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**MOTION**

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.

Council District 15's Wilmington neighborhood is the site of many buildings that are architecturally rich, and worthy of preservation. The Planning Department is working in partnership with the Getty Trust and Getty Conservation Institute to complete SurveyLA, the Los Angeles citywide historic resources survey. SurveyLA has identified three buildings on Wilmington's Avalon Boulevard worthy as historic resources.

The **Granada Theater**, located at 632 N. Avalon Boulevard, Wilmington, CA 90744 built in 1925, has been identified as an excellent example of a neighborhood theater with Renaissance Revival architectural influences and a prominent marquee, and is the only example of the property type remaining in the area. The theater was financed by C.W. Post, of the Post cereal family. According to an abstract from the Wilmington Historical Society, "the theater's original proscenium (stage) was intact as of 1993, and a plaster letter "P" for Post could be seen at the tops of the flanking columns."

It is imperative that the city's historic-cultural treasures be celebrated, and foremost, that its historic architecture be preserved for future generations. The Granada Theater located on Wilmington's Avalon Boulevard is an architectural treasure and integral to the development of this South Bay community.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council initiate consideration of the **Granada Theater**, located at 632 N. Avalon Boulevard, Wilmington, CA 90744, 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 recommendations to the Council regarding the inclusion of the **Granada Theater** in the City's list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

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