tract "A Korean's Appeal for Independence" (1919). Though he returned to Korea in 1926, his family settled in the subject building where his wife raised their children. Dosan died in 1932 after being imprisoned by Japanese forces in Shanghai, China.

The subject building was acquired by the University of Southern California (USC) in 1966 and moved to its present location in 2004. It now houses the Korean Studies Institute.

The subject building has few alterations and was restored in 2004.

DISCUSSION

The Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Family Home property successfully meets two of the specified Historic-Cultural Monument criteria: 1) reflects "the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, State or community" and 2) is "identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history." For its association with the Korean independence movement and Ahn Chang-Ho, the property qualifies for designation as a Historic-Cultural Monument based on these criteria.

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 Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Family Home 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.

**HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT
APPLICATION**

TYPE OR HAND PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL BLOCK LETTERS

IDENTIFICATION

1. NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Family Home
2. STREET ADDRESS 809 W. 34th Street
- CITY Los Angeles ZIP CODE 90089 COUNCIL DISTRICT 9
3. ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 5039003027
4. COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION: TRACT IR 29395
- BLOCK None LOT(S) 6 ARB. NO. None
5. RANGE OF ADDRESSES ON PROPERTY 910,950 W. Jefferson Blvd. 3399 Watt Way
801,809,823,829,835,849,851855,901,925,941,945,947,950,951,955 W. West 34th,
6. PRESENT OWNER University of Southern California (Brian League; Executive Director Real Estate Development)
- STREET ADDRESS 3335 S. Figueroa St., Unit G E-MAIL ADDRESS: bleague@re.usc.edu
- CITY Los Angeles STATE CA ZIP CODE 9007 PHONE (213) 740-3067
- OWNERSHIP: PRIVATE _____ PUBLIC _____
7. PRESENT USE Academic ORIGINAL USE Private Home

DESCRIPTION

8. ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Four Square-Craftsman
(SEE STYLE GUIDE)
9. STATE PRESENT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE OR STRUCTURE (SEE OPTIONAL DESCRIPTION WORK SHEET, 1 PAGE MAXIMUM)
- See Attached.
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**HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT
APPLICATION**

NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Family Home

10. CONSTRUCTION DATE: Pre-1907 FACTUAL: ESTIMATED:

11. ARCHITECT, DESIGNER, OR ENGINEER unknown

12. CONTRACTOR OR OTHER BUILDER unknown

13. DATES OF ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPHS June 2013

(1 8X10 BLACK AND WHITE GLOSSY AND 1 DIGITAL E-MAILED TO CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION@LACITY.ORG)

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

15. ALTERATIONS See attached.

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

17. IS THE STRUCTURE: ON ITS ORIGINAL SITE MOVED UNKNOWN

SIGNIFICANCE

18. BRIEFLY STATE HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: INCLUDE DATES, EVENTS, AND PERSON ASSOCIATED WITH THE SITE (SEE ALSO SIGNIFICANCE WORK SHEET. 750 WORDS MAXIMUM IF USING ADDITIONAL SHEETS)

See attached.

19. SOURCES (LIST BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, SURVEYS, PERSONAL INTERVIEWS WITH DATES)

See attached.

20. DATE FORM PREPARED 06/30/2013 PREPARER'S NAME Christine Lazzaretto Judy Marks

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9. Physical Description

The Dosan Ahn Chang House is located on the University Park campus of the University of Southern California (USC). This house was moved to its present location in 2004 from its original location on McClintock Avenue and 34th Street. The house is based on an American Four Square with Craftsman details. This two-story building has a brick foundation and rectangular plan. It has a hipped roof and wood lap siding. The main (south) façade features a cutaway porch with square piers and a closed rail. A hipped roof overhangs the porch entry steps. The main entrance has a wood, eight-light door with a simple surround. West of the main entrance is a small, wood-sash window. East of the porch is a wood sash, rectangular picture window. The second story contains two wood, double-hung, one-over-one windows with lamb's tongues. Two hipped roof dormers (facing south and west) have decorative rafter tails, wood-shingle siding, and louvered vents. The roof has a wide eave overhang with exposed decorative rafter tails. The rear (north) façade appears to have been altered at the first story with T1-11 siding at the lower walls, and fixed, single and multi-lite windows at the second story. A concrete accessible ramp is located at the rear elevation. The building appears to be in overall good condition.

15. Alterations

Building moved to its present location in 2004. Accessible ramp installed. The rear (north) façade appears to have been altered at the first story with T1-11 siding at the lower walls, and fixed, single and multi-lite windows at the second story.

18. Significance

The Dosan Ahn Chang House was constructed prior to 1907, according to USC records. It was the primary residence for the family of Dosan Ahn Chang from 1937 to 1946. During Korea's struggle for Independence, the home became a central meeting place for Korean activists.

Ahn Chang-Ho pen name "Dosan" (1878-1938), was born in Korea, and emigrated to San Francisco with his wife Helen (1884 -1969) in 1902, seeking a better education. He is known for establishing the first Korean organization in the United States; The Friendship Society (1903), as well as the Mutual Assistance Society in San Francisco. Ahn also founded the Young Korean Academy in 1913. This organization is still active in both the United States and South Korea.

Dosan moved to Riverside California in 1904, and according to the National Association of Korean Americans, worked in the citrus groves there, and taught. In 1914, he moved to Los Angeles, living with his family, writing, teaching, and continuing to run a Korean independence organization. Dosan was the voice of Korean Americans in their struggle to gain independence from Japan, penning a seminal tract entitled "A Korean's Appeal for Independence (1919).

In 1926, Dosan returned to Korea to advocate for independence, while his family remained in Los Angeles. Their home on McClintock became a gathering place for Korean Americans backing the Korean independence movement, as well as where Helen Ahn raised five children.

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In 1932, Dosan was imprisoned by the Japanese in Shanghai, China, falsely accusing him of a bombing plot. He died in prison as a result of torture and poor sanitary conditions.

This building was acquired by USC after the 1966 Hoover Redevelopment Project and moved to its current location in 2004. The Hoover Redevelopment Project, a postwar urban renewal scheme under the aegis of the Community Redevelopment Agency, allowed USC to expand its campus. Currently housing the USC Korean Studies Institute, the building was originally located on McClintock Avenue in a predominantly Korean neighborhood.

Although the house originally rested beyond the borders of USC, campus expansion eventually included the property. The home is significant both to USC and to the Korean community due to its pivotal role in providing a central meeting place for the burgeoning Korean Independence movement and continuing the work of Dosan Ahn Chang. As stated in literature available at the house, the mission of the Korean Studies Institute located in the house, is to "explain Korea to the world through research and teaching."

The USC College of Letters, Arts & Sciences committed to the renovation and relocation of the Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Family House in order to make it the permanent home of the Korean Studies Institute. The interior renovation was completed on November 11, 2004. The new space was dedicated on March 29, 2006.

Conclusion

The Dosan Chang Ho Family House is significant because of its role as a central meeting place for Korean activists in the 1930's and 1940's struggling to overcome Japanese oppression. Its' role as the Korean Studies Institute on the USC campus acknowledges the important part this structure played in Korean-American history and strives to continue the work of Dosan Ahn Chang through learning and mutual understanding. Although never occupied by Dosan, the house has come to represent the early struggles of Korean Americans in Los Angeles, and has taken on considerable importance to the Korean Community as an early symbol of their contribution to Los Angeles.

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