### MENDEL AND MABEL MEYER COURTYARD APARTMENTS

118 – 126 ½ N. Flores Street CHC-2015-2491-HCM ENV-2015-2492-CE

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# Los Angeles Department of City Planning RECOMMENDATION REPORT

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION CASE NO.: CHC-2015-2491-HCM

ENV-2015-2492-CE

**HEARING DATE:** September 3, 2015 Location: 118 – 126 ½ N. Flores Street

TIME: 10:00 AM Council District: 5

PLACE: City Hall, Room 1010 Community Plan Area: Wilshire

200 N. Spring Street Area Planning Commission: Central Los Angeles, CA Neighborhood Council: Mid City West

90012 Legal Description: TR 10389, Lots 79 and 80

**PROJECT:** Historic-Cultural Monument Application for the

MENDEL AND MABEL MEYER COURTYARD APARTMENTS

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

OWNER(S): BLDG Flores, LLC c/o Matthew Jacobs

755 N. Laurel Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90046

Abraham Schkalim P.O. Box 35334

Los Angeles, CA 90035

APPLICANT(S): Steven Luftman John A. Henning, Jr.

124 N. Flores St. 125 N. Sweetzer Ave. #202 Los Angeles, CA 90048 Los Angeles, CA 90048

#### 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 staff report and findings.

MICHAEL J. LOGRANDE Director of Planning

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Office of Historic Resources

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Shannon Ryan, City Planning Associate

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Attachments: Historic-Cultural Monument Application

#### **FINDINGS**

- The Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments are "identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history" as the home of Mendel Meyer, one of the most prolific builders in Los Angeles during the first half of the twentieth century. Meyer built and owned the subject properties and lived there from approximately 1936-1954.
- The Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments are "a notable work of a master builder, designer or architect whose individual genius influenced his or her age" as an atypical example of the work of the design-build firm of Meyer and Holler. Traditionally recognized for their grand and themed theatres or large single-family homes, the subject properties are significant as a progression from Meyer and Holler's usual work. The properties reflect the economic distress and struggles of the Great Depression and how the firm diversified its projects by building a low cost multi-family apartment with the same level of detail and workmanship as their more recognized buildings.

#### **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**

The Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments were built at 124-126½ and 118-122½ N. Flores Street by Meyer and Holler, one of the City's most well-known design and construction firms, in 1936 and 1939. The complementary subject properties are each two stories tall in the Minimal Traditional style with Monterey Colonial elements. Considering that they were constructed during the mid-to-late 1930s, during the latter years of the Great Depression, the buildings exhibit highly detailed construction and high quality workmanship. The properties are part of Beverly Square, a multi-family residential subdivision from 1928 on land that formerly served as a driving range. Developed almost entirely during the 1930s, Beverly Square (the area from Croft Ave. to Harper Ave. with Beverly Blvd. to the north and Third Street to the south), features an intact collection of architectural styles that are representative of the period.

The Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments utilize an H-shaped site plan that creates a courtyard effect in between the two buildings. The units are accessed from Flores Street via pedestrian pathways into the communal open gardens, and each unit has a private balcony or patio. The wooden structures are primarily composed of stucco cladding on the first floor with decorative wrought iron grilles covering windows. On the second floor, the walls are covered with wide width wood planking and feature cantilevered balconies supported by decorative overhanging corbels. Original windows include Art Moderne horizontal wood casement

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The two buildings are similar, but they are not identical. By the time 118 N. Flores was designed in 1939, prevailing tastes had changed somewhat, and although numerous materials and details remained the same, many of the strong Monterey Revival elements found on the 124 N. Flores apartments (1936) were not repeated. Instead, 118 N. Flores incorporates greatly simplified Colonial details with modern accents, such as sweeping curvilinear stair railings and horizontally paned windows. It also has an additional unit that was built in 1948.

Mendel and Mabel Meyer owned and developed both subject properties and Meyer and Holler is listed as the contractor for the 118 N. Flores building. The Meyers also resided for many years in both buildings. Mendel Meyer is listed as the owner of 126 N. Flores on the 1936 construction permit and 1938 City directories list the Meyers as residing there. After the 1939 construction of 118 N. Flores, where the Meyers are listed as owners, the Meyers moved from one building into the other. The 1940 census and 1942 City directories list them as living in the 118 N. Flores building. It is believed that the Meyers continued to reside at the property until 1954 when they moved to Santa Barbara. Mendel Meyer died in 1955.

Originally called the Milwaukee Building Company, the firm was founded in 1906 by Mendel S. Meyer and Julius C. Schneider. Born in 1874, Meyer was the son of Samuel Meyer, a respected Jewish pioneer in Southern California. Schneider had recently moved to Los Angeles from Milwaukee. Phillip W. Holler, a real estate agent, joined the firm in 1908. Holler's son, Wesley C. Holler, a World War I veteran, joined the firm in 1929. Soon afterward, the elder Holler retired, and Wesley Holler became Meyer's partner, even though he was almost 20 years his junior.

In its infancy the firm built modest bungalows and in time evolved to build speculative and eventually custom homes in Mount Washington, Windsor Square, Santa Monica, Brentwood, Pasadena and other fashionable suburbs. After World War I, the firm increasingly used the name Meyer and Holler as it moved out of the homebuilding business and into large-scale commercial construction, by the mid 1920s they developed into one of the largest building firms in Southern California.

Using the "design-build" model that is common today, Meyer and Holler designed and built numerous apartment buildings, homes, hotels, banks, churches, and theaters throughout the greater Los Angeles area. By the mid-1920s, Meyer and Holler was established as the exclusive builders of Hollywood's elite. Their work includes:

- Grauman's Chinese Theatre, HCM #43
- Egyptian Theatre, HCM #584
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Bankruptcy and the Great Depression slowed down the workload for Meyer and Holler, but they continued to run the company until it was dissolved in 1941.

The citywide historic resources survey, SurveyLA, found the Beverly Square district, which includes the subject properties as contributing elements, as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register, and as eligible for designation as a local Historic Preservation Overlay Zone. The survey identified the area as an excellent example of a 1930s multi-family residential district.

#### DISCUSSION

The Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments meet two of the four criteria for designation under the Cultural Heritage Ordinance.

The Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments are "identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history" as being developed, owned, and the place of residence of Mendel Meyer, partner of Meyer and Holler, one of the most prolific design-build firms in the history of Los Angeles. For the first four decades of the twentieth century, Meyer and Holler played an important role in the development of Los Angeles and constructed some of the City's most iconic buildings such as the Grauman's Chinese Theatre, HCM #43 and the Egyptian Theatre, HCM #584. As partner of the firm, Mendel Meyer is considered a historic personage whose work influenced local history through architectural design and building practices.

The Courtyard Apartments were owned by Mendel and Mabel Meyer and built by Meyer and Holler in 1936 and 1939. Meyer resided in both buildings throughout the last 20 years of his life. There is some ambiguity as to whether Meyer retired in 1936, or in 1941 when the firm was dissolved. Regardless of his official status with the company, Meyer was likely actively involved in the development of both apartments since he listed as the owner and contractor for 124 N. Flores and as owner with Meyer and Holler as contractor of 118 N. Flores. Both of the buildings served as his personal residence and remain the extant location where he lived longest in Los Angeles, from 1936 until 1954.

Additionally, the Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments are "a notable work of a master builder, designer or architect whose individual genius influenced his or her age." Constructed by Meyer and Holler in the mid and late Depression period, the subject properties are an example of the firm's progression into modest multi-family apartment development. The structures are notable as a building type not typically associated with Meyer and Holler and represents the firm's later work, of which few examples survive. The properties reflect the economic distress and struggles of the Great Depression and how the firm diversified its projects without sacrificing the level of detail and workmanship for which they were known.

Consistent with other Meyer and Holler projects, the apartments are notable for the high grade of construction and building detail especially considering their low construction cost. The interiors have wooden built-ins, hard wood floors, fireplaces, and colorful tile kitchen and bathrooms. The exterior elevations retain original features such as a large cantilevered Monterey style balcony, wooden fanlights, wood casement windows, and an Art Moderne entrance pavilion. The buildings' orientation, circulation, open spaces, and design details combine to provide units that feel more like living in a single-family house than an apartment

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building and create a strong sense of place. Although the structures have had minor alterations, the alterations are reversible and do not substantially change the original Meyer and Holler design. Even the additional unit added to the 118 N. Flores building can be considered significant since it was added by Mendel Meyer himself in 1948 within the period of significance of the firm.

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

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 Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments 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 properties 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 properties could be lost through incompatible alterations and new construction and the demolition of an irreplaceable historic site/open space. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for 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 properties.

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 and sites in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Categorical Exemption ENV-2015-2492-CE was prepared on August 24, 2015.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On July 16, 2015 the Cultural Heritage Commission voted to take the property under consideration. On August 6, a subcommittee of the Commission consisting of Commissioners Barron and Irvine toured the property, accompanied by a staff member from the Office of Historic Resources.

COUNTY CLERK'S USE

DATE

#### **CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

CITY CLERK'S USE

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK 200 NORTH SPRING STREET, ROOM 360 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

#### **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(California Environmental Quality Act Section 15062)

Filing of this form is optional. If filed, the form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152 (b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167 (d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file this notice with the County Clerk results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

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		CHC-2015-2491-HCM
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118 – 126 ½ N. Flores Street, Los Angeles		
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Designation of the Mendel and Mabel Meyer	·	
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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 because the application and accompanying photo documentation suggest the submittal warrants further investigation.
- Adopt the report findings.

MICHAEL J. LOGRANDE Director of Planning

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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 may be significant enough to warrant further investigation as a potential Historic-Cultural Monument.



# City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning

## 6/16/2015 PARCEL PROFILE REPORT

PROPERTY ADDRESSES

122 N FLORES ST 118 N FLORES ST 122 1/2 N FLORES ST 118 1/2 N FLORES ST

ZIP CODES

90048

RECENT ACTIVITY

VTT-73441-SL ENV-2015-1134-EAF

**CASE NUMBERS** 

CPC-25066

CPC-1986-823-GPC CPC-1974-25066 ORD-76753 ORD-183497

ORD-165331-SA670 ORD-146336 ORD-146330

ED-74-2146-487-21-SPZ

ED-74-529-SPZ AFF-2159

YD-907-YV

Address/Legal Information

 PIN Number
 138B173 559

 Lot/Parcel Area (Calculated)
 7,545.2 (sq ft)

Thomas Brothers Grid PAGE 633 - GRID A1

 Assessor Parcel No. (APN)
 5511009008

 Tract
 TR 10389

Map Reference M B 152-17/18
Block None

 Lot
 80

 Arb (Lot Cut Reference)
 None

 Map Sheet
 138B173

**Jurisdictional Information** 

Community Plan Area Wilshire
Area Planning Commission Central
Neighborhood Council Mid City West
Council District CD 5 - Paul Koretz

Census Tract # 2148.00

LADBS District Office Los Angeles Metro

**Planning and Zoning Information** 

Special Notes None
Zoning [Q]R3-1-0

Zoning Information (ZI) ZI-2443 Neighborhood Conservation ICO - Lower Council Dist. 5

General Plan Land Use Medium Residential

General Plan Footnote(s) Hillside Area (Zoning Code) No Baseline Hillside Ordinance No Baseline Mansionization Ordinance No Specific Plan Area None Special Land Use / Zoning 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 No No

NSO - Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay Streetscape Sign District No Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area None CRA - Community Redevelopment Agency None Central City Parking No Downtown Parking No **Building Line** 10 500 Ft School Zone No

500 Ft Park Zone

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No

**Assessor Information** 

Assessor Parcel No. (APN) 5511009008

Ownership (Assessor)

Owner1 BLDG FLORES LLC
Address 755 N LAUREL AVE
LOS ANGELES CA 90046

Ownership (City Clerk)

Owner SCHKALIM, ABRAHAM (ET AL)

Address PO BOX 35334

LOS ANGELES CA 90035

APN Area (Co. Public Works)\* 0.173 (ac)

Use Code 0400 - 4 units (4 stories or less)

 Assessed Land Val.
 \$1,117,800

 Assessed Improvement Val.
 \$736,000

 Last Owner Change
 11/21/14

 Last Sale Amount
 \$3,790,037

 Tax Rate Area
 67

 Deed Ref No. (City Clerk)
 602718

 568261

553898 0-282-3

**Building 1** 

Year Built 1939
Building Class D6
Number of Units 4
Number of Bedrooms 7
Number of Bathrooms 9

Building Square Footage 4,907.0 (sq ft)

Building 2 No data for building 2
Building 3 No data for building 3
Building 4 No data for building 4
Building 5 No data for building 5

**Additional Information** 

Airport Hazard None
Coastal Zone None

Farmland Area Not Mapped

Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone No
Fire District No. 1 No
Flood Zone None
Watercourse No
Hazardous Waste / Border Zone Properties No

Methane Hazard Site Methane Zone

High Wind Velocity Areas No Special Grading Area (BOE Basic Grid Map A-13372)

Oil Wells None

Seismic Hazards

Active Fault Near-Source Zone

Nearest Fault (Distance in km) 2.36338526238491
Nearest Fault (Name) Hollywood Fault

Region Transverse Ranges and Los Angeles Basin

Fault Type B

Slip Rate (mm/year) 1.00000000

Slip Geometry Left Lateral - Reverse - Oblique

Slip Type Poorly Constrained
Down Dip Width (km) 14.00000000

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#### CASE SUMMARIES

Note: Information for case summaries is retrieved from the Planning Department's Plan Case Tracking System (PCTS) database.

Case Number: CPC-1986-823-GPC

Required Action(s): GPC-GENERAL PLAN/ZONING CONSISTENCY (AB283)

Project Descriptions(s): AB-283 PROGRAM - GENERAL PLAN/ZONE CONSISTENCY - WILSHIRE AREA- COMMUNITY WIDE ZONE CHANGES AND

COMMUNITY PLAN CHANGES TO BRING THE ZONING INTO CONSISTENCY WITH THE COMMUNITY PLAN. INCLUDES CHANGES OF HEIGHT AS NEEDED. REQUIRED BY COURT AS PART OF SETTLEMENT IN THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION

LAWSUIT

Case Number: CPC-1974-25066
Required Action(s): Data Not Available

Project Descriptions(s):

Case Number: YD-907-YV

Required Action(s): YV-HEIGHT AND DENSITY ADJUSTMENTS 20% OR MORE

Project Descriptions(s): Data Not Available

#### DATA NOT AVAILABLE

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AFF-2159

Rupture Top 0.00000000 Rupture Bottom 13.00000000 Dip Angle (degrees) 70.00000000 Maximum Magnitude 6.40000000 Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone No Landslide No Liquefaction Yes Tsunami Inundation Zone No

**Economic Development Areas** 

Business Improvement District
Promise Zone
Renewal Community
Revitalization Zone
State Enterprise Zone
None
Targeted Neighborhood Initiative
None

**Public Safety** 

Police Information

Bureau West
Division / Station Wilshire
Reporting District 722

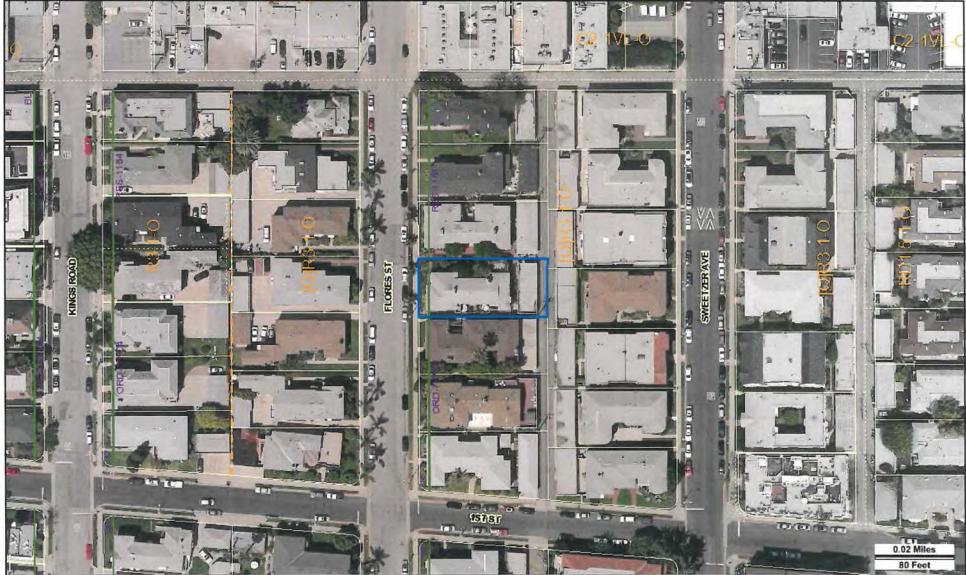
Fire Information

 Division
 1

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 18

 District / Fire Station
 61

 Red Flag Restricted Parking
 No



Address: 118 N FLORES ST

APN: 5511009008 PIN #: 138B173 559 Tract: TR 10389 Block: None

Lot: 80 Arb: None Zoning: [Q]R3-1-0

General Plan: Medium Residential





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ORD-183497 ORD-165331-SA670 ORD-146336

ORD-146330 YD-296-YV

ED-74-2146-487-21-SPZ

ED-74-529-SPZ AFF-2159 Address/Legal Information

 PIN Number
 138B173 542

 Lot/Parcel Area (Calculated)
 7,545.3 (sq ft)

 Thomas Brothers Grid
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Assessor Parcel No. (APN) 5511009007 Tract TR 10389

Map Reference M B 152-17/18
Block None

Lot 79
Arb (Lot Cut Reference) None

Map Sheet

Jurisdictional Information

Community Plan Area Wilshire
Area Planning Commission Central
Neighborhood Council Mid City West
Council District CD 5 - Paul Koretz

Census Tract # 2148.00

LADBS District Office Los Angeles Metro

Planning and Zoning Information

Special Notes None
Zoning [Q]R3-1-0

Zoning Information (ZI) ZI-2443 Neighborhood Conservation ICO - Lower Council Dist. 5

138B173

General Plan Land Use Medium Residential

General Plan Footnote(s) Yes Hillside Area (Zoning Code) No Baseline Hillside Ordinance No Baseline Mansionization Ordinance No Specific Plan Area None Special Land Use / Zoning None No Design Review Board 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 No Streetscape No Sign District No Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area None

CRA - Community Redevelopment Agency None
Central City Parking No
Downtown Parking No
Building Line 10
500 Ft School Zone No

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(\*) - APN Area is provided "as is" from the Los Angeles County's Public Works, Flood Control, Benefit Assessment.

**Assessor Information** 

5511009007 Assessor Parcel No. (APN)

Ownership (Assessor)

BLDG FLORES LLC Owner1 755 N LAUREL AVE Address

LOS ANGELES CA 90046

Ownership (City Clerk)

Deed Ref No. (City Clerk)

Owner SCHKALIM, ABRAHAM (ET AL)

Address PO BOX 35334

LOS ANGELES CA 90035

APN Area (Co. Public Works)\* 0.173 (ac)

Use Code 0400 - 4 units (4 stories or less)

Assessed Land Val. \$1,117,800 Assessed Improvement Val. \$818,400 Last Owner Change 11/21/14 Last Sale Amount \$3,790,037 Tax Rate Area 67

> 602718 568264 553897

> > 0-282-3

Building 1

1936 Year Built **Building Class** D6 Number of Units Number of Bedrooms 8 Number of Bathrooms

**Building Square Footage** 5,456.0 (sq ft) Building 2 No data for building 2 **Building 3** No data for building 3 Building 4 No data for building 4 Building 5 No data for building 5

**Additional Information** 

Airport Hazard None Coastal Zone None

Farmland Area Not Mapped

Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone No Fire District No. 1 No Flood Zone None Watercourse No Hazardous Waste / Border Zone Properties No

Methane Hazard Site Methane Zone

High Wind Velocity Areas Special Grading Area (BOE Basic Grid Map A-No

13372)

Oil Wells

None

Seismic Hazards

Active Fault Near-Source Zone

Nearest Fault (Distance in km) 2.34808108337337 Nearest Fault (Name) Hollywood Fault

Region Transverse Ranges and Los Angeles Basin

Fault Type B

Slip Rate (mm/year) 1.00000000

Slip Geometry Left Lateral - Reverse - Oblique

Slip Type Poorly Constrained 14.00000000 Down Dip Width (km)

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 Rupture Top
 0.00000000

 Rupture Bottom
 13.00000000

 Dip Angle (degrees)
 70.00000000

 Maximum Magnitude
 6.40000000

Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone No
Landslide No
Liquefaction Yes
Tsunami Inundation Zone No

**Economic Development Areas** 

Business Improvement District None
Promise Zone No
Renewal Community No
Revitalization Zone None
State Enterprise Zone None
Targeted Neighborhood Initiative None

**Public Safety** 

Police Information

Bureau West
Division / Station Wilshire
Reporting District 722

Fire Information

 Division
 1

 Batallion
 18

 District / Fire Station
 61

 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-1986-823-GPC

Required Action(s): GPC-GENERAL PLAN/ZONING CONSISTENCY (AB283)

Project Descriptions(s): AB-283 PROGRAM - GENERAL PLAN/ZONE CONSISTENCY - WILSHIRE AREA- COMMUNITY WIDE ZONE CHANGES AND

COMMUNITY PLAN CHANGES TO BRING THE ZONING INTO CONSISTENCY WITH THE COMMUNITY PLAN. INCLUDES CHANGES OF HEIGHT AS NEEDED. REQUIRED BY COURT AS PART OF SETTLEMENT IN THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION

LAWSUIT

Case Number: CPC-1974-25066
Required Action(s): Data Not Available

Project Descriptions(s):

Case Number: YD-296-YV

Required Action(s): YV-HEIGHT AND DENSITY ADJUSTMENTS 20% OR MORE

Project Descriptions(s): Data Not Available

#### DATA NOT AVAILABLE

CPC-25066

ORD-76753

ORD-183497

ORD-165331-SA670

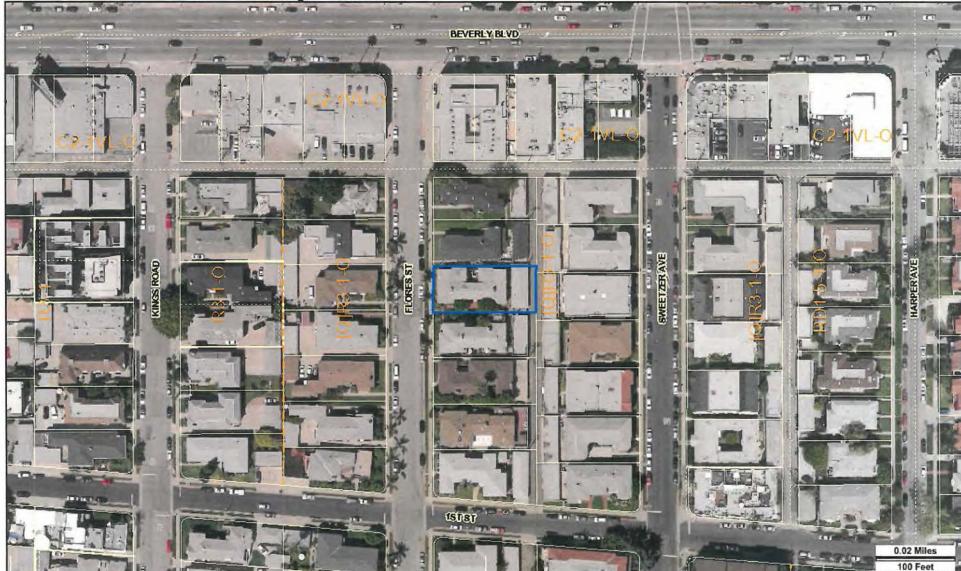
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AFF-2159



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Block: None

Lot: 79

Arb: None

Zoning: [Q]R3-1-O

General Plan: Medium Residential





#### Name: Beverly Square Multi-Family Residential Historic District



#### Description:

The Beverly Square Multi-Family Residential Historic District is located in the Beverly-Fairfax neighborhood of central Los Angeles. Parcels along both sides of Flores Street, south of the alley behind Beverly Boulevard and just north of 3rd Street, and along both sides of Sweetzer Avenue, south of the alley behind Beverly Boulevard to 1st Street, are included in the district. The topography is generally flat and the area features a regular, rectilinear street grid pattern. Lot sizes are modest and properties have uniform setbacks (deeper on Flores than Sweetzer) with front lawns, concrete walkways and detached garages. Most of the properties' detached garages are accessed via rear alleys. Historically developed as a single tract, the district has original sidewalks and curbs. Of the 38 properties within the district, 36 are contributors and two are non-contributors.

The dominant period of development for the district is 1929 to 1948. It comprises two-story duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and courtyard apartments predominantly in the Minimal Traditional style with Streamline Moderne and American Colonial Revival style elements. Common architectural features, depending on the style, include smooth stucco cladding, often in combination with wood clapboard or another material, rounded corners and corner windows. Other styles include Tudor Revival, American Colonial Revival, French Revival and Spanish Colonial Revival.

#### Significance:

The Beverly Square Multi-Family Residential Historic District is an excellent example of a 1920s to 1940s multi-family residential neighborhood in the Wilshire area, and an excellent concentration of Period Revival and Minimal Traditional residential architecture. The district retains original tract and automobile-related features, including concrete sidewalks, curbs and detached garages. It is located near major automobile corridors including Beverly Boulevard and 3rd Street. Residences within the district retain their original plans, massing, scale and character-defining features predominantly of the Minimal Traditional style (with American Colonial Revival or Streamline Moderne features). Of the Beverly Square Multi-Family Residential Historic District's 38 properties, 95% contribute to its significance.

The district was originally owned and subdivided by the Merchants National Trust and Savings Bank as a single tract in 1928. Development of the tract, known as Beverly Square, began soon after. Developers of Beverly Square included the Capital Company, the George L. Rueber Company and the Rand Construction Company. The district was marketed as an "ultramodern" residential development. The period of significance for the historic district is 1929 to 1948, which captures its major period of development and the time during which all of its buildings were constructed.









#### Context 1:

Context:	Residential Development and Suburbanization, 1850-1980
Sub context:	Multi-Family Residential Development, 1910-1980
Theme:	Multi-Family Residential, 1910-1980
Sub theme:	Multi-Family Residential District, 1910-1980
Property type:	Residential-Multi Family
Property sub type:	Multi-Family District
Criteria:	C/3/3
Status code:	3S;3CS;5S3
Reason:	Excellent example of a 1930s multi-family residential district containing a mix of multi-family property types, from duplexes to apartment houses. The Beverly Square development showcased "modern" apartment house designs, many by noted local architect Milton J. Black.







#### Context 2:

Context:	Architecture and Engineering, 1850-1980
Sub context:	No Sub-context
Theme:	Housing the Masses, 1880-1975
Sub theme:	Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods, 1918-1942
Property type:	Residential-Multi Family
Property sub type:	Multi-Family District
Criteria:	C/3/3
Status code:	3S;3CS;5S3
Reason:	Excellent example of a Period Revival multi-family residential neighborhood in the area. Predominant styles include Minimal Traditional with American Colonial Revival and Streamline Moderne features.

#### Contributors/Non-Contributors:



Primary Address: 8305 W 1ST ST

Other Address: 803 W 1ST ST 805 W 1ST ST

807 W 15T ST 809 W 15T ST 811 W 15T ST 8303 W 15T ST 103 N SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1938

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional



Primary Address: 8320 W 1ST ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1940

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional



Primary Address: 8335 W 1ST ST

Other Address: 8331 W 1ST ST

8333 W 1ST ST

Type: Non-Contributor

Year built: 1940

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Triplex

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional









Primary Address: 8336 W 1ST ST

Other Address: 8330 W 1ST ST

> 8332 W 1ST ST 8334 W 1ST ST

Contributor Type:

1937 Year built:

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Fourplex

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional



Primary Address: 100 N FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

1937 Year built:

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional



Primary Address: 109 N FLORES ST

Other Address: 107 N FLORES ST

107 1/2 N FLORES ST 109 1/2 N FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1936

Residential-Multi Family; Courtyard Apartment Property type/sub type:

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional



Primary Address: 110 N FLORES ST

Other Address: 106 N FLORES ST

108 N FLORES ST

Non-Contributor Type:

Year built: 1937

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Triplex

Minimal Traditional Architectural style:



**Primary Address:** 115 N FLORES ST

113 N FLORES ST Other Address:

> 113 1/2 N FLORES ST 115 1/2 N FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built:

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Courtyard Apartment

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional









Primary Address: 116 N FLORES ST

Other Address: 112 N FLORES ST

114 N FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1936

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Triplex

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional; American Colonial Revival



Primary Address: 117 N FLORES ST

Other Address: 117 1/2 N FLORES ST

119 N FLORES ST 119 1/2 N FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1936

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional



Primary Address: 122 N FLORES ST

Other Address: 118 N FLORES ST

118 1/2 N FLORES ST 122 1/2 N FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1939

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Courtyard Apartment

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional; Monterey Revival



Primary Address: 126 N FLORES ST

Other Address: 124 N FLORES ST

124 1/2 N FLORES ST 126 1/2 N FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1936

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Courtyard Apartment

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional; Monterey Revival



Primary Address: 127 N FLORES ST

Other Address: 121 N FLORES ST

123 N FLORES ST 125 N FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1939







Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional; American Colonial Revival



Primary Address: 128 N FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1937

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Fourplex

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional



Primary Address: 133 N FLORES ST

Other Address: 129 N FLORES ST

131 N FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1940

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Triplex

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional



Primary Address: 134 N FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1938

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Fourplex

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional



Primary Address: 139 N FLORES ST

Other Address: 135 N FLORES ST

137 N FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1940

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Triplex

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional; French Revival (Norman)



Primary Address: 106 S FLORES ST

Other Address: 106 1/2 S FLORES ST

108 S FLORES ST 110 S FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1936

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Fourplex

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional









Primary Address: 107 S FLORES ST

Other Address: 107 1/2 S FLORES ST

109 S FLORES ST

109 1/2 S FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

1936 Year built:

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Courtyard Apartment

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional; Moderne, Streamline



Primary Address: 111 S FLORES ST

Other Address: 111 1/2 S FLORES ST

115 S FLORES ST

115 1/2 S FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

1936 Year built:

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Courtyard Apartment

Minimal Traditional; Moderne, Streamline Architectural style:



Primary Address: 112 S FLORES ST

Other Address: 112 1/2 S FLORES ST

> 114 S FLORES ST 114 1/2 S FLORES ST

Contributor Type:

Year built: 1937

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Fourplex

Architectural style: Chateauesque, Late



Primary Address: 117 S FLORES ST

117 1/2 S FLORES ST Other Address:

119 S FLORES ST

119 1/2 S FLORES ST

Contributor Type:

1936 Year built:

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Fourplex

Minimal Traditional; American Colonial Revival Architectural style:



Primary Address: 118 S FLORES ST

Other Address: 116 S FLORES ST

118 1/2 S FLORES ST

Contributor Type:

Year built: 1940







Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Courtyard Apartment

Architectural style: Moderne, Streamline; Minimal Traditional



Primary Address: 121 S FLORES ST

Other Address: 121 1/2 S FLORES ST

123 S FLORES ST 123 1/2 S FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1936

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Fourplex

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional; Moderne, Streamline



Primary Address: 122 S FLORES ST

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1940

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Courtyard Apartment

Architectural style: Moderne, Streamline; Minimal Traditional



Primary Address: 109 N SWEETZER AVE

Other Address: 107 N SWEETZER AVE

109 1/4 N SWEETZER AVE 109 1/2 N SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1938

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional; Moderne, Streamline



Primary Address: 110 N SWEETZER AVE

Other Address: 106 N SWEETZER AVE

106 1/2 N SWEETZER AVE 108 N SWEETZER AVE 108 1/2 N SWEETZER AVE 110 1/2 N SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1937

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Courtyard Apartment

Architectural style: Neoclassical









Primary Address: 114 N SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1931

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House

Architectural style: Tudor Revival



Primary Address: 115 N SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1931

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House

Architectural style: Spanish Colonial Revival



Primary Address: 116 N SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1948

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional



Primary Address: 119 N SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1948

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House

Architectural style: Minimal Traditional; Moderne, Streamline



Primary Address: 120 N SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1931

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House

Architectural style: Tudor Revival



Primary Address: 125 N SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1932

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House

Architectural style: French Revival (Norman)









Primary Address: 127 N SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1940

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House
Architectural style: Minimal Traditional; Moderne, Streamline



Primary Address: 134 N SWEETZER AVE

Other Address: 130 N SWEETZER AVE

132 N SWEETZER AVE 134 1/4 N SWEETZER AVE 134 1/2 N SWEETZER AVE 134 3/4 N SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1938

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Courtyard Apartment

Architectural style: American Colonial Revival



Primary Address: 138 N SWEETZER AVE

Other Address: 136 N SWEETZER AVE

136 1/4 N SWEETZER AVE 136 1/2 N SWEETZER AVE 136 3/4 N SWEETZER AVE 138 1/2 N SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1937

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Courtyard Apartment

Architectural style: American Colonial Revival



Primary Address: 139 N SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1937

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House
Architectural style: Minimal Traditional; Moderne, Streamline



Primary Address: 101 S SWEETZER AVE

Type: Contributor

Year built: 1929

Property type/sub type: Residential-Multi Family; Apartment House

Architectural style: Spanish Colonial Revival; Moorish





# HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT NOMINATION FORM [AMENDED 6/22/15]



#### 1. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Proposed Monument Name: Mendel & Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments Notable architect/builder					der	
Other Associated Names: Beverly Square M	Other Associated Names: Beverly Square Multi-family Apartment Building					
Street Address: 118 and 124 N Flores Street Zip: 90048 Council District: 5				il District: 5		
Range of Addresses on Property: 118-122 ½ & 124-126 ½ N. Flores St. Community Name: Beverly Square						
Assessor Parcel Number: 5511009008 etc Tract: TR 10389				Block: none Lot		Lot: 80, 79
Identification cont'd: APNs 5511009007 and 5511009008						
Proposed Monument Property Type:  Building	Structure	Obje	ct	Site/Open	Space	Natural Feature
Describe any additional resources located on the property to be included in the nomination, here:						
Two apartment buildings enclosing a courtyard garden						

#### 2. CONSTRUCTION HISTORY & CURRENT STATUS

Year built: 1936/1939 Factual Estimated	Threatened? Private Development		
Architect/Designer: Mendel S Meyer / George J. Fosdyke	Contractor: Meyer & Holler		
Original Use: multi-family homes	Present Use: multi-family homes		
Is the Proposed Monument on its Original Site? Yes	No (explain in section 7) Unknown (explain in section 7)		

#### 3. STYLE & MATERIALS

Architectural Style: Minimal Traditional			Stories: 2	Plan Shape: H-shaped	
FEATURE	FEATURE PRIMARY		SECONDARY		
CONSTRUCTION	Type: Wood	Туре	Type: Concrete poured/precast		
CLADDING	Material: Stucco, smooth	Mate	erial: Wood cla	apboards	
DOOF	Type: Hipped, cross	Type: Gable			
ROOF	Material: Composition shingle	Material: Composition shingle			
MANDONAG	Type: Double-hung	Туре	: Casement		
WINDOWS	Material: Wood	Material: Wood			
ENTRY	Style: Recessed	Style	: Hidden		
DOOR	Type: Paneled, unglazed	Туре	: French		

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# **NOMINATION FORM**

#### 4. ALTERATION HISTORY

	write a brief description of any major alterations or additions. This section may also be completed on a separate document. s of permits in the nomination packet. Make sure to list any major alterations for which there are no permits, as well.
1948	Permit No. 15601 addition of 1 guest room and bath
circa 1960	Some windows changed/ replaced
circa 1990	Rail changed on balconies
Jan 1998	98016-200000-00157 New roof installed on both buildings and garages.
Aug 1998	98016-30000-16172 Repair stucco cracks, railings; replace doors/windows (same size/loc)
Jan 1999	99016-30000-00192 Earthquake retrofit: Install anchor bolts/straps/hardware/plywood
Mar 2010	10042-30000-04058 Install air conditioning

#### 5. EXISTING HISTORIC RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION (if known)

	Listed in the National Register of Historic Places	
	Listed in the California Register of Historical Resources	
<b>✓</b>	Formally determined eligible for the National and/or California Registers	
	Located in an Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ)	Contributing feature  Non-contributing feature
<b>✓</b>	Determined eligible for national, state, or local landmark status by an historic resources survey(s)	Survey Name(s): SurveyLA Historic Resources Survey Wilshire Community Plan Area: Appendix C
Other hi	istorical or cultural resource designations: Contributor to district with S	tatus Codes 3D 3CD and 5D3 (Survey LA)

#### 6. APPLICABLE HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT CRITERIA

The propos	sed monument exemplifies the following Cultural Heritage Ordinance Criteria (Section 22.171.7):	
<b>√</b>	Reflects the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, state, or community	
<b>✓</b>	Is identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, state, or local history	
<b>✓</b>	Embodies the distinguising characteristics of an architectural-type specimen, inherently valuable for study of a period, style, or method of construction	
	A notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual genius influenced his or her age	

### HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT



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#### 7. WRITTEN STATEMENTS

This section allows you to discuss at length the significance of the proposed monument and why it should be designated an Historic-Cultural Monument. Type your response on separate documents and attech them to this form.

- **A. Proposed Monument Description** Describe the proposed monument's physical characteristics and relationship to its surrounding environment. Expand on sections 2 and 3 with a more detailed description of the site. Expand on section 4 and discuss the construction/alteration history in detail if that is necessary to explain the proposed monument's current form. Identify and describe any character-defining elements, structures, interior spaces, or landscape features.
- **B. Statement of Significance** Address the proposed monument's historic, cultural, and/or architectural significance by discussing how it satisfies the HCM criteria you selected in Section 6. You must support your argument with substantial evidence and analysis. The Statement of Significance is your main argument for designation so it is important to substantiate any claims you make with supporting documentation and research.

#### 8. CONTACT INFORMATION

#### **Applicant**

Name: Steven Luftman		Company:		
Street Address: 124 N. Flores St.		City: Los Angeles State:		State: CA
Zip: 90048	Phone Number: 323-852-1275	Email: sluftman@yahoo.com		
Property Owner	ls the owner in	support of the	nomination? Yes No	Unknown
Name: Matthew Jacobs		Company: BLDG FLORES LLC		
Street Address: 755 N. Laurel Ave.		City: Los Angeles Sta		State: CA
Zip: 90046 Phone Number:			Email:	
Nomination Preparer/Appl	icant's Representative			
Name: Same as applicant		Company:		
Street Address:		City: State		State:
Zip: Phone Number:			Email:	

# HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT



# NOMINATION FORM

#### 9. SUBMITTAL

When you have completed preparing your nomination, compile all materials in the order specified below. Although the entire packet must not exceed 100 pages, you may send additional material on a CD or flash drive.

#### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- 1. Nomination Form
- Written Statements A and B
- J Bibliography
- Two Primary Photos of Exterior/Main Facade (8x10, the main photo of the proposed monument. Also email a digitial copy of the main photo to: planning.ohr@lacity.org)
- 5. Copies of Primary/Secondary Documentation
- 6. Copies of Building Permits for Major Alterations (include first construction permits)
- 7. Additional, Contemporary Photos
- Zimas Parcel Report for all Nominated Parcels (including map)

#### 10. RELEASE

	read each statement and check the corresponding boxes to indicate that you agree with the statement, then sign below in the ed space. Either the applicant or preparer may sign.
$\times$	I acknowledge that all documents submitted will become public records under the California Public Records Act, and understand that the documents will be made available upon request to members of the public for inspection and copying.
X	I acknowledge that all photographs and images submitted as part of this application will become the property of the City of Los Angeles, and understand that permission is granted for use of the photographs and images by the City without any expectation of compensation.
X	I acknowledge that I have the right to submit or have obtained the appropriate permission to submit all information contained in this application.

Steven Luftman	June 22, 2015	A Pluk-
Name:	Date:	Signature:

Mail your Historic-Cultural Monument Submittal to the Office of Historic Resources.

Office of Historic Resources
Department of City Planning
200 N. Spring Street, Room 620
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Phone: 213-978-1200 Website: preservation.lacity.org

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Name: John A. Henning, Jr.		Company:		
Street Address: 125 N. Sweetzer Ave. #202		City: Los Angeles		State: CA
Zip: 90048 Phone Number: 323 655 6171		Email: john@johnhenning.com		
Property Owner	Is the owner in	support of the	nomination? Yes No	Unknown
Name: Matthew Jacobs		Company: BLDG FLORES LLC		
Street Address: 755 N. Laurel Ave.		City: Los Angeles		State: CA
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Nomination Preparer/Appl	icant's Representative			
Name: Same as applicant		Company:		
Street Address:		City:		State:
Zip: Phone Number:			Email:	

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### **NOMINATION FORM**

### 9. SUBMITTAL

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### **Proposed Monument Description and Statement of Significance**

### Historic-Cultural Monument Nomination 118 and 124 North Flores Street

### "A NEW DESIGN FOR LIVING... DRIVE OUT TODAY!"

Advertisement showcasing Beverly Square from the Los Angeles Times 9/13/1936 <sup>1</sup>

#### **Introduction:**

The Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments were built at 124-126½ and 118-122½ North Flores Street in 1936 and 1939 respectively, <sup>2 3</sup> on the site of a former golf driving range <sup>4</sup> that was developed during the Great Depression to accommodate the City's emerging car culture and to suit the aspirations of newly mobile residents in the area now known as Beverly Grove. The buildings symbolize the rise and fall of Meyer and Holler, one of the City's most celebrated construction firms during the 1920s, and the reinvention of the firm's owner, Mendel Meyer, as a provider of housing affordable to Angelenos of modest means – ultimately including himself and his wife, Mabel.

### **Site Description:**

The two complementary buildings are each two stories tall and originally comprised four units 17each. <sup>56</sup> (A fifth unit was added to one of the buildings in 1948. <sup>7</sup>) Considering that they were constructed during the mid-to-late 1930s, during the latter years of the Great Depression, the buildings are remarkable for their detailed construction and for the high quality of life they provide to their occupants. The paired buildings are also essential components of Beverly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Advertisement, "A New Design for Living," Los Angeles Times, September 13, 1936, Part V, 5 (Exhibit 17).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In 1936, LADBS issued a building permit for the nominated 4-family building at 124 through 126½ N. Flores St., reflecting "Mr. and Mrs. Mendel Meyer" as "owner" and reflecting "none" as architect and contractor. City of Los Angeles, *Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building*, Permit No. 9708, April 24, 1936 (Exhibit 22).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In 1939, LADBS issued a building permit for the nominated 4-family building at 118 through 122 N. Flores St., reflecting "Mr. and Mrs. Mendel Meyer" as "owner" and reflecting "none" as architect and Meyer & Holler as contractor. City of Los Angeles, *Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building*, Permit No. 5147, February 9, 1939 (Exhibit 25).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Evolution..." Hammers Are Ringing," Los Angeles Times, December 8, 1935, Part V, 7 (Exhibit 11).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> City of Los Angeles, *Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building*, Permit No. 9708, April 24, 1936 (Exhibit 22).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, Application to Alter, Repair or Demolish and for a Certificate of Occupancy, Permit No. 15601, May 3, 1948 (Exhibit 26).

Square, a multi-family residential district built almost entirely during the 1930s that features a remarkable variety of architectural styles that are hallmarks of the period.<sup>8</sup>

Between the late 1920s and the late 30s, Hollywood churned out endless epics depicting exotic locales, from the France of Marie Antoinette<sup>9</sup> to Zorro's Spanish-occupied Los Angeles.<sup>10</sup> The sets of these films affected domestic architecture in Los Angeles, transforming residential streets into a varied backlot of architectural styles.<sup>11</sup> There is perhaps no better example of this than Beverly Square, in which 90% of the original architecture remains, much of which are fine examples of period revival structures from between 1929 and 1940. Here, French Norman multifamily buildings sit cheek to jowl with Cheshire half-timbered homes and Spanish hacienda (Spanish Colonial Revival) apartment blocks.<sup>12</sup>

The nominated structures are primarily designed in the rather uncommon Monterey Revival style, which is one of the few architectural styles that is native to California.<sup>13</sup> Buildings of this type blend aspects of Spanish Colonial design with New England's colonial style,<sup>14</sup> and were first introduced in Monterey, California in the late 1830's.<sup>15</sup>

Often, the streamlined colonial attributes of Monterey Revival structures are labeled as Minimal Traditional. In an attempt to lure prospective buyers to buildings of this type, a 1935 advertisement for Beverly Square quoted L.J. Burrud, who was best known for his innovative advertising work on the Hollywoodland development. Mr. Burrud summed up the style by saying, "The studio apartment idea has been efficiently developed in the new architecture of Beverly Square and both the modern and the Monterey type of design have been very successfully used to combine artistic effect with large, roomy, practical suite arrangements."

Both of the nominated buildings are wooden structures primarily composed of stucco cladding on the first floor with decorative wrought iron grilles covering windows. On the second floor, the walls are covered with wide width wood planking and feature cantilever balconies supported

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Survey LA, Wilshire Historic Districts, Planning Districts and Multi-Property Resources – 01/26/15, January 26, 2015, 126.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Madame Du Barry (1934), IMDb http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0025443/ (June 11, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The Mark of Zorro (1920), IMDb http://www.imdb.com/title/ tt0011439/ (June 11, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Merry Ovnick, "The Mark of Zorro: Silent Film's Impact on 1920s Architecture in Los Angeles," *California History Vol. 86, No. 1* (2008), University of California Press in association with the California Historical Society (http://www.jstor.org/stable/40495188), 28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Survey LA, Wilshire Historic Districts, Planning Districts and Multi-Property Resources – 01/26/15, 122-130 (discussion of Beverly Square Multi-Family Residential Historic District).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Architectural Styles in Fullerton, Monterey Revival, Fullerton Heritage, <a href="http://www.fullertonheritage.org/Resources/archstyles/monterey.htm">http://www.fullertonheritage.org/Resources/archstyles/monterey.htm</a> (June 11, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> http://www.fullertonheritage.org/Resources/archstyles/monterey.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Kirker, Harold. "The Larkin House Revisited." California History vol. 65, no. 1 (1986): 26-33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Minimal Traditional Architecture, Antique Home, <a href="http://www.antiquehome.org/Architectural-Style/minimal-traditional.htm">http://www.antiquehome.org/Architectural-Style/minimal-traditional.htm</a> (June 15, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Mary Mallory, Hollywood Heights: L.J. Burrud: Hollywoodland Publicity Man and Western Adventurer (May 4, 2015), The Daily Mirror, <a href="http://ladailymirror.com/2015/05/04/mary-mallory-hollywood-heights-l-j-burrud-hollywoodland-publicity-man-and-western-adventurer">http://ladailymirror.com/2015/05/04/mary-mallory-hollywood-heights-l-j-burrud-hollywoodland-publicity-man-and-western-adventurer</a> (June 11, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> "Contracts for New Structures Total \$175,000," Los Angeles Times, December 15, 1935, Part V (Exhibit 12).

by decorative overhanging corbels. Original windows include Art Moderne horizontal wood casement windows. The roofs are primarily simplified hipped shapes with wide overhangs in front and even on the sides of the building where details are usually very restrained. Above the roof, each building has a large chimney, one with decorative chimney pots. Interiors feature original hardwood floors, decorative built-cabinetry, original woodwork trim and plaster moldings, and some apartments retain the original period revival light fixtures. In addition, kitchens and baths exhibit elaborate deco tilework.

The two structures are complimentary and similar, but they are not identical. By the time the 1939 structure was designed, prevailing tastes had changed somewhat, <sup>19</sup> and although numerous materials and details remained the same, many of the strong Monterey Revival elements in the 1936 structure were not repeated but were instead supplanted by greatly simplified colonial details as well as modernistic accents, such as sweeping curvilinear stair railings and horizontally paned windows.

### **Distinguishing Characteristics:**

In addition to being compelling examples of rare multi-family Monterey Revival style buildings, both of the nominated structures combine to form a courtyard complex, which adds to their aesthetic appeal and liveability. Upon entering the communal garden space, one passes through the large street-fronting Kentiopsis palms and is surrounded by lush shade-loving vegetation such as Australian tree ferns, bird-of- paradise and Elephant ears. The buildings exemplify the architectural plan of Beverly Square as spelled out in a January 19, 1936 article in the Los Angeles Times, which noted that "Each multiple unit is so placed on the site that open courtyards face each other to assure ample sunlight and air space." 20

On the two properties, pathways lead though the garden area to unit doors which are tucked away into light columned side porticos, many of which retain their oversized and fanciful original lantern fixtures. Each unit entry door is discreetly located, which lends to the illusion that each building is actually a large single-family home and part of a neighborhood of gracious homes with large courtyard gardens. This effect helped 1930s-era apartment dwellers in Beverly Square to escape the perceived stigma of communal living<sup>21</sup> and allowed them to assimilate smoothly into the neighboring low density single family districts just steps away north of Beverly Boulevard and south of Third Street.<sup>22</sup> <sup>23</sup>

In addition to the large communal garden space from which all units enter, each apartment is complete with a small private patio or balcony, which is made possible due to the unusual H-shaped plan of each building.<sup>24 25</sup> The public courtyard space is located in the cavity where the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> http://www.antiquehome.org/Architectural-Style/minimal-traditional.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> "Building Activity in Residential Area Seen," Los Angeles Times, January 19, 1936, Part V (Exhibit 14).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Todd Douglas Gish, *Building Los Angeles: Urban Housing in the Suburban Metropolis, 1900--1936* (University Of Southern California, 2007) 146-148, 91, 93.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Sanborn map, Los Angeles, Volume 20, Sheet 2082 (1926)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Sanborn map, Los Angeles, Volume 22, Sheet 2221 (1926)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Sanborn map, Los Angeles, Volume 22, Sheet 2209 (1936)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Bird's eye aerial view of 124 N. Flores St. from Bing Maps https://www.bing.com/maps/ (Exhibit 3).

H-shaped plans meet to form an open block, and the private patios are located on the opposite sides of the buildings to the north and south. <sup>26</sup> Each unit still retains the original French doors that open onto their private patio space.

There are no driveways leading into the property from North Flores Street. Instead, at the rear of the lots is housed a detached row of enclosed garages. These garages face a communal alley that is shared with all of the other properties on the same block of North Flores Street, as well as those on North Sweetzer Avenue, the next block to the east. This design reflects important changes that were brought on by the rise of the automobile in the early 1930s. Developments like Beverly Square were among the first to reflect the standardization of the garage unit as an element of the American home. This phenomenon disrupted the 19<sup>th</sup>-century idea of the isolated carriage house and replaced it with the modern ideal of suburbs centered around the automobile, which by the late 1920s was attainable by even people of modest means and by most Angelenos.

The promoters of Beverly Square aspired to preserve what was good about residential architecture before the automobile, while at the same time discreetly accommodating the new 4-wheeled "residents" of multi-family neighborhoods. While the line of buildings along North Flores Street retained a uniform street setback, which encouraged communality in a manner similar to older subdivisions, the addition of garages in the communal alley created a secondary center of activity at the back of the lots, where cars entered carrying groceries or parcels from a recent shopping trip.

Beverly Square adopted the now-familiar model of clustering multi-family buildings around long commercial corridors, in this case Beverly Boulevard and Third Street.<sup>35 36</sup> This model allowed households of different means to co-exist side by side, some of whom had automobiles and some

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Bird's eye aerial view of 124 N. Flores St. from Bing Maps <a href="https://www.bing.com/maps/">https://www.bing.com/maps/</a> (Exhibit 3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Robert Fishman, Bourgeois Utopias: The Rise And Fall Of Suburbia (Basic Books, 1987) 165, 171, 174.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Survey LA, Wilshire Historic Districts, Planning Districts and Multi-Property Resources – 01/26/15, 122.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Survey LA, Historic Resources Survey Report, Wilshire Community Plan Area, January 23, 2015, 15, 17, 18, 30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Martin V. Melosi, *The Automobile Shapes the City*, Automobile in American Life and Society, University of Michigan (2005) <a href="http://www.autolife.umd.umich.edu/Environment/E\_Casestudy/E\_casestudy12.htm">http://www.autolife.umd.umich.edu/Environment/E\_Casestudy/E\_casestudy12.htm</a> (June 19, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Before World War I a car cost the average American worker the equivalent of 24 months wages. By the late 1920s a car could be purchased for about 3 months' wages. Ben Wattenberg, *The First Measured Century: Middletown: A Study in Modern American Culture*, <a href="http://www.pbs.org/fmc/segments/progseg4.htm">http://www.pbs.org/fmc/segments/progseg4.htm</a> (June 19, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> By the 1920s, most Angelenos navigated the city by automobile. Survey LA, *Historic Resources Survey Report, Wilshire Community Plan Area, 30.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Advertisement, "Open House in Beverly Square," Los Angeles Times, May 10, 1936, Part V, 2 (Exhibit 16).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> City of Los Angeles, *Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building*, Permit No. 9708, April 24, 1936 (Exhibit 21), 2 (noting "Variance granted by board of City Planning Comm. to permit 10' building line now before City Council").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Survey LA, Historic Resources Survey Report, Wilshire Community Plan Area, 24.

<sup>36</sup> Survey LA, Wilshire Historic Districts, Planning Districts and Multi-Property Resources – 01/26/15, 122,

of whom did not.<sup>37</sup> <sup>38</sup> For those lucky enough to own a car, the proximity of the major boulevards allowed easy and convenient transportation between home and more distant shopping districts, or a quick trip to the increasingly popular Farmers Market at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Fairfax Avenue.<sup>39</sup> At the same time, those of more limited means were able to live in a hospitable and comfortable environment in which they could easily walk to busy commercial thoroughfares where they could work in shops or small offices.<sup>40</sup> <sup>41</sup>

The creators of these new multi-family residential districts tried to incorporate the best aspects of city and suburban living within a single community. They trumpeted this goal in their advertising: "Studio apartments now ready at reasonable RENTS. Beverly Square... close in, convenient, fast transportation. Schools, Shops, Churches, Theaters near by. Distinctly different... roomy quiet gardens... Sunny ... Airy, Clean, Thoroughly modern with Large Living Rooms ... Balconies, Patios, Venetian Blinds... Some with Fireplaces... Garages... Beautifully decorated.... Complete Homes at Apartment prices."

The nominated buildings and the vast majority of the nearby multi-family structures have stood the test of time, serving today's families in a manner much as they served the residents of the 1930s and the intervening decades. As part of a completely intact block of historic structures from the 1930s, the buildings help to create a pleasant, pedestrian scale that encourages casual interaction among neighbors, while still ensuring privacy and comfort for their residents. The buildings are also located in the center of the Beverly Square neighborhood, which Survey LA describes as an "Excellent example of a 1930s multi-family residential district containing a mix of multi-family property types, from duplexes to apartment houses." According to the Historic Resources Survey Report for the Wilshire Community Plan Area, these buildings are eligible for the California and National Register as contributors, and are also eligible for local listing or designation through the survey evaluation.

#### Social, Economic and Political Significance:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Each of the Flores buildings has six parking spaces for a total of twelve spaces for nine units. At the time the nominated buildings were constructed, the City of Los Angeles zoning code required just one parking space per unit, regardless of size or number of occupants. City of Los Angeles, *Zoning Code, Manual and Commentary, Parking History for residential buildings.* (Fourth Edition April 2015), 113.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> The modern-day City of Los Angeles zoning code requires two parking spaces for each residential multifamily unit with more than 3 habitable rooms. *Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety,* Information Bulletin / Public – Building Code Document No. P/ZC 2002-011 (Revised 03-24-15).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> A History of the Los Angeles Farmers Market, LA Insider Tours, 2013, <a href="http://lainsidertours.com/a-history-of-the-los-angeles-farmers-market/">http://lainsidertours.com/a-history-of-the-los-angeles-farmers-market/</a> (June 11, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Advertisement, "In Beverly Square a New Idea," Los Angeles Times, December 15, 1935, Part V, 3 (Exhibit 13).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> "Office and Store Structure Rises on Beverly Blvd.," *Los Angeles Times*, January 22, 1939, Part V, 4 (Exhibit 19) (noting construction of building at southeast corner of Beverly Boulevard and Sweetzer Avenue, 1 block from nominated structures, containing nine stores and three offices "being reserved for doctors, dentists and X-ray offices.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Advertisement, "Open House in Beverly Square," Los Angeles Times, May 10, 1936, Part V, 2 (Exhibit 16).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Survey LA, Wilshire Historic Districts, Planning Districts and Multi-Property Resources – 01/26/15, 122.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Survey LA, Wilshire Historic Districts, Planning Districts and Multi-Property Resources – 01/26/15, 123.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Survey LA, Field Survey Results Master Report, 12-13.

The Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments, as well as the entire Beverly Square subdivision, tell the story of the nation's recovery from the depths of the Great Depression. The unbridled optimism reflected in the mid-1930s news articles and advertisements for the subdivision may be surprising given that the buildings were constructed during one of the worst economic disasters in American history. It may also seem counterintuitive that during a time of economic crisis and fear, such luxurious living quarters would be built for people of modest means. However, if the broader cultural mindset of the period is analyzed, these buildings are symbols of a brief period of optimism within the larger framework of a decade-long economic collapse.

The Beverly Square subdivision was initially subdivided in 1928<sup>46</sup> and from the beginning was slated for multi-family structures. A handful of buildings were constructed between 1929 and 1932, at the beginning of the Great Depression and likely before builders realized that the Depression was far more severe than they had expected. After those first few buildings were complete, the subdivision apparently went into foreclosure and building in the neighborhood effectively ground to a halt for several years.

In the mid-1930s, spurred by large social programs like the Works Progress Administration brought on by president Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the economy approved enormously from the depths of the Depression. In 1936, the national economy grew by a staggering 14.1 percent, <sup>54</sup> and residential foreclosures dropped to the lowest level since 1930. <sup>55</sup> The result: A burst of renewed optimism across the nation generally, and in Los Angeles in particular.

Suddenly, new residential projects were being proposed in Los Angeles, and Beverly Square, which had been at the periphery of the City's development when the Depression began, became a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> City of Los Angeles, *Tract No. 10389 TR0152-017*, 1928.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Deed of Trust No. 784 N.S., 10721-259, Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, March 25, 1931. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Beverly Square Multi-Family Residential Historic District Map, 2015 (Exhibit 4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> ZIMAS query June 21, 2015 http://zimas.lacity.org

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Housing construction in the United States fell 90 percent between 1925, the record high, and 1933. Peter G. Rowe, *Modernity and Housing* (Boston: The MIT Press, 1993) 103.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Advertisement, "Beverly Square "The Hot Spot" of Residential Income Property," *Los Angeles Times*, November 24, 1935, Part V, 4 (Exhibit 9).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> By 1935, the subdivision was owned by Capital Company, an entity which was set up for Bank of America to dispose of its bad assets. United States Of America, Before The Board Of Governors Of The Federal Reserve System, In The Matter Of Transamerica Corporation (Washington, DC: June 13, 1951) <a href="https://fraser.stlouisfed.org/scribd/?item\_id=464775&filepath=/docs/historical/eccles/022\_03\_0001.pdf">https://fraser.stlouisfed.org/scribd/?item\_id=464775&filepath=/docs/historical/eccles/022\_03\_0001.pdf</a> (June 18, 2015), 90 (noting that "one of [Capital Company's] principal functions over the years has been to manage, operate and sell real estate which it acquired after foreclosure by Bank of America").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Beverly Square Multi-Family Residential Historic District Map (Exhibit 4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> In 1936, the national economy grew by a staggering 14.1 percent. Robert Reich, *The Truth About The Economy: We're Heading Back Toward A Double Dip*, Business Inside, March 31, 2011 <a href="http://www.businessinsider.com/the-truth-about-the-economy-were-heading-back-toward-a-double-dip-2011-3">http://www.businessinsider.com/the-truth-about-the-economy-were-heading-back-toward-a-double-dip-2011-3</a> (June 19, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> David C. Wheelock, The Federal Response to Home Mortgage Distress: Lessons from the Great Depression," *Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review, May/June 2008, 139.* 

focus of the new enthusiasm. From 1935 to 1937, the Los Angeles Times featured an almost-weekly article referring to the construction of multi-family homes in the Beverly Square area as a sure sign that Los Angeles was in recovery from the depths of the Depression. <sup>56</sup> <sup>57</sup> <sup>58</sup> <sup>59</sup> <sup>60</sup> One example from December 13, 1936, on the front page of the building section, was a full-page wide photo of construction in progress on Flores and 1st Streets with the headline "POWERFUL PROOF THAT LOS ANGELES SPEEDS ITS GROWTH AS A GREAT RESIDENTIAL CENTER." The copy reads: "Here's a partial present-day view of Beverly Square, residential-income area that only a year ago was a golf-driving range… apartment buildings totaling \$650,000 have been constructed in the past year."

The mid-1930s optimism was short-lived. By 1937, the economy had dipped again and the dreams of a quick resolution the Great Depression had vanished. The number of projects in Beverly Square quickly decreased. Developers who were apparently already in the pipeline finished their projects despite the bad economic news, and completed most of the remaining structures in Beverly Square by about 1940. After that, only a few vacant lots remained in the subdivision, and these were developed in the late 1940s, after the close of World War II.

This confluence of circumstances makes Beverly Square an impressive and rare example of a primarily mid- to late-1930s multi-family subdivision, reflective of a brief period of economic optimism during the latter years of the Great Depression and symbolizing the first wave of suburbanization designed specifically to meet the needs of a newly mobile populace using the automobile.

### A Notable Work - and Home - of a Master Builder:

The nominated buildings are not merely representative of a particular style and period in the development of Los Angeles. They also track the rise, fall and reincarnation of one of the City's most notable construction firms, Meyer & Holler, Inc., and in particular the redemption of company owner Mendel Meyer after a disastrous bankruptcy during the Great Depression.

Meyer and Holler, Inc. is recognized as one of the most prolific designers and builders of homes, apartment buildings, motion picture theaters, office buildings, retail stores, and club houses on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> "Income Area's Activity Told," Los Angeles Times, November 3, 1935, Part V, 4 (Exhibit 7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> "Modernistic-Design Apartment Building," Los Angeles Times, November 10, 1935, Part V, 4 (Exhibit 8).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> "Beverly Square Building Started," Los Angeles Times, November 17, 1935, Part V, 4 (Exhibit 9).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> "Evolution...Hammers Are Ringing," Los Angeles Times, December 8, 1935, Part II, 7 (Exhibit 11).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> "Contracts for New Structures Total \$175,000," Los Angeles Times, December 15, 1935, Part V, 3 (Exhibit 12).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> "POWERFUL PROOF THAT LOS ANGELES SPEEDS ITS GROWTH AS A GREAT RESIDENTIAL CENTER," Los Angeles Times, December 13, 1936, Part V (Exhibit 18).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Christina Romer, "Economics focus: The lessons of 1937," *The Economist*, Jun 18th 2009 http://www.economist.com/node/13856176 (June 19, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Beverly Square Multi-Family Residential Historic District Map (Exhibit 4).

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the West Coast. 66 Their office was located in Downtown Los Angeles, in unit 315 of the Wright & Callendar Building at 405 South Hill Street. Along with Benjamin Marcus Priteca and S. Charles Lee, Meyer and Holler dominated theater construction and design in Southern California during the 1920s and early 1930s. 88

Mendel S. Meyer and Julius C. Schneider founded the firm, incorporating on October 24, 1906.<sup>69</sup> <sup>70</sup> <sup>71</sup> Born in 1874, Meyer was the son of Samuel Meyer, a respected Jewish pioneer in Southern California.<sup>72</sup> Schneider had recently moved to Los Angeles from Milwaukee.<sup>73</sup> Phillip W. Holler, a real estate agent, joined the firm in 1908.<sup>74</sup> Holler's son, Wesley C. Holler, a World War I veteran, joined the firm in 1929.<sup>75</sup> Soon afterward, the elder Holler retired, and Wesley Holler became Meyer's partner, even though he was almost 20 years his junior.<sup>76</sup>

The firm's original name was the Milwaukee Building Company, 77 78 which was probably intended to inspire confidence among newcomers to Los Angeles from the Midwest. The firm specialized in building modest bungalows which were likely from stock plans widely available. Thanks largely to an alliance with the successful land developer Robert Marsh, the Milwaukee Building Company was able in 1912 to change its focus to large speculative and eventually custom homes in Mount Washington, Windsor Square, Santa Monica, Brentwood, Pasadena and other fashionable suburbs. After World War I, the firm increasingly used the name "Meyer and Holler" as it moved out of the homebuilding business and into large-scale commercial

<sup>66 &</sup>quot;Mendel Meyer, Veteran L.A. Builder, Dies," Los Angeles Times, April 2, 1955, Part II, 2 (Exhibit 20).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Advertisement, "We Make A 60 Per Cent Building Loan and are practical builders," *Los Angeles Herald*, October 23, 1906, 6 (Exhibit 5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Fullerton Heritage , *A Brief History of the Fox Fullerton Theatre*, 2009 <a href="http://www.fullertonheritage.org/Advocacy\_Issues/foxhistory.htm">http://www.fullertonheritage.org/Advocacy\_Issues/foxhistory.htm</a> (June 14, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> "Incorporations," Los Angeles Herald, October 23, 1906, 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Articles of Incorporation (No. 07815), October 22, 1906. On file in the California State Archives, Sacramento.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Alfred Willis, "Design-build and building efficiency in the early twentieth century United States," *Proceedings of the First International Congress on Construction History, Madrid,* (20th-24th January 2003), 2194.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> "Mendel Meyer, Veteran L.A. Builder, Dies," Los Angeles Times, April 2, 1955, Part II, 2 (Exhibit 20).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, 2006, Sec 8, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec 8, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec 8, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Find A Grave, Wesley C. Holler (1893-1981), <a href="http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=dfl&GRid=18914398">http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=dfl&GRid=18914398</a> (June 14, 2015).

National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec. 8, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> "Incorporations," Los Angeles Herald, June 18, 1906, 5.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Reflecting Los Angeles as a whole, Fremont Place was where many a Midwesterner came to reinvent or retire.... The prolific local architects Mendel Meyer and Philip Holler (also known by the name of their firm's construction arm, the Milwaukee Building Company) were favorite designers among buyers of lots in the Place..." Historic Los Angeles, Fremont Place, A Historical Inventory, <a href="http://fremontplace.blogspot.com/2015\_01\_01\_archive.html">http://fremontplace.blogspot.com/2015\_01\_01\_archive.html</a> (June 14, 2015)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec 8, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec. 8, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> In 1923, the firm legally changed its name from the Milwaukee Building Company to Meyer & Holler. *In the Matter of the Application of Milwaukee Building Company, a Corporation, for Change of Name, Los Angeles Superior Court, December 5, 1923.* On file with the California State Archives, Sacramento.

construction,  $^{83\ 84}$  by the mid 1920s they developed into one of the largest building firms in in Southern California.  $^{85\ 86}$ 

Using the "design-build" model that is common today, Meyer and Holler designed and built numerous apartment buildings, homes, hotels, banks, churches, and theaters throughout the greater Los Angeles area. By the mid-1920s, Meyer & Holler was established as the exclusive builders of Hollywood's elite, sresponsible for Grauman's Chinese Theatre (HCM 43), the Egyptian Theatre (HCM 584), the Petroleum Building (HCM 596), the Mount Washington Hotel (HCM 845), Pierce Brothers Mortuary (HCM-574), the Charles Chaplin Studios (HCM 58), Herivel House in Highland Park (HCM-370), the Mary P. Field House & Arroyo Stone Wall in South Los Angeles (HCM 372), and the Getty House at 605 South Irving Avenue, which is the official residence of the mayor of Los Angeles. Elsewhere in Southern California, Meyer and Holler constructed the iconic Culver Studios in Culver City, the Long Beach Museum of Art, and Santa Monica's Henry Weaver House, which is a National Historic Landmark. The firm's buildings are featured in *An Architectural Guidebook to Los Angeles*, the definitive guidebook for Los Angeles architecture by David Gebhard and Robert Winter.

By providing design-build services to thousands of clients throughout Los Angeles and nearby counties, Meyer and Holler exerted a major impact on the built environment of Southern California between 1910 and 1930, <sup>97</sup> a time during which the City of Los Angeles almost

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup> National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec 8, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> Impact Sciences, Inc. (906-01), Los Angeles Department of City Planning, *Wilshire and La Brea Project Draft EIR*, August 2008, IV.C-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup> Impact Sciences, Inc. (906-01), Los Angeles Department of City Planning, *Wilshire and La Brea Project Draft EIR*, August 2008, IV.C-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> Alfred Willis, "Design-build and building efficiency in the early twentieth century United States", *Proceedings of the First International Congress on Construction History, Madrid,* (20th-24th January 2003), 2122.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> Alfred Willis, "Design-build and building efficiency in the early twentieth century United States", Proceedings of the First International Congress on Construction History, Madrid, (20th-24th January 2003), 2121-2124

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>88</sup> Impact Sciences, Inc. (906-01), Los Angeles Department of City Planning, *Wilshire and La Brea Project Draft EIR*, August 2008, IV.C-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning, *Historic - Cultural Monuments (HCM) Listing City Declared Monuments*, August 27, 2009, 2-29.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Impact Sciences, Inc. (906-01), Los Angeles Department of City Planning, *Wilshire and La Brea Project Draft EIR*, August 2008, IV.C-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Impact Sciences, Inc. (906-01), Los Angeles Department of City Planning, *Wilshire and La Brea Project Draft EIR*, August 2008, IV.C-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Julie Lugo Cerra, Culver City Chronicles (Mount Pleasant, SC: The History Press, 2013), 107-108.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec. 8, 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> Seaver Center for Western History Research, *GC 1323 Historic Sites Surveys*, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, *Weaver*, *Henry*, *House*, November 13, 1989.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> David Gebhard, Robert Winter, *An Architectural Guidebook to Los Angeles* (Layton, Utah: Gibbs Smith 2003), 56, 178, 179, 180, 181, 301.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec 8, 6.

quadrupled in population from 319,198 to 1,238,048. Their impact was magnified by the financial power of their clientele, which included major players in the fields of real estate, entertainment, finance, and government. The firm designed and built homes for Harry Chandler, Frank P. Flint, Herman Janss, Edward L. Doheny, Isaac Milbank, and King Gillette; movie studios for Samuel Meyer, Hal Roach, Jesse Hampton, Samuel Goldwyn, Charles Chaplin, King Vidor, and Thomas Ince; and commercial buildings for Idelfonso Sepulveda, E. Clem Wilson, and Henry Culver. 99

Meyer and Holler's work on theaters was of particular note, and quickly caught the attention of regional and national architectural journals at the time. *American Architect* and *Architect and Engineer* published reviews of the Egyptian Theatre in 1923, 100 101 and even more extensive profiles of the Chinese Theatre appeared in issues of the *American Architect,* 102 *Architectural Digest,* 103 and the *Architectural Record.* Both theaters and their floor plans were featured in Randolph W. Sexton's *American Theatres of Today* (1927), 105 one of the first monographs published on the rapidly evolving movie picture theaters of the 1910s and 1920s. 106

Within their theater projects, Meyer and Holler developed a special building sub-type: the courtyard theater, <sup>107</sup> which is directly relevant to the design of the nominated buildings here. The firm's courtyard theaters were unlike anything Los Angeles had seen before, and, in fact, did not look like theaters at all from their entrance forecourts. <sup>108</sup> In these theaters, an atmospherically decorated forecourt took the place of an interior lobby. The approach to the theater was through a dramatic courtyard, ideal for movie premieres, opening onto a busy boulevard. <sup>109</sup> Ideally suited to the Southern California climate, the open courtyard took advantage of outdoor space and its visibility to the street, creating a sense of excitement as passers-by saw large crowds gathering for a show or premiere. <sup>110</sup> Notable examples of this style included the Egyptian Theater and Grauman's Chinese, where courtyards are still enjoyed by thousands today as an

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>98</sup> Donald J. Bogue, Douglas L. Anderton, Richard E. Barret, *The Population of the United States: 3rd Edition* (Simon and Schuster, 2010), 45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> Impact Sciences, Inc. (906-01), Los Angeles Department of City Planning, *Wilshire and La Brea Project Draft EIR*, August 2008, IV.C-13- IV.C-14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>100</sup> Kelley, H. Roy. "Grauman Theatre, Hollywood, Calif," *American Architect*, January 31,1923, 125-127.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> Jennings, Frederick A. "Theater Designed in the Egyptian Style," *Architect and Engineer*, March 1923, 77-84.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>102</sup> Chinese Theatre, at Hollywood, California." American Architect, August 20, 1927, 251-268.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>103</sup> "Grauman's Chinese Theatre, Hollywood." Architectural Digest, vol. 6, no. 4, 1928, 82-85.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> "Grauman's Chinese Theatre, Hollywood, California, Portfolio Current Architecture." *Architectural Record*, July 1927, 113-121.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> Randolph Williams Sexton, B.F. Betts, *American Theatres of Today*, Volume 1, (New York,: Architectural Book Publishing Company, 1927)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec 8, 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>107</sup> National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec. 8, 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>108</sup> Gleye, Paul. The Architecture of Los Angeles. (Los Angeles: Rosebud Books, 1981), 106.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>109</sup> Aaron Betsky, "ARCHITECTURE: Mann's Chinese Theater: Illusion at Its Best," Los Angeles Times, November 07, 1991, <a href="http://articles.latimes.com/1991-11-07/news/we-1473\_1\_mann-s-chinese-theater">http://articles.latimes.com/1991-11-07/news/we-1473\_1\_mann-s-chinese-theater</a> (June 18, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>110</sup> National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec 8, 8.

integral part of the moviegoing experience. 111 112

Despite its stellar achievements during the 1920s, Meyer and Holler began a dramatic decline after the stock market crash of 1929, when the elder Holler retired and the firm's lavishly ornamental architectural style began to fall out of fashion. <sup>113</sup> By late 1932, in the midst of the Great Depression, a lawsuit brought against the firm by one of its clients, the famed director King Vidor, was sufficient to force Meyer and Holler into bankruptcy. <sup>114</sup> <sup>115</sup>

In 1934, Meyer and the younger Holler reorganized the firm and started a new Meyer and Holler. There is evidence that this time they formed a much leaner organization that focused on smaller, less prestigious projects including multiple-unit apartment buildings like the nominated structures, while still retaining the same emphasis on quality that was their hallmark. In contrast to the dozens of employees they employed during the 1920s, the slimmer Meyer and Holler employed some of the best architects and engineers in Los Angeles, but apparently on a primarily freelance basis. One example was Raymond Kennedy, the architect who had designed Grauman's Chinese, who worked for the reorganized Meyer and Holler as a sidelight to his full time job as a professor at USC. Another was George Fosdyke, an engineer who had a long and accomplished career stretching from the late 1920s to the early 1960s.

Meanwhile, Mendel Meyer's own personal fortune appears to have tracked the fortunes of his firm. City directories track Meyer's ascent from life in a modest apartment at 842 S. Berendo Street in 1915, 121 122 to a magnificent new home at 570 N. Normandie Avenue in 1923, 123 124 125

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> Cinema Treasures, TCL Chinese Theatre, <a href="http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/1">http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/1</a> (June 14, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>112</sup> Cinema Treasures, Egyptian Theatre, http://cinematreasures.org/theaters/35 (June 14, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>113</sup> National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec 8, 6.

National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec 9, 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> Bankruptcy No. 19391-C in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California, Central Division, October 10, 1932. On file in the National Archives and Records Administration, Pacific Region, Laguna Niguel, California.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>116</sup> Articles of Incorporation of Meyer & Holler, October 8, 1934. On file with the California State Archives, Sacramento.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>117</sup> A lawsuit filed by Meyer Holler against one of its clients for services rendered in 1924 indicated that at that time the company had at least 22 employees working in its architectural department alone. *Meyer Holler v. Bowman,* 121 Cal. App. 112 (Cal. App. 1932)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup> Alfred E. Willis (personal email communication, April 30, 2015)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>119</sup> Alfred E. Willis (personal email communication, April 30, 2015)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> Alfred E. Willis (personal email communication, May 1, 2015)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup> Mendel Meyer was listed in the 1915 Los Angeles City Directory as maintaining his home at 842 S. Berendo St. Los Angeles City Directory (1915), 1435 (Exhibit 27).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>122</sup> The 8-unit apartment building at 842 S. Berendo St. was constructed in 1911. (ZIMAS query June 21, 2015 <a href="http://zimas.lacity.org">http://zimas.lacity.org</a>)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>123</sup> Mendel Meyer was listed in the 1923 Los Angeles City Directory as maintaining his home at 570 N. Normandie Ave. Los Angeles City Directory (1923), 2158 (Exhibit 28)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>124</sup> The structure at 570 N. Normandie Ave. was constructed in 1923. (ZIMAS query June 21, 2015 http://zimas.lacity.org)

the year after the Egyptian Theatre was completed. In 1929, the directory listed Meyer's residence as being in Manhattan Beach, <sup>126</sup> indicating that he spent at least some of his time at what at the time was a growing oceanside retreat worlds away from the metropolis. Yet Meyer and his wife, Mabel, apparently also maintained the Normandie Avenue home until at least 1932, <sup>127</sup> the year Meyer and Holler went bankrupt.

After 1932, if Meyer's choice of residence is any guide, he and his wife fell on hard times financially. A 1936 directory shows the Meyers living not at the Normandie Avenue home, but in an apartment at the Rampart Arms in the one-posh Westlake district, which was undergoing a steady decline. At around this time, with the excitement over Beverly Square reaching a fever pitch, Meyer purchased at least one, and probably both, of the two vacant lots on Flores Street that were ultimately developed with the nominated buildings. Remarkably, at about the same time Meyer's partner, Wesley Holler and his wife also purchased the two multifamily lots immediately to the south of the nominated buildings, at 106-110 and 112-116 North Flores Street.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>125</sup> In 1921, LADBS issued a building permit for a single family 2-story, 8-room house at 570 N. Normandie Ave. reflecting Mendel Meyer as "owner" and Milwaukee Building Company as architect and contractor. The cost of construction was \$17,500.00, an unusually large sum in the early 1920s. *Department of Buildings, Application for the Erection of Frame Buildings, Permit No.* 22679, Sept. 3, 1921 (Exhibit 21).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>126</sup> Mendel Meyer was listed in the 1929 Los Angeles City Directory as maintaining his residence in Manhattan Beach, with no specific address listed. Los Angeles City Directory (1929), 1527 (Exhibit 29).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>127</sup> Mendel and Mabel Meyer were listed in the 1932 Los Angeles City Directory as maintaining their home at 570 N. Normandie Ave. Los Angeles City Directory (1932), 1457 (Exhibit 30).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>128</sup> Mendel and Mabel Meyer were listed in the 1936 Los Angeles City Directory as maintaining their home at 601 S. Rampart Blvd. Los Angeles City Directory (1936), 1256 (Exhibit 32).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>129</sup> The 54-unit apartment building at 603 S. Rampart Blvd. at the intersection with W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. and 1 block north of Wilshire was constructed in 1911 and includes the adjoining parcel at 2702-2706 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. (also known as 601 S. Rampart Blvd.) (ZIMAS query June 21, 2015 http://zimas.lacity.org)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>130</sup> The Rampart Apartments was an elegant and luxurious apartment building when it was constructed in 1911 and is still standing today. (LSA Associates Inc., *Intensive Survey, Westlake Recovery Community Redevelopment Area, City of Los Angeles* (2009), 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> The Home Owners Loan Corporation (HOLC), a New Deal-era agency designed to prevent foreclosure by refinancing home loans, sent appraisers to Los Angeles in 1939. Nearly all of Westlake south of Seventh Street was "redlined," meaning it carried the highest perceived risk and therefore the lowest rating for loans. The area north of 6<sup>th</sup> Street was given the next-lowest rating. The reasons for redlining cited on the appraisal sheets included poorly-maintained aging housing stock and substandard living conditions. (LSA Associates Inc., *Intensive Survey*, *Westlake Recovery Community Redevelopment Area*, City of Los Angeles (2009), 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>132</sup> City of Los Angeles, *Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building, Permit No. 9708, April 24, 1936 (Exhibit 22).* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>133</sup> City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building, Permit No. 5147, February 9, 1939 (Exhibit 25).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>134</sup> In 1936, LADBS issued a building permit for the 3-family building at 112 through 116 N. Flores St., reflecting "Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Holler" as "owner" and Meyer & Holler as contractor. City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building, Permit No. 20338, August 7, 1936 (Exhibit 23).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>135</sup> In 1937, LADBS issued a building permit for the 3-family building at 106 through 110 N. Flores St., reflecting "Mrs. W. C. Holler" as "owner" and reflecting and Meyer & Holler as contractor. City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building, Permit No. 22581, July 8, 1937 (Exhibit 24).

Mendel Meyer constructed the first nominated structure at  $124-126\frac{1}{2}$  North Flores Street in 1936 at an approximate cost of \$15,000.00. Three years later, in 1939, his firm, Meyer & Holler, constructed the second nominated structure at  $118-122\frac{1}{2}$  North Flores Street at an approximate cost of \$16,000.00. (Meyer & Holler also built structures on W.C. Holler's two lots in 1936 and 1937, respectively. These buildings are also still intact. (140)

City directories establish that Mendel Meyer and his wife Mabel resided in both of their buildings, one after the other. They lived first at 126 North Flores, moving there no later than 1938 according to the city directory of that year. In fact, since the Meyers owned the property, built the structure and then took occupancy so soon after its construction in 1936, it is likely that they constructed the building with the intention of making it their family home. Indeed, the interior finishes and other details of the apartment at 126 North Flores are substantially much more extravagant than the other units in the building, indicating that this unit was intended for the building's owner. Yet while quite luxurious and approximating the size of a small home, the multi-family residence at Beverly Square was surely a very different experience for the Meyers than the mansion on Normandie Avenue and the retreat in Manhattan Beach they had enjoyed during the boom times of the 1920s.

The Meyers apparently moved again in or soon after 1939, the year the second nominated building was completed. The city directory for that year indicates that the Meyers were no longer living at 126 North Flores, and were instead renting their former owner's unit to another family. By 1942, the Meyers had moved across the courtyard to 120 North Flores, a unit located in the second building, and they were renting their former unit at 126 North Flores to three women. Like their prior residence, the Meyers' unit at 120 North Flores was more luxurious and detailed than the other units in the 1939 building, indicating that it was constructed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>136</sup> City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building, Permit No. 9708, April 24, 1936 (Exhibit 22).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>137</sup> City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building, Permit No. 5147, February 9, 1939 (Exhibit 25).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>138</sup> City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building, Permit No. 20338, August 7, 1936 (Exhibit 23).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>139</sup> City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building, Permit No. 22581, July 8, 1937 (Exhibit 24).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>140</sup> ZIMAS guery June 21, 2015 (http://zimas.lacity.org)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>141</sup> Mendel and Mabel Meyer were listed in the 1938 Los Angeles City Directory as maintaining their home at 126 N. Flores St. Los Angeles City Directory (1938), 1415 (Exhibit 33).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>142</sup> The 1939 Los Angeles City Directory lists Nelson Gary, an insurance adjuster, and his wife Helen and a widowed relative, Bertha Gary living at 126 N. Flores St. Los Angeles City Directory (1939), 783 (Exhibit 34).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>143</sup> The 1939 Los Angeles City Directory lists Mendell [sic] Meyer, but does not provide a home address. Los Angeles City Directory (1939), 1434 (Exhibit 35).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>144</sup> Mendel and Mabel Meyer were listed in the 1942 Los Angeles City Directory as maintaining their home at 120 N. Flores St. Los Angeles City Directory (1942), 1649 (Exhibit 40).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>145</sup> The 1942 Los Angeles City Directory lists Mrs. Warren Knight living at 126 N. Flores St. Los Angeles City Directory (1942), 1342 (Exhibit 38).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>146</sup> The 1942 Los Angeles City Directory lists Mrs. Alice Rich and Gwendolyn Rich, a stenographer at W.R. Rains, living at 126 N. Flores St. Los Angeles City Directory (1942), 2007 (Exhibit 41).

with the intention of being the owner's unit. Nonetheless, the new apartment reflected a significant downsizing from the Meyers' previous quarters in the complex, indicating that despite the continuation of Mendel Meyer's contracting business the Meyers still faced financial challenges during the late 1930s.

In accordance with the intended design of Beverly Square to accommodate multi-family "income property," <sup>147</sup> the Meyers would have rented out the other 7 units in their complex (and later, an 8<sup>th</sup> unit built just after World War II<sup>148</sup>) to others of modest means who were drawn to the comfortable lifestyle of the Beverly Square neighborhood, thereby providing affordable housing for their tenants while earning income for themselves. Some of these people would have owned cars and worked in downtown, Hollywood or beyond, while others would have taken the city's extensive bus and streetcar system or walked to jobs in shops and offices on the bustling corridors along Beverly Boulevard one block to the north and Third Street two blocks to the south.

Meyer and Holler continued in business through the late 1930s and until 1941, <sup>149</sup> when the onset of World War II caused development activity to again cease, this time in order to preserve resources for the war effort. Upon the dissolution of their partnership, Meyer, who at the time was in his late 60s, retired. <sup>150</sup> Holler, then only in his late 40s, accepted a more stable position at the Signal Oil and Gas Company. <sup>151</sup> Thus ended a more than 3-decades long association that paralleled the most significant growth period in Los Angeles history and the boom-and-bust nature of the Los Angeles real estate market.

Mendel Meyer moved to Santa Barbara in November 1954, and spent the final months of his life at the California Hotel, which was owned by his stepson. Meyer died in May 1955. His wife, Mabel, died a few months later. His

Meanwhile, sometime between 1942 and 1956, Holler also moved into the Beverly Square neighborhood, <sup>155</sup> apparently from a single family residence at 420 N. Las Palmas Ave. where he had lived during the late 1930s and early 1940s. <sup>156</sup> Holler's new home was at 110 N. Flores

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>147</sup> Advertisement, "BUY NOW FOR INCOME AND PROFIT," Los Angeles Times, March 8, 1936, V3 (Exhibit 15).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>148</sup> City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, Application to Alter, Repair or Demolish and for a Certificate of Occupancy, Permit No. 15601, May 3, 1948 (Exhibit 26).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>149</sup> Certificate of Dissolution of Meyer & Holler, a California Corporation, April 15, 1941. On file with the California State Archives, Sacramento.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>150</sup> National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec 8, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>151</sup> National Register of Historic Places Registration form for Fox Fullerton Theatre Complex, Sec 8, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>152</sup> "Mendel Meyer, Veteran L.A. Builder, Dies," Los Angeles Times, April 2, 1955, Part II, 2 (Exhibit 20).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>153</sup> "Mendel Meyer, Veteran L.A. Builder, Dies," Los Angeles Times, April 2, 1955, Part II, 2 (Exhibit 20).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>154</sup> Find A Grave, *Mabel Miles Meyer* (1882-1955), <a href="http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cqi?page=qr&GRid=90203309">http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cqi?page=qr&GRid=90203309</a> (June 21, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>155</sup> The 1956 Los Angeles City Directory lists Wesley C. Holler living at 110 N. Flores St. Los Angeles City Directory (1956), 274 (Exhibit 43).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>156</sup> The 1936 Los Angeles City Directory lists Wesley Holler living at 420 N. Palmas Ave. Los Angeles City Directory (1936), 877 (Exhibit 31).

Street, an apartment in one of the two 3-unit buildings he had presumably owned continuously since constructing them during the mid-1930s, and for a time he also provided his son, Wesley Jr., with another unit in the neighboring building at 112 N. Flores Street. Since the Holler buildings were immediately next door to the Meyer buildings, it is reasonable to assume that for at least some of the 1940s and 1950s, Meyer and Holler were next door neighbors for the first time in their long relationship.

Alfred Willis, acknowledged as the expert on Meyer & Holler, notes that since apartment buildings generally have less visibility and prestige than theaters and hotels, the remaining examples constructed by the firm are rare. "Although the Milwaukee Building Company/Meyer & Holler designed many Los Angeles apartment buildings, several of which were quite innovative, almost none from any period of their activity survive," Willis says. Moreover, Willis points out that while many of the more prominent commercial buildings designed by the firm in the 1920s are still standing, there is very little physical evidence of the slimmed-down mid-to-late 1930s incarnation of Meyer and Holler remaining in Los Angeles. "Because there are so very few identified built works by Meyer & Holler from the 1930s, the Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments are extremely important to the documentation of the final phase of their activity," he says. 160

According to the usual practice of Meyer & Holler, <sup>161</sup> the building permits for the nominated buildings do not list any architect by name. <sup>162</sup> However, George J. Fosdyke is listed as engineer on both permits. <sup>164</sup> According to Alfred Willis, "Fosdyke, as an engineer, could easily have designed houses or apartment buildings for Meyer and Holler without the involvement of an architect. Alternatively, in the 1930s, so many architects lacked work that any one of them might have been persuaded to assist an engineer like Fosdyke with design problems on a 'work for hire' basis." <sup>166</sup>

Like the partnership that hired him, Mr. Fosdyke had a long and distinguished career in his own right. In 1928, at the age of 25 and only two years out of college, he designed Weatherwolde

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>157</sup> The 1942 Los Angeles City Directory lists Wesley Holler living at 420 N. Palmas Ave. Los Angeles City Directory (1942), 1141 (Exhibit 37).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>158</sup> The 1956 Los Angeles City Directory lists Wesley C. Holler living at 110 N. Flores St. and W. Curtis Holler, Jr. (apparently Wesley Holler's son) living at 112 N. Flores St. Los Angeles City Directory (1956), 274 (Exhibit 43).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>159</sup> Alfred E. Willis (personal email communication, April 28, 2015).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>161</sup> Alfred Willis, "Design-build and building efficiency in the early twentieth century United States," *Proceedings of the First International Congress on Construction History, Madrid,* (20th-24th January 2003), 2121.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>162</sup> City of Los Angeles, *Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building, Permit No. 9708, April 24, 1936 (Exhibit 22).* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>163</sup> City of Los Angeles, *Department of Building and Safety, Application for the Erection of a Building*, Permit No. 5147, February 9, 1939 (Exhibit 25).

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Castle (HCM 841) in Tujunga. <sup>167</sup> <sup>168</sup> In 1932, Fosdyke designed the much-lauded Barcelona & Coruña Apartments at 4615-4621 Los Feliz Boulevard, a courtyard apartment complex in the Spanish Colonial Revival style that was popular in the 1920s and early 1930s, which includes lacy wrought-iron balconies, arched entrances, and intricate tile work. <sup>169</sup> In 1933 Fosdyke designed director Ernst Lubitsch's Bel Air home at 268 Bel Air Road. <sup>170</sup> Much later in his career, Fosdyke's firm designed the Culver City Ice Arena (1960) which was declared a City Cultural Resource in Culver City in 2014. <sup>171</sup>

#### Conclusion:

Although it could be argued that the Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments are not as socially significant as other Meyer and Holler structures like the Egyptian Theater, in some ways they are far more significant. These structures are vehicles for a narrative about the lives that made Los Angeles the varied and economically diverse city that it is today. They tell the story of Nelson Gary, an insurance adjuster who lived with his wife and widowed mother at 126 North Flores Street in 1939 and may have driven to his job at 548 S. Spring St. in downtown Los Angeles, <sup>172</sup> or Gwendolyn Rich, who lived with her mother at 126 N. Flores St. in 1942 and might have taken the city bus and streetcar system to get to her job as a stenographer at a law firm at 453 S. Spring St., <sup>173</sup> <sup>174</sup> or Jacob Lince, the president of an automobile finance company who lived at 124 N. Flores Street in 1942 with his wife, son and daughter-in-law <sup>175</sup> <sup>176</sup> and who almost surely drove his own car to his office at 728 N. Highland Ave. in Hollywood.

And, of course, these buildings tell the story of Mendel Meyer, who rocketed to the top of the development world during the Roaring 20s, then crashed with the Great Depression, reinvented himself, and then finally, in the waning days of his career, moved with his wife Mabel into a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>167</sup> Cecilia Rasmussen, "Bulldozer Unveils Castle in the Woods, and Controversy," Los Angeles Times, August 28, 2005 (http://articles.latimes.com/2005/aug/28/local/me-then28).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>168</sup> George J Fosdyke, Desirable Homes (Los Angeles, California, Geo. J Fosdyke, 1955), 3.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>170</sup> "Permit for Large Home Requested" Los Angeles Times, September 24, 1933, Part L (Exhibit 6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>171</sup> Architectural Resources Group, Inc., Culver City Ice Arena Historic Resource Evaluation, (April 15, 2014), 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>172</sup> The 1939 Los Angeles City Directory lists Nelson Gary, an insurance adjuster, and his wife Helen and a widowed relative, Bertha Gary living at 126 N. Flores St., and lists Mr. Gary's business address as 548 S. Spring St. in Downtown Los Angeles. Los Angeles City Directory (1939), 783 (Exhibit 34).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>173</sup> The 1942 Los Angeles City Directory lists Mrs. Alice Rich and Gwendolyn Rich, a stenographer at W.R. Rains, living at 126 N. Flores St. Los Angeles City Directory (1942), 2007 (Exhibit 41).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>174</sup> The 1942 Los Angeles City Directory lists the address of W.R. Rains, lawyers at 453 S. Spring, Room 1100. Los Angeles City Directory (1942), 2796 (Exhibit 42).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>175</sup> The 1942 Los Angeles City Directory lists Jacob Lince, his wife Mabel, Jack B. Lince and his wife Florence as all living at 124 N. Flores St., and states Jacob Lince's occupation as president of the Western State [sic] Acceptance Corporation. Los Angeles City Directory (1942), 1447 (Exhibit 39).

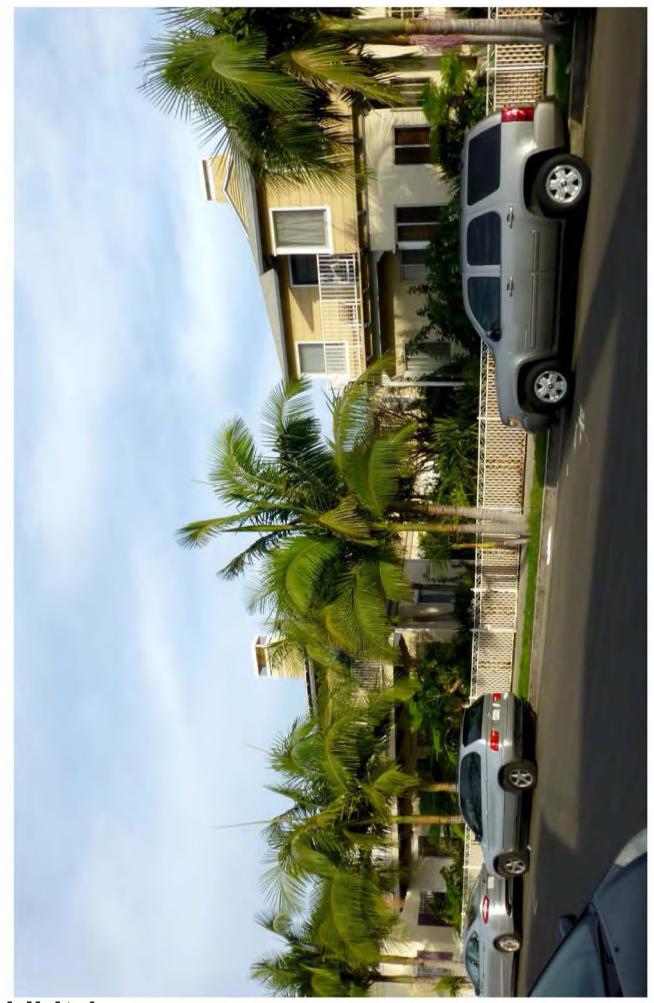
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>176</sup> The 1942 Los Angeles City Directory lists the address of Western States Acceptance Corporation as 728 N. Highland Avenue. Los Angeles City Directory (1942), 2849 (Exhibit 36).

Western States Acceptance Corporation was an automobile finance company as of 1930. Western States Acceptance Corp. v. Bank of Italy, 104 Cal. App. 19 (Cal. Ct. App. 1930).

simple but stylish multi-family dwelling, where together they provided comfortable, convenient and affordable housing to 8 other families of modest means in one of Los Angeles' first automobile-focused suburbs.

### **Epilogue:**

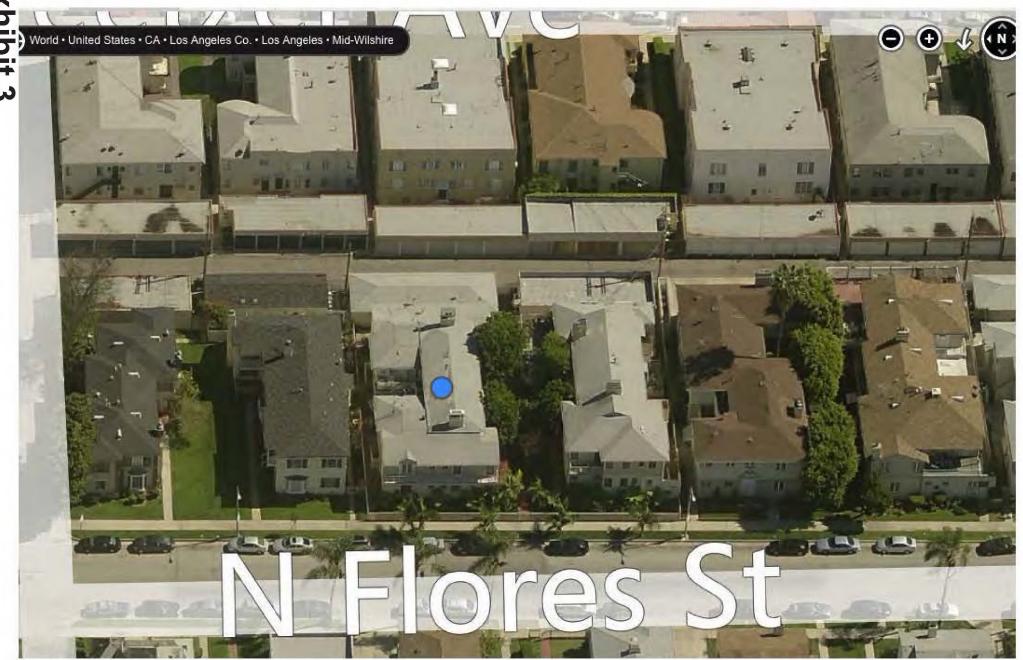
These two important structures are in imminent danger of being torn down b a developer and replaced with a small-lot subdivision consisting of 11 four-story townhouses that resemble square silos separated only by driveways and parking spaces. The proposed project would not merely destroy a vital piece of the memory of Mendel and Mabel Meyer. It would also deface a historically intact block of North Flores Street and the larger Beverly Square historic district documented by Survey LA, and would irrevocably undermine the quality of life in a tightly-knit Los Angeles neighborhood that still functions much as it did when it was devised in the crucible of the Great Depression.



**Exhibit 1** 



Exhibit 2





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### Permit for Large Home Requested

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The new structure will contain fifteen rooms, will have a ground dimension 53x115 feet and is to be of masonry, frame and stucco construction.

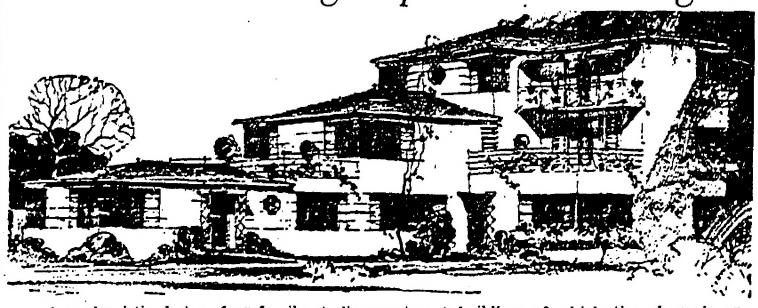
## Income Area's Activity Told

A new activity spurt at Beverly Square, a Capital Company residential income development on Beverly Boulevard, west of Fairfax avenue, is reported by L. J. Burrud, director of subdivision sales for the company.

A \$100,000 street improvement and public utility program there has been completed.

Construction has been started on a modernistic-design, four-family studio apartment building on King's Road. Structure and site represent an investment of \$17,000, Mr. Burrud disclosed. The structure was designed by Architect Milton J. Black and contains four studio apartments so planned that large deck areas, sun porches and gardens are available for each apartment. A penthouse apartment is a feature of the building.

### Modernistic-Design Apartment Building



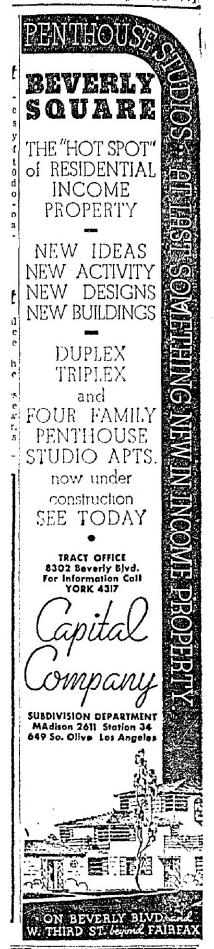
A modernistic-design, four-family studio apartment building, of which the above is an architectural sketch, is under construction at 111 South King's Road, Beverly Square, a Capital Company residential-income development on Beverly Boulevard, west of Fairfax avenue. A feature of the plans is the penthouse apartment on the third story. Site and structure represent an investment of \$17,500. The building was designed by Architect Milton J. Black. Construction is by Churchill Construction Company.

### Beverly Square Building Started

Construction of a four-family studio apartment has been started by the Ralph G. Wolff Company in Beverly Square, Capital Company development on Beverly Boulevard west of Fairfax avenue.

The structure, first in a series to be constructed by the Wolff company, represents an investment of approximately \$18,000.

It is the third new building started in the past week in that area, according to L. J. Burrud, director of subdivision sales of the Capital Company.



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Contracts amounting to \$175,000 for thirteen new multiple unit dwellings for Beverly Square, new Capital Company residential income development, between Beverly Boulevard and Third street, just west of Fairfax, have been awarded in the past two weeks, L. J. Burrud, director of subdivision sales for the company, reports.

This new residential section, recently improved at a cost of more than \$100,000, has met with large success, he stated.

"The studio apartment idea has been efficiently developed in the new architecture of Beverly Square and both the modern and the Monterey type of design have been very successfully used to combine artistic effect with large, roomy, practical suite arrangements," Mr. Burrud said.

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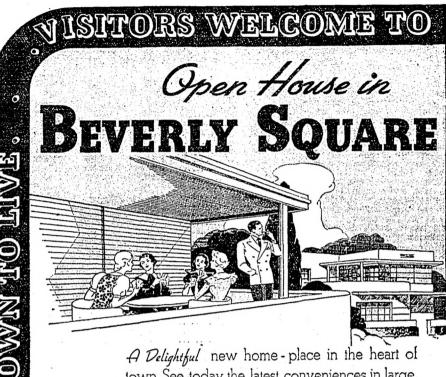
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I. J. Burrud Each multiple unit is so placed on the site that open courtyards for each other to assure ample sunlight and air space.

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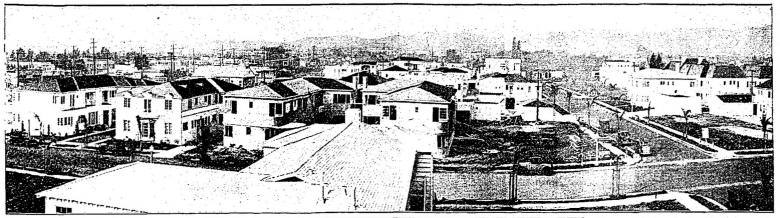
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### POWERFUL PROOF THAT LOS ANGELES SPEEDS ITS GROWTH AS GREAT RESIDENTIAL CENTER



Here's a partial present-day view of Beverly Square, residential-income area that only a year ago was a golf-driving range. In the Beverly Square tract, bounded at the north by Beverly Boulevard, at the south by Third street and at the east and west by Harper and Orlanda ovenues, respectively, studio-apartment buildings totaling \$650,-000 have beno constructed in the past year.

# Office and Store Structure Rises on Beverly Blvd.

Colonial-style office store building is being constructed at the southeast corner of Beverly Blvd, and Sweetzer Ave. for Burton L. Stevens. The new structure has frontage of 103 feet. on the boulevard and 110 feet on the avenue. Construction is of reinforced brick with concrete pilasters and roof of gray slate. The building will contain stores, three offices facing Sweetzer Ave. being reserved for doctors, dentists and X-ray offices.

Total investment in the structure and site is \$14,000 it was announced. Construction

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James R. Reese.

# Mendel Meyer, C Veteran L.A. Builder, Dies

SANTA BARBARA, April 1-Mendel Meyer, 80, building contractor who built the Grauman's Chinese and Egyp-17 tian Theaters, the ninth v Church of Christ, Scientist, f the Quinby Building and other imposing structures in Los Angeles, died here today.

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Mr. Meyer was born in the family home on Main St., be- i tween 3rd and 4th Sts., in Los Angeles, Oct. 7, 1874, and was . a graduate of the old Los Angeles High School. He was with the Milwaukee Building Co., which operated from the Wright & Callendar Building, and its successor concern, Meyer & Holler. He retired in 1936.

Besides building numerous office buildings, theaters and churches, Mr. Meyer also constructed a number of residences.

#### Moved to Santa Barbara

Since his retirement he lived in Los Angeles. Santa Barbara and Glendale. Last November he moved to Santa Barbara, living in the California Hotel owned by his stepson, Miles R. Gray.

Besides his stepson he leaves his widow, Mrs. Mabel Miles Meyer: two sisters, Mrs. Laura Loewenthal and Mrs. Stella Carlisle, both of Los Angeles, and three nieces, Miss Natalie Loewenthal, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Margaret Cretser and Mrs. Verner Dobinson, both of San Francisco.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Welch & Ryce Chapel here.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

#### Application for the Erection of Frame Buildings CLASS "D"

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#### CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

BUILDING DIVISION

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BUILDING DIVISION

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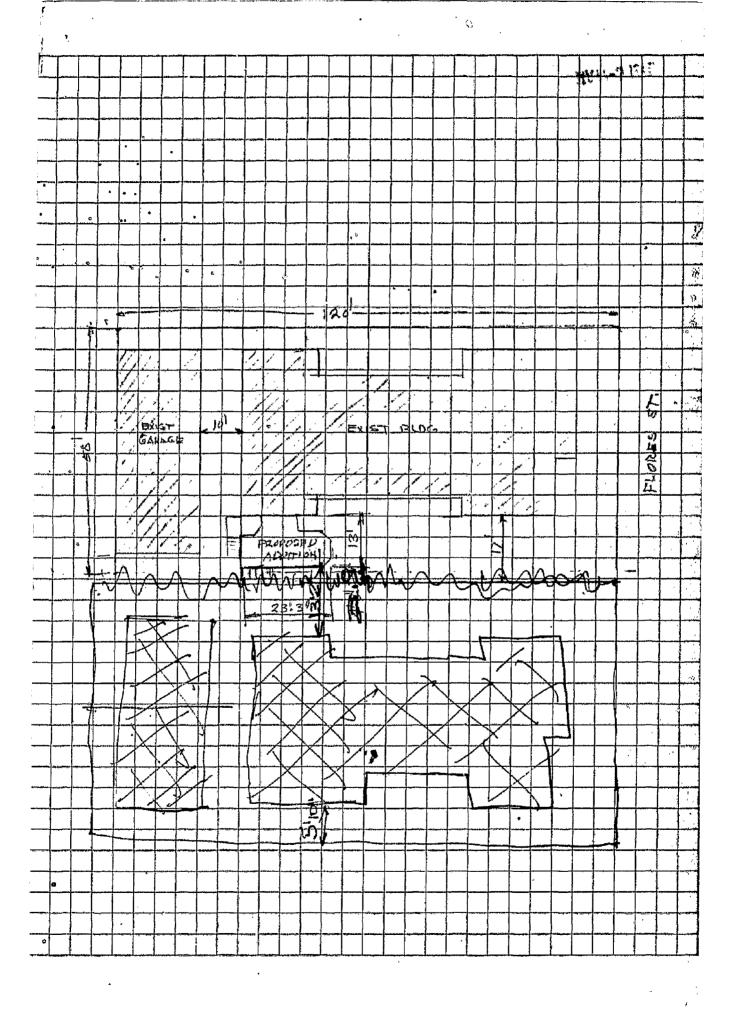
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# APPLICATION TO ALTER, REPAIR OR DEMOLISH AND FOR A Certificate of Occupancy

Form B-3-50M-10-47 CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT BUILDING AND SAFETY BUILDING DIVISION

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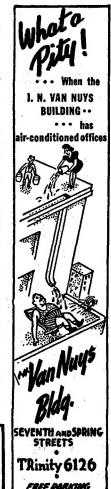
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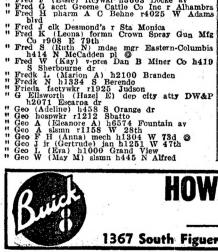
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areas, the lavish theaters provided an environment of escape where moviegoers could lose themselves in a fantastic world of architecture, music, and larger-than-life personalities. While legitimate theaters buildings were geared toward the wealthy who could afford orchestra tickets, motion pictures theaters provided the trappings of wealth—thick rugs, grand lobbies, elegant lounges, velvet draperies, gilt-and-marble ornamentation, lavish furnishings, uniformed ushers and usherettes—affordable to the middle class.

The building of Fullerton's Alician Court Theatre followed this pattern of theater development and construction. Fullerton had a series of small motion picture theaters—the Little Gem Theatre (1909), the Randall Theatre (1911), the Fullerton Theatre (1913), and the Rialto Theatre (1917)—built along Harbor (then Spadra) Boulevard in the downtown area. With the exception of the short-lived Randall Theatre, designed for vaudeville presentations and nickel movies, these theaters were buildings that had been quickly and cheaply converted into movie theaters. In contrast, the Fox was designed from the start as a movie theater and is the only one of these old-time downtown theaters to survive. It remains the only cinema in downtown Fullerton. The Fox was also the first theater in the city and county built specifically to show full-length films and is the only remaining film palace in north Orange County built during the era of lavish film theaters.

#### **BUILDER AND ARCHITECT CONTEXT**

#### Meyer and Holler, Inc. (Milwaukee Building Company) Context

The Fox Fullerton Theatre was constructed by the firm of Meyer and Holler, Inc. of Los Angeles, one of the most famous builders in movie theater history. The Chapman family had extensive land holdings throughout Southern California, and the Chapman Brothers developed an early pattern of hiring architects for their developments in Los Angeles, then later using these same architects for buildings in their hometown of Fullerton. Meyer and Holler were first hired by the Chapman Brothers in 1910 to construct a two-story Tudor Revival "spec" home in Chapman Park (Fifth and Mariposa) in Los Angeles. 52 By the time C. Stanley Chapman commissioned the firm again in 1924, it had become the largest contracting company in Southern California. The firm of Meyer and Holler, Inc. is recognized as one of the most prolific and distinguished motion picture theater designers on the West Coast, maintaining offices in Los Angeles (315 Wright & Callendar Building, 405 South Hill Street). Along with Benjamin Marcus Priteca and S. Charles Lee, Meyer and Holler dominated theater construction and design in Southern California. Mendel S. Meyer (1874-1955)<sup>53</sup> and Julius C. Schneider founded the design and building firm, incorporating on October 24, 1906. 54 Meyer was the son of Samuel Meyer (1830-1903), a respected Jewish pioneer in Southern California; Schneider had recently moved to Los Angeles from Milwaukee. Phillip W. Holler, a real estate agent, joined the firm in 1908. Originally known as the Milwaukee Building Company, a name probably intended to inspire confidence among newcomers to Los Angeles from the Midwest, the firm specialized in building modest bungalows (probably from stock plans). Thanks largely to an alliance with the successful land developer Robert Marsh (1871-1956), the Milwaukee Building Company was able in 1912 to change its focus to large speculative, and then custom homes, in Mount Washington, Windsor Square, Santa Monica, Brentwood, and other fashionable suburbs. After World War I, the firm increasingly used the name "Meyer and Holler" as it moved out of the homebuilding business and into large-scale commercial construction. 55 Holler's son, Wesley C. Holler (1893-1981), a World War I veteran, joined the firm in 1929, and thereafter succeeded his father as Meyer's partner. The firm's activity began to dramatically decline after the Crash of 1929 when its lavish architectural style grew out of fashion. A disastrous lawsuit brought against the firm in 1932 by director King Vidor forced Meyer and Holler to file for bankruptcy, <sup>56</sup> but the firm reorganized in 1934<sup>57</sup> and remained in business until 1941. <sup>58</sup> Meyer retired that year, and Holler went to work for the Signal Oil and Gas Company.

By providing design-building services to thousands of clients throughout Los Angeles and nearby counties, Meyer and Holler exerted a very significant impact on the shaping of the built environment of Southern California during the period of the region's most dramatic growth. This impact was due in large part to the financial power of its clientele, which included

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major players in the fields of real estate, entertainment, finance, and government. During the 1910s and 1920s, Meyer and Holler counted among their clients some of the most distinguished business leaders in the history of Los Angeles. The firm designed and built houses for Harry Chandler, Frank P. Flint, Herman Janss, Edward L. Doheny, Isaac Milbank, and King Gillette; movie studios for Samuel Meyer, Hal Roach, Jesse Hampton, Samuel Goldwyn, Charles Chaplin, King Vidor, and Thomas Ince; and commercial buildings for Idelfonso Sepulveda, E. Clem Wilson, and Henry Culver. Meyer and Holler also designed and built numerous apartment buildings, hotels, banks, churches, and theaters throughout the greater Los Angeles area, including the Long Beach Museum of Art (2300 Ocean Boulevard), the Mt. Washington Hotel (3880 San Rafael Avenue) in Los Angeles, the Getty House (605 South Irving), the official residence of the mayor of Los Angeles, and the Mary Tustin House (4973 North Figueroa) in Los Angeles, a two-story Craftsman house built for the widow of Columbus Tustin, founder of the City of Tustin. The firm's buildings are featured in *An Architectural Guidebook to Los Angeles*, the definitive guidebook for Los Angeles architecture by David Gebhard and Robert Winter.

In the early 1920s, the firm won contracts for many distinguished structures in the heart of Hollywood, including the Hollywood Athletic Club (6525 Sunset Boulevard), Grauman's Egyptian Theatre (6712 Hollywood Boulevard), Grauman's Chinese Theatre (6925 Hollywood Boulevard), Standard Film Laboratories (Seward and Romaine), 62 the Security Pacific Building (6777 Hollywood Boulevard), and the Café Montmarte (6753 Hollywood Boulevard), one of the most glamorous nightclubs of the era. It is primarily these Hollywood buildings, a number of which are on the National Register of Historic Places, that have established the worldwide fame of Meyer and Holler. 63 The Egyptian Theatre, considered Hollywood's first authentic movie palace, was the birthplace of the gala movie premier, and Meyer and Holler's masterpiece, the Chinese Theatre, is the most famous movie palace in the world, still attracting millions of tourists each year to its legendary courtyard where hand- and footprints of movie stars are imbedded in concrete. The two theaters quickly became associated with Hollywood prestige and glamour. The Chinese Theatre became so synonymous with the industry that the ultimate movie about Hollywood movies, Singin' in the Rain (1951), opens with a premier at the landmark Theatre. Meyer and Holler's theatrical work quickly caught the attention of regional and national architectural journals. American Architect<sup>64</sup> and Architect and Engineer <sup>65</sup> published reviews of the Egyptian Theatre in 1923, and even more extensive profiles of the Chinese Theatre appeared in issues of the American Architect. Architectural Digest, and the Architectural Record. 66 Both theaters and their floor plans were featured in Randolph W. Sexton's American Theatres of Today (1927), one of the

first monographs published on the rapidly evolving movie picture theaters of the 1910s and 1920s. Meyer and Holler's buildings and theaters are also featured in Randolph W. Sexton's *Spanish Influence on American Architecture and Decoration*, Cara Mullio's *Long Beach Architecture: The Unexpected Metropolis*, David Nayor's *American Picture Palaces: The Architecture of Fantasy*, Ave Pildas's *Movie Palaces: Survivors of an Elegant Era*, John Margolies's *Ticket to Paradise: American Movie Theaters and How We Had Fun*, and Robert Berger's *The Last Remaining Seats: Movie Palaces of Tinseltown*. Many of the firm's architectural designs in the 1920s were imitated throughout the United States. The Egyptian style, in particular, caught on quickly. Grauman's Egyptian Theatre opened one month before Howard Carter entered the tomb of Tutankhamun on November 29, 1922, and the Theatre's design elements were quickly imitated as Tut fever swept the country. Because of their role in creating such monuments to the glory days of Hollywood moviemaking, but more especially because of their prominence in designing and building structures to house the full range of activities of movie production, film manufacture, and cinematic exhibition, Meyer and Holler are credited with giving architectural form to the nascent entertainment industry in Southern California.

In designing their opulent movie showcases, Meyer and Holler specialized in what is now called "exotic" or "theme-oriented" architecture that catered to the wildest fantasies of movie patrons. Like other architectural firms of the era, Meyer and Holler used specific styles, such as Spanish, Mayan, Hindu, Persian, and Egyptian, when constructing their movie palaces, with influence also coming from the European Renaissance, baroque, and rococo periods, as well as from motifs of exotic cultures. As public tastes changed, the firm became accustomed to making each theater fit the latest whim of the movie-going public and theater owners alike. Meyer and Holler began constructing theaters in 1913 with the Owl Theatre (1042-10441/2 Temple) in Los Angeles, followed by additional projects in Hollywood in 1921: the Granada

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Theater (Vista at Sunset), the Hunley Theater (5115 Hollywood Blvd.), and the New Hollywood Theater (Hollywood at Cahuenga).

Within their theater projects, Meyer and Holler developed a special building sub-type: the courtyard theater. Their courtyard theaters were unlike anything Los Angeles had seen before, and, in fact, did not look like "theaters at all from their entrance forecourts." The firm originated and then perfected an innovative type of theatrical house: the courtyard theater, in which an atmospherically decorated forecourt takes the place of an interior lobby. Approaches to the theaters were through a dramatic courtyard, ideal for movie premiers, opening on to a busy boulevard. Ideally suited to the climatic conditions in Southern California, the open courtyard was an innovation in theater design that took advantage of outdoor spaces and their visibility to the street, creating a sense of excitement as passers-by saw large crowds gathering for a show or premier. Unlike other movie palaces of the era, which had every surface covered with decoration and ornamentation, Meyer and Holler's courtyard theaters used highly decorative and elaborate motifs in contrast with extremely simple and plain stuccoed or plastered surfaces. The firm's three courtyard movie palaces—the Egyptian, Chinese, and Fox Fullerton Theatres<sup>68</sup>—generally featured a standard floor plan, lighted forecourts, simple and plain surfaces, and minimal exterior signage. Once inside the forecourt, moviegoers were treated to fantastical, highly decorative, and elaborate motifs, all magically designed to transport visitors to another time and place. Each design element—theater seats, carpets, drapes, stairways, drinking fountains, stage curtains, furniture, ticket booths, landscaping, etc.—were organized around a central architectural theme. The Chinese Theatre, for instance, featured such Far Eastern effects as red doors, a pagoda, intricately carved silver dragon sculptures, and a gong in the courtyard. Similarly, the Italianate Fox Fullerton Theatre featured decorative elements and motifs all designed to recall the Italian Renaissance: wrought-iron works, massive terra-cotta urns and vases, fountains, elaborate doorways crafted to look like marble, and lantern-like lamps with long, torch-like standards. Each of Meyer and Holler's courtyard theaters are beautiful and distinctive, but also functional, and are the only surviving theaters built by the firm.

It was between the design and building of the influential \$800,000, 1,770-seat Egyptian Theatre (1922) and the amazing \$2 million dollar, 2,200-seat Chinese Theatre (1927) that Meyer and Holler constructed four impressive and distinctly different mid-sized theaters outside of Hollywood, the only suburban theaters constructed by the firm: the Egyptian-styled California

Theatre (1923, razed) in Pomona, <sup>69</sup> the Spanish Colonial Revival Cabrillo Theatre (1923, razed) in San Pedro, <sup>70</sup> the Fox Fullerton Theatre (1925), and the Spanish Baroque West Coast Fox Theatre (1925, razed) in Long Beach. <sup>71</sup> The Fox Fullerton Theatre is the only example of a courtyard theater built by Meyer and Holler outside Hollywood, and the building remains the firm's major architectural contribution to Fullerton and Orange County. The Fox Theatre is also the only Italian Renaissance-styled theater built by Meyer and Holler, the only extant small-to-midsize theater constructed by the firm, and the company's only remaining suburban motion picture palace.

#### Raymond M. Kennedy Context

Although Meyer and Hollers, Inc.'s blueprints, drawings, and advertisements were labeled "Meyer & Holler Architects" or "Meyer & Holler Architectural Designers," neither Meyer nor the Hollers had any architectural background or training, and the firm relied on draftsmen, engineers, and architects, such as Lewis F. Blaize, Everett Hardy Merrill, Donald R. Wilkinson, and Raymond M. Kennedy, for design expertise. It was Raymond McCormick Kennedy (1891-1976) who designed the Fox Fullerton Theatre. Kennedy was born April 12, 1891 in New Brighton, Pennsylvania. In 1915, Kennedy received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cornell University, graduating with the highest marks in his class for which he received the American Institute of Architect's School Medal for General Excellence in Architecture. He was awarded the John Plaut Fellowship for the best record throughout his entire college coursework, which paid for his postgraduate work in design and a Master of Architecture degree in 1916. That same year he received the American Academy in Rome Fellowship Prize in Architecture, the first time the Rome Prize was awarded to a Cornell student.

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Because of complications entailed by World War I and Kennedy's military service, his stay at the American Academy in Rome extended over an unusually long period (1916-1919). A major objective of the Academy's founders—which included architects Charles F. McKim and Daniel Burnham, painters John La Farge and Francis Millet, and sculptors Augustus Saint-Gaudens and Daniel Chester French—was to bring together advanced students in allied fields, such as architecture, sculpture, mural painting, and landscape architecture, to foster an understanding of different arts and to develop an attitude of collaboration. It was during his studies in Rome that Kennedy developed his lifelong predilection for classical and renaissance architecture of Italy.

In 1920, Kennedy returned to New York City where he spent one year with the architectural firm of York and Sawyer and two years with architect Howard Greeley. Kennedy's major project for Greeley's firm was to design a room in the Joseph E. Widener (1872-1943) mansion in Philadelphia to house the painting "The Feast of the Gods," a masterpiece of the Venetian painter Bellini. While working for these notable architects, who specialized in large projects. (3 Kennedy prepared plans, but had no opportunity to design buildings on his own. He was invited by Donald R. Wilkinson to join Meyer and Holler, Inc. in 1922 where he was responsible for architectural design. In addition to his architectural design. skills, Kennedy was also an expert in painting and mural and decorative design, and he was able to advantageously collaborate with the many artists employed in Meyer and Holler's various departments—architecture, engineering, specifications, mural decoration, and sculptural work. In all likelihood, Kennedy was the most formally educated architect working in Los Angeles in the 1920s and 1930s and was certainly one of the best trained. Following the bankruptcy of Meyer and Holler, Inc. in 1932, he joined the faculty of architecture at the University of Southern California (USC) where he became a well-liked and influential professor, teaching classes in architectural design and modeling, mural painting, and freehand sketching. He retired from USC in 1960. In the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s, Kennedy produced plans for the reorganized firm of Meyer and Holler, Inc. and the offices of Robert E. Bennett of Pasadena and William H. Harrison of Los Angeles, worked as a set designer for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Republic Studios, while also pursuing his hobby of fine oil

painting. He was a gifted draftsman, particularly in gouache, and his surviving works range from sketches to large-scale paintings in oil. Kennedy died at the age of 85 on May 11, 1965 of heart failure. (4)

During his employment with Meyer and Holler, Kennedy participated in the design of hundreds of projects as part of a team consisting of one or more architects, engineers, decorators, and artists whose identities and precise contributions to these projects were not normally revealed to either clients or the press. Documenting evidence indicates that Kennedy was the

architect principally responsible for the design of the Petroleum Building (714 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles) for Edward L. Doheny, the Quinby Building (650 S. Grand, Los Angeles), which along with the Petroleum Building marked the first time that Indiana limestone was used on the exterior of a highrise building in Los Angeles, the Los Angeles First National Trust and Savings Bank (6777 Hollywood Blvd.), later the Security Pacific Building, second only in height to the Los Angeles City Hall when it was built in 1927,76 the First Church of Christ, Scientist (Lomita and Central Avenue, Glendale), the Sixteenth Church of Christ, Scientist (5006 Ellenwood Drive, Glendale), the Twenty-Sixth Church of Christ, Scientist (470 N. Andrews Place, Los Angeles), the Universal Building (Washington and Hill, Los Angeles), the E. Clem Wilson Building (5217-5231 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles), 78 the Post Stores (Los Angeles, demolished), the Ocean Center Building (Long Beach, razed), the West Coast Theatre (333 E. Ocean Avenue, Long Beach, razed), and Grauman's Chinese Theatre (6925 Hollywood Blvd). For the office of Robert E. Bennett, Kennedy designed a press box and elevator tower for the Los Angeles Coliseum and the Pasadena City College Library. For the office of William H. Harrison, Kennedy designed the Whittier Public Library and Whittier City Hall, part of a new civic center complex project (1955). Although Kennedy viewed the Petroleum and Quinby Buildings as his finest works, he is best remembered for the Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, considered his masterpiece.

Kennedy's design style was distinctive and his prominent contributions to the design of Meyer and Holler projects can easily be discerned. For the firm, he produced an impressive series of large and small buildings marked by a straightforwardness of layout, a frank expression of structure, an exuberance of décor, and great originality of detail.

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Although Kennedy was one of the most creative designers in reinforced concrete in Los Angeles, and was obviously comfortable working with modern materials, he never embraced modernism, preferring the grandeur of more traditional styles (or what he liked to call the "Grand Manner"). He was at the height of his architectural career in the 1920s when the Fox Theatre was constructed, and when Meyer and Holler's extensive operation gave him unified control of all aspects of his building projects. While Kennedy used a variety of architectural styles ranging from the Beaux Arts to Greek Revival, he often returned to the Italian Renaissance and neo-baroque periods of architecture that he had studied at the American Academy in Rome. The Fox Fullerton Theatre is the only Italian Renaissance-styled theater that Kennedy designed and is representative of his lifelong preference for classical architectural elements. The Fox is an outstanding example of Kennedy's handling of Italian Baroque elements and is his only completed work in Orange County.

#### ARTWORK/MURALIST CONTEXT

The Theatre's interior features the artwork of two notable muralists of the 19320s: A. B. Heinsbergen and John Gabriel Beckmen.

#### Anthony B. Heinsbergen (1894-1981)

Architect Raymond M. Kennedy designed neo-Baroque styled murals for the Theatre's auditorium, <sup>80</sup> but the murals were later assigned to Anthony B. Heinsbergen and Company (formerly Dresher and Heinsbergen Painting and Decorating). Meyer and Holler, Inc. relied on an extensive team of in-house artists for its commissions, therefore subcontracting out the murals was an unusual move for the firm. Throughout his career Heinsbergen collaborated with the most prominent architects of his day on buildings of all types, but his artistic reputation was linked to his theater décors, and he was at the height of his career in the 1920s and 1930s. The California murals that decorate the Theatre's auditorium were painted by C. F. Brunkhorst, an artist working for the firm. In the 1920s when the design firm reached its height in popularity, Brunkhorst was one of 185 painters employed by the decorating company. These artistic crewmembers created tapestries

and painted spectacular ceilings and wall decorations, all designed to complete and complement theater décor.

Anthony (Antoon) B. Heinsbergen, a nationally acclaimed Dutch-born muralist and decorative painter, began his craft as an apprentice in Holland. Upon emigrating with his family to Los Angeles in 1906, Heinsbergen apprenticed himself to a decorative painting contractor the day after his arrival. As a young man, he traveled throughout the United States decorating vaudeville and opera houses. His big break came in 1924 when Alexander Pantages hired him to decorate a string of 22 theaters for the Pantages circuit, culminating in the decoration of the art deco Hollywood Pantages Theatre in 1929. During his long career, Heisenbergen and his artists decorated the interiors of 757 theaters throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico (probably close to 200 survive). His major commissions in Los Angeles include murals for the Los Angeles City Hall (200 North Spring Street), the downtown Biltmore Hotel (506 South Grand Avenue), the Los Angeles Theatre (615 South Broadway), and the Wiltern Theatre (3790 Wilshire Boulevard), the showcase movie palace for Warner Brothers Studio. Although Heinsbergen and his associates would travel all over North America to hand paint murals, the firm also would paint them in the studio on canvas, then apply them to walls and ceilings like wallpaper. When commissions dried up in the 1950s, Heinsbergen took to easel painting, selling his works in Los Angeles galleries. After Heinsbergen died in 1981, his son and granddaughter continued the firm as A. T. Heinsbergen & Company, specializing in both interior decoration and restoration work. The Company is frequently called upon to restore the walls and ceiling decorations originally painted by the elder Heinsbergen.

Heinsbergen worked in a variety of styles and was able to adapt to different styles of architecture and ornamentation as tastes changed. While he could show restraint, Heinsbergen and his firm are known for their spectacular ceilings and wall decorations done in a florid decorative opulence in the classically inspired style he preferred. He is remembered for his "delightful mish-mash of Byzantine sumptuousness, art deco cubism and pure kitsch, perfect for the timeless and vulgar

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opulence of movie-going."<sup>83</sup> The Fox Theatre murals are unusual because of their straightforward narrative of the exploration and discovery of California.<sup>84</sup> The California murals in the Fox Theatre constitute Heinsbergen's major commission in Orange County.

#### John Gabriel Beckman (1898-1989)

Born in Astoria, Oregon in 1898 where his family practiced medicine, Beckman was raised in San Francisco. His parents sent him to Russia to study architecture at the age of 12, but he was too young to qualify for the architectural academy at St. Petersburg, and never received formal training. Of Russian descent, Beckman sometimes claimed to be related to the last czar and czarina, Nicholas and Alexandra, whom he met while living in Russia. He was forced to return to the United States in 1912 when his mother became ill. He attended the University of California, Berkeley briefly, then worked for a

Sacramento architect before moving to Los Angeles in 1920, where he sought work with architectural firms. He then began working for Meyer and Holler, Inc. where he created color schemes, furnishings, wall hangings, and murals. While employed by the firm. Beckman worked on the Egyptian Theatre, decorated the groin-vaulted lobby ceiling in the Petroleum Building (716 West Olympic Blvd.), restored in the 1980s, created murals for the Town House Apartments (2959-2973 Wilshire Blvd.), now the Sheraton Town House Hotel overlooking Lafayette Park, and in 1927, headed the design team for the landmark Chinese Theatre. The Chinese Theatre project led directly to a commission for the Avalon Casino on Santa Catalina Island. Working with a team of five artists (Emil Kosa, Jr., Aloyous Bohnen, Vsevolod Ulianoff, Alexander Kiss, and Eugene de Goncz), Beckman began work on the casino in the autumn of 1928. Nine colorful murals graced the entrance lobby loggia. In the first floor theater, the audience is surrounded by art deco murals painted on panels. The nine casino murals, painted on a burlap-like, sound-absorbing fabric—"a fantasia of mermaids, explorers and undersea deities"—took three months to complete. Beckman also designed the second-story ballroom with its elaborate ceiling. When the work was finished, his reputation was firmly established. In 1942, he designed the Hollywood Canteen (1451 Cahuenga Blvd.), a club for servicemen visiting Hollywood run by members of the film community. When the Depression dried up his mural commissions, Beckman became a set designer for Hollywood films, including Mr. Deeds Goes to Town (1936), Lost Horizon (1937), The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938), The Maltese Falcon (1941), Casablanca (1942), Mildred Pierce (1945), Monsieur Verdoux (1947), and Rhapsody in Blue (1945). In the 1950s, he advanced to art direction, serving as art director for such films as Calamity Jane (1953), Young at Heart (1955), The Bad Seed (1956), The Helen Morgan Story (1959), and Gypsy (1962). When film production in Hollywood decreased, he then turned to television where he worked as an art director for numerous television series (e.g., The Partridge Family, Cheers, Nero Wolfe, Designing Women, etc.). He died at the age of 91, still working, on October 25, 1989, in Sherman Oaks, California.86 The mural and other artwork that Beckman designed for the Fox Theatre represents his only artistic endeavor in Orange County, and the only time he employed the Italian Renaissance theme in his theater work.

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<sup>3</sup>The Fox Fullerton Theatre was only one of a handful of theaters in Southern California to feature a large rooftop sign. Theaters (all razed) that had the rooftop signs included the Carthay Circle Theatre, the Fox Figueroa Theatre, the Fox Uptown Theatre, and the Fox Ritz Theatre, all in Los Angeles, and the Fox Belmont Theatre in Long Beach. However, the signs can still be found at the Fox Westlake in Los Angeles and the Fox Highland Theatre (now Highland 3 Theatres) in Highland Park.

<sup>4</sup>This stairway design feature was borrowed directly from the Egyptian Theatre, built three years earlier by Meyer and Holler, Inc. Instead of an urn and Greek mask, the Egyptian Theatre features the head of an Egyptian warrior and hieroglyphics.

<sup>5</sup>"Front Court to Be Ablaze: Theatre in Hollywood Serves as a Model." *Fullerton Daily News Tribune* October 2, 1930, p.

One characteristic of the courtyard theaters built by Meyer and Holler, Inc. was their minimal signage. When Grauman's Egyptian Theatre opened, there was only a small Grauman's sign at the back of the courtyard. The architects of the theaters thought the buildings' exotic and striking architecture would be instantly recognizable and serve as a form of signage that adequately advertised the building.

<sup>6</sup>"Box Office Will be Put Further Out." *Fullerton Daily News Tribune* October 2, 1930, p.1. Like the Egyptian Theatre, the Fox had a ticket window (along with a ticket machine) originally near the front entrance. When this arrangement proved impractical, ticket booths near the street were added to both theaters in 1930. Theater owners and managers found that customers had to walk the length of the forecourt to buy their tickets and then might have to go back out to the street to get into a waiting line.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Staff Report HL-35, July 11, 1990. On file with the Fullerton Development Services Dept.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Talking Films Open Sunday." Fullerton Daily News Tribune, February 16, 1929, p. 1. By 1929, there were dozens of competing sound systems (the 1929 Film Daily Yearbook lists 75). The Avalon Theater (1929) on Santa Catalina Island was the first theater in the world to be acoustically engineered for sound.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>"Hear Better By Discovery: Acoustone Lining Put in Auditorium." Fullerton Daily News Tribune October 2, 1930, p. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>"Large Screen Brings Depth." Fullerton Daily News Tribune October 2, 1930, p. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> New Interior Fittings Used." Fullerton Daily News Tribune October 2, 1930, p. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>When the Fox opened in 1925, large-volume circulation systems of the type found in modern air-conditioning systems were not available. The building was heated by three gas furnaces, and ventilation was provided by the Carrier Air Washing System, manufactured by the Carrier Engineering Corporation (1915-1930), that "washed, changed and cooled" the air every six minutes. Tempered air was ducted in from beneath the seats (each seat had its own "mushroom" ventilator) and used to fill the main auditorium and balcony area. Air was drawn out through vents around the Theatre. This method ensured a steady circulation of fresh air in the Theatre at all times. This ventilation system (Patent #821,989) was first used to great effect at Sid Grauman's Million Dollar Theatre (1918) in Los Angeles. *Chapman's Alician Court Theatre, Fullerton, California [Opening Night Program]*. Fullerton, CA: [Privately Printed], 1925. On file in the Launer Room, Fullerton Public Library.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> "Formal Opening for Roy J. Lyon Tire Service, New Station in Fullerton is Tomorrow Night." *Fullerton Daily News Tribune* July 12, 1929, p. 6; "Celebration to Open New Service Station." *Fullerton Daily News Tribune* July 12, 1929, p. 14. Includes black and white drawing of the Firestone building and portraits of manager Harry F. Rees, president Roy J. Lyon, and assistant manager Orval I. Lyon.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>Thompson came from Los Angeles around 1918 to erect a home for the banker Frederick Krause on the corner of Malvern and Spadra (525 N. Spadra). This two-story Colonial Revival house was later moved to 865 N. Grandview. Thompson also designed the Fullerton Boys and Girls Library (1207 N. Lemon), now housed in Hillcrest Park and used as a recreational building. Thompson remained in Fullerton (217 N. Berkeley) doing extensive building until 1939 when he moved to Santa Rosa, where he died on September 28, 1943. Thompson subcontracted out the work on the Firestone building to Fullerton contractors: J. E. Lechner did the plastering and stuccoing, J. L. Hider the brickwork, W. T. Kisner & Son the wrought iron work, Jack Riley and Son the painting and decorating, Reliable Sheet Metal Works the sheet metal and skylight work, and C. W. Reeve the plumbing. "A. M. Thompson, Contractor, Dies." Fullerton Daily News Tribune September 29, 1943, p. 1.

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<sup>24</sup>C. Stanley Chapman anticipated that the theater building would cost \$375,000. The Chapman family funded \$200,000 for the project and tried to raise an additional \$175,000 through seven percent serial gold bonds. "\$175,000 Chapman Theatre Building, Fullerton, California." Los Angeles Times July 1, 1924, p. 16.

<sup>25</sup>C. Stanley Chapman sponsored a local contest to name the theater and create a slogan. Mrs. Florence T. Jacobsen (118 N. Spadra) and Mrs. Mary West (120 W. Commonwealth) came up with the winning name. Runners-up were the Florentine, the Venetian, and the Italian Theaters. Miss Gertrude E. Marston came up with the winning slogan, "The Theater Beautiful." "Fullerton's New Theater Given Name." *Fullerton Daily News Tribune* April 6, 1925, p. 1.

<sup>26</sup>A descendent of Robert E. Lee and Light Horse Harry Lee, Wilber came with his family from Albion, New York to California in 1885. After leaving high school, he moved to Denver where he served as city editor of the *Rocky Mountain News*, the *Denver Post*, and the *Denver Times*. In 1914, he moved to San Diego where he and a partner managed two motion pictures theaters. In 1917, Wilber moved to Fullerton where he converted a building on Harbor Boulevard into the Rialto Theatre, which developed a reputation for offering the best first-run movies available from Hollywood at affordable prices. His daughter Alice Ellen played the piano during film presentations at the Rialto. It was Wilber who brought movie business expertise to the Fullerton project. Through his connections, Wilber was able to snag new film releases from Hollywood and to set up many movie premiers that took place at the Theatre. "Harry Lee Wilber." *History of Orange County with Biographical Sketches*. Ed. Samuel Armor. Los Angeles, CA: Historic Record Company, 1921, p. 1503; "Rialto Theatre." *Brea Progress*, 1918 (?).

<sup>27</sup>Dolla and her husband Will C. Harris, an architect and builder, came to Fullerton from Malcomb, Illinois in 1894 and became well-known for designing and building well-crafted bungalows (known as the Harris Bungalows), which were sold by the Chapman Brothers. Mrs. Harris had tearooms in the New York Store on Grand Avenue and the Barker Brothers Store (11<sup>th</sup> floor) at 2200 West Seventh in Los Angeles, and a third store at 1841 North Cahuenga in Hollywood. Tearooms were enormously popular in America in the first half of the twentieth century. They attracted the social elite, who found it convenient and charming to entertain their guests in tearooms. The large and high-class Mary Louise Tea Rooms were known for their salads, dainty sandwiches, and desserts. The Tea Rooms were the frequent site of banquets, wedding

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showers, bridesmaids' luncheons, and fashion shows and were often mentioned in the society pages of the *Los Angeles Times* and *Fullerton News Tribune*. The Fullerton Tea Room offered lunches and dinners for \$1.50. When her husband died in 1931, Mrs. Harris sold the Mary Louise Tea Rooms to the Pig'n Whistle Corporation.

<sup>28</sup>Laura's Flower Shoppe was originally located at 404 North Spadra. In March 1927, Yaeger, who also worked as the auditor for the Fox Fullerton Theatre, married Paul Lazeres, manager of the Mission Inn, the first restaurant to replace the Mary Louise Tea Rooms. "Flower Shop to Open Tomorrow." *Fullerton Daily News Tribune* December 14, 1925, p. 1.

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<sup>33</sup>Chapman's Alician Court Theatre, Fullerton, California [Opening Night Program]. Fullerton, CA: [Privately Printed], 1925, p. 9. On file in the Launer Room, Fullerton Public Library.

<sup>34</sup>A soloist and a director, Fallas studied with Max Bendix and Harry Diamond. He was formerly director of the Orpheum Theatres in St. Joseph, Missouri and Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The first orchestra consisted of ten musicians.

<sup>35</sup>David Jackson Marr (1882-1951), a London immigrant, and John C. Colton started the Marr and Colton Organ Company in 1915 in Warsaw, New York. Workers would construct an organ on plant premises, then dismantle it for shipment, and reassemble the parts at the instrument's designation. Angelo Morong (Schenectady, New York) installed most of the firm's organs, including the one in the Fox Fullerton Theatre. The firm built about 300 theater organs, ranking as the country's sixth largest organ builder. At its height in the mid-twenties, the company had 375 people on its payroll and offices in New York, Chicago, Detroit, and Los Angeles. The firm is remembered for its invention known as the "Symphonic Registrator" in which preset stops on the console were labeled with emotions—anger, lealousy, suspense, excitement—designed to reflect the emotion of the silent film. The Marr and Colton Company built one of its largest theater organs for the 4,000-seat Rochester Theatre in New York. Other notable installations include the Oriole Theatre in Detroit, the Rivoli Theatre in Toledo, Ohio, and Zaring's Egyptian Theatre in Indianapolis, Indiana. Although the company advertised itself as "America's Finest Organ," the organs produced were cheaply made and not designed to last longer than ten years. The Depression of the 1930s and the advent of talking pictures eventually doomed the company, which ceased business in 1932. Klos, David. Encyclopedia of the American Theatre Organ, Volume I. Pasadena: Showcase Publications, 1985, p. 289-313; Landon, John. Behold the Mighty Wurlitzer: The History of the Theatre Pipe Organ. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1983, p. 42-45; "Hugh Pipe Organ to Be Feature of New Chapman Theatre." Fullerton Daily News Tribune May 27, 1925, p. 4. Includes drawings of the proscenium and the stairway to the mezzanine level.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup>In addition to the Fox Fullerton organ, Marr and Colton built organs for only three other theaters in California: the Brayton Theatre in Long Beach, the Tempest Theatre in Los Angeles, and the Rialto Theatre in Stockton, California. The Marr and Colton Company's main plant was in Warsaw, New York, but at the time of the Fox installation, the Company was negotiating for a site to build a branch plant in Fullerton, which was never constructed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup>Johnson was the organist at the Forum Theatre (4050 West Pico), but is best known for his Wurlitzer instrumentals during meals at famous Clifton's Cafeteria in Los Angeles. A composer, he wrote the score for the silent film version of the Wizard of Oz (1925) and penned a number of tunes, including "King of the Air March" (1910), "Salute to Panama" (1914), "Boy Scouts Parade March" (1915), and "I Want to Grow with Growing Omaha" (1923). Rehrig, William H. The Heritage Encyclopedia of Band Music, Composers and Their Music, Volume I. Ed. Paul E. Bierly. Westerville, OH: Integrity Press, 1991, p. 377; "Of Interest in Melody's Realm." Los Angeles Times July 6, 1924, p. B38. Includes a black and white photo of Johnson.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup>The only other movie theater in Fullerton is a multiplex at 1001 South Lemon constructed in the 1990s.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup>"Plan New Homes." Los Angeles Times April 17, 1910, pt. 5, p. 20, 24. Includes a photograph of the dwelling.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup>Meyer was born in the family home in Los Angeles on October 7, 1874 and was a graduate of Los Angeles High School. He started out in the hay and feed business. Meyer served as president of the Milwaukee Building Company and its successor Meyer and Holler, Inc. until his retirement in 1941. He married one of his clients, widow Mabel Miles Gray, and the two were members of the social register. After retirement, he moved to Santa Barbara, living in the California Hotel owned by his stepson Miles Robert Gray until his death on April 1, 1955 at the age of 90. "Certificate of Death: Mendel Meyer." On file in the Office of the County Clerk-Recorder, Santa Barbara; "Mendel Meyer, Veteran L.A. Builder, Dies." Los Angeles Times April 2, 1955, p. A6.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup>In 1923, the firm legally changed its name from the Milwaukee Building Company to Meyer & Holler. "In the Matter of the Application of Milwaukee Building Company, a Corporation, for Change of Name; In the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, December 5, 1923." On file with the California State Archives, Sacramento.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup>In 1920. Vidor persuaded his father Charles S. Vidor to sell his insurance business and undertake the building and management of a studio (Vidor Village). They purchased a square block on Santa Monica Boulevard in Hollywood, but did not have the finances needed to construct studio buildings. Meyer and Holler agreed to construct the buildings. Vidor was to pay a rental fee with an option to buy after a certain time at a set price. When the Depression hit, Vidor could not pay the rent and sued the firm, charging that it was actually not rent he was paying, but interest, a violation of usury laws. Meyer and Holler were not notified of the action, but were ordered by Appellate Judge Gavin W. Craig to pay a \$50,000 penalty. The lawsuit bankrupted the firm. Three years later, Judge Crawford (1878-1948), a member of the Charles Crawford crime syndicate in Los Angeles, was convicted in federal court of conspiracy to obstruct justice in the widely publicized Italo Petroleum Case. "Bankruptcy No. 19391-C in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California, Central Division, October 10, 1932." On file in the National Archives and Records Administration. Pacific Region. Laguna Nigel, California; Vidor, King. A Tree is a Tree. New York: Garland Publishing, 1977, p. 85-90; Holler, Wesley C. "Meyer and Holler." 1968; "Vidor Makes Plans Known." Los Angeles Times September 5, 1920, p. IIIB: "New Film Studio: Plant for King W. Vidor to Be Occupied in Near Future." Los Angeles Times June 20, 1920, p. V1: Rasmussen, Cecilia. "Powerful L.A. Couple Fell from Prominence; Erwin 'Pete' Werner and His Wife, Helen, Were Top Players in City Politics During the 1930s but Corruption Probes Blocked Their Ambitions." Los Angeles Times May 22, 2005, p. B2. At the time of the court ruling, the archives of Meyer and Holler were partially dispersed but mostly destroyed in connection with the bankruptcy proceedings. Blueprints of some projects are retained by various public agencies and building owners in Southern California.

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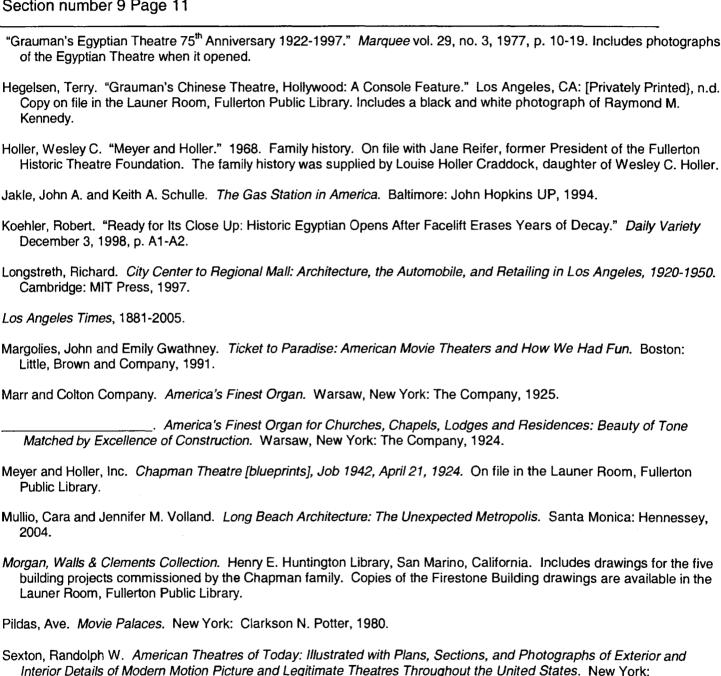
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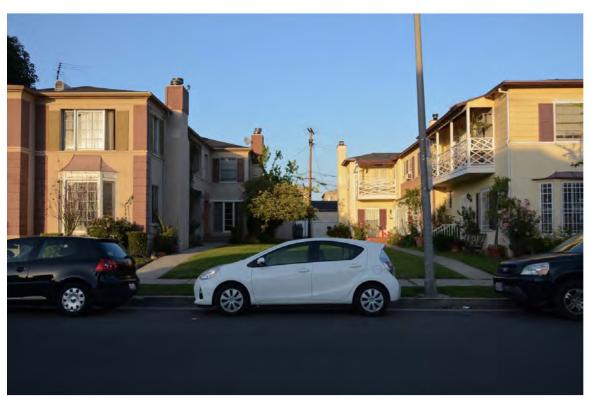
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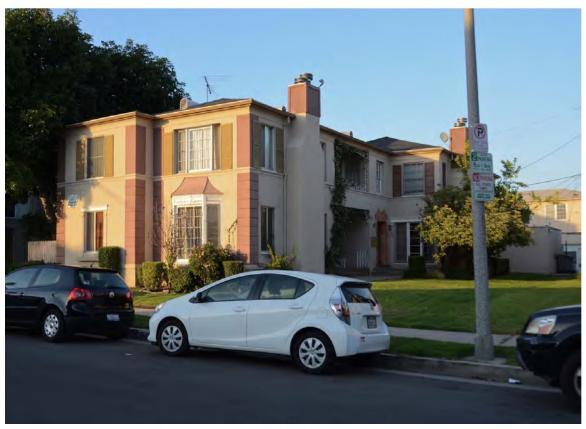
**A2.** 106-110 N. Flores, Wesley Holler building two doors from nominated buildings



**A3.** 128 to 134 N. Flores St., courtyard complex adjacent to nominated buildings



**A4.** 128 N. Flores courtyard building detail



**A5.** 134 N. Flores courtyard building detail



**A6.** Courtyard complex at 129 to 139 N. Flores, across from nominated buildings



**A7.** Looking south at the west side of Flores St. showing regular 10-foot setbacks

B. Context



**B1.** 124 N. Flores looking south



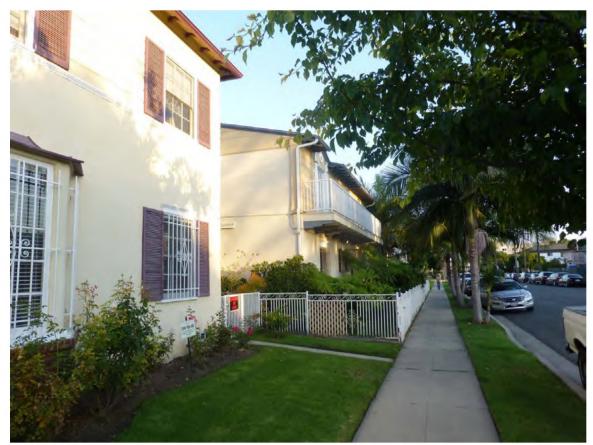
**B2.** 118 N. Flores looking north



**B3.** 118-124 N. Flores street façade view



**B4.** Sidewalk view of 118-124 N. Flores looking north from Wesley Holler building



**B5.** Sidewalk view of 118-124 N. Flores looking south

### C. Exteriors 124 to 126½ N. Flores



C1. 124 N. Flores front and side facades



C2. 124 N. Flores from the courtyard showing unit entry canopy



C3. 124 N. Flores showing unit entry walk and canopy



C4. 124 N. Flores from courtyard



C5. 124 N. Flores entry canopy



**C6.** 124 N. Flores showing wide roof overhangs at street and side facades



C7. Side face of 124 N. Flores from second story of 118 N. Flores



C8. Entry path through courtyard to units in 124 N. Flores



**C9.** Lower façade of 124 N. Flores showing wide overhanging balcony

# D. Exteriors 118 to 122½ N. Flores



**D1.** Front façade of 118 N. Flores



**D2.** Front and south facing facades of 118 N. Flores



**D3.** 118 N. Flores courtyard entry stair and canopy



**D4.** 118 N. Flores entry canopy showing Minimal Traditional column and swag details combined with Streamline Moderne handrails



**D5.** 118 N. Flores side face from courtyard



**D6.** Side face of 118 N. Flores from second story of 124 N. Flores

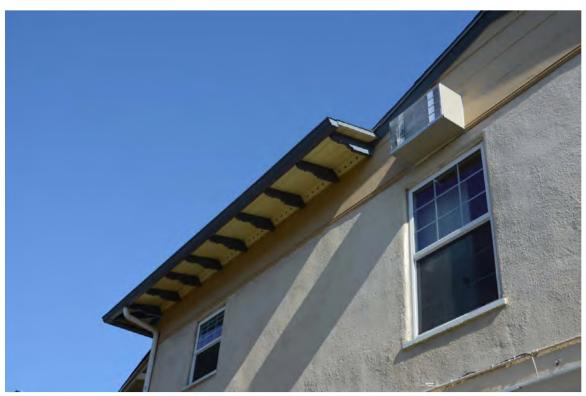


**D7.** 118 N. Flores showing unusual double attached chimneys



**D8.** Front façade of 118 N. Flores showing simpler 1939 design of overhanging balcony

## E. Exterior Details



**E1.** Detail of 124 N. Flores showing wide side roof overhangs



**E2.** Bracket details on Monterey Revival style balcony at 124 N. Flores



**E3.** Front balcony of 124 N. Flores showing a combination of Monterey Revival and Minimal Traditional style details



**E4.** Balcony of 118 N. Flores showing simplified details as compared to 124 N. Flores



**E5.** Detail of fan window above 124 N. Flores courtyard entry canopy



**E6.** One of several wooden fan window details on 124 N. Flores



**E7.** Second floor detail of 124 N. Flores showing wide plank siding



**E8.** Detail of metal latticework on entry canopy of 124 N. Flores



**E9.** One of several clay chimney pots on 124 N. Flores



**E10.** Original garage lamp detail of 124 N. Flores



**E11.** Original unit entry door hardware of 124 N. Flores



**E12.** Original door knocker at 124 N. Flores matches oval on door hardware



**E13.** Original unit entry door hardward of 118 N. Flores



**E14.** Unit entry door of 126 ½ N. Flores



**E15.** Roof overhang bracket detail on side balcony of 124 N. Flores



**E16.** Original lantern within entry canopy of 124 N. Flores



**E17.** Original pendant lights and brackets under private balcony of 124 N. Flores



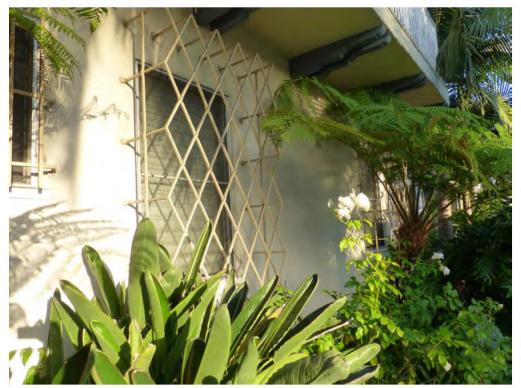
**E18.** Original hanging lantern in public stair hall of 124 N. Flores



**E19.** Unit entry detail 124 N. Flores



**E20.** Decorative iron window grilles and original address plaques of 124 N. Flores



**E21.** Decorative iron window grilles beneath overhanging balcony of 124 N. Flores



**E22.** Detail of corner at 124 N. Flores showing wooden fanlights, overhanging balcony corbels and decorative iron grillework



**E23.** Original Moderne-style window of 118 N. Flores

## F. Courtyard



**F1.** Courtyard from beneath entry canopy of 124 N. Flores



**F2.** Courtyard looking from rear toward Flores St.



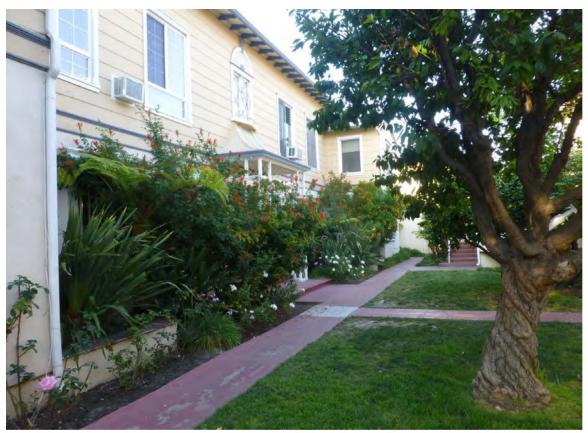
**F3.** Entry to 124 N. Flores with adjacent vegitation of New Zealand Flax, Cape Honeysuckle and roses



**F4.** View of 118 N. Flores half of courtyard showing citrus trees and Australian Tree Ferns



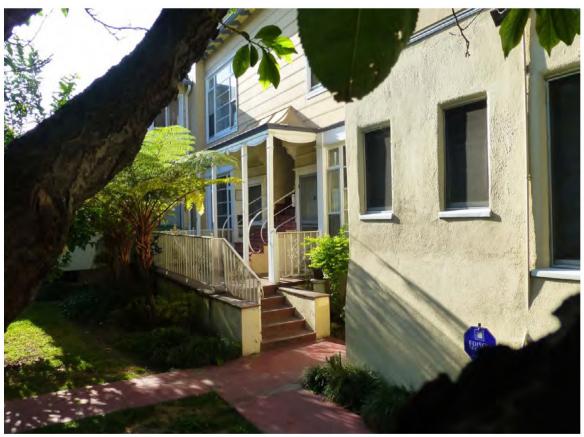
**F5.** Overhead view of courtyard showing density of vegetation



**F6.** Path from Flores St. toward rear of lot showing New Zealand Flax, Cape Honeysuckle and roses



**F7.** East end of courtyard looking toward Flores St. showing Orange Trumpet Vine and Austrialian Tree Ferns



**F8.** 118 N. Flores entry showing shade grasses and Australian Tree Fern



F9. Path to 118 N. Flores from Flores St.



**F11.** Entry canopy of 124 N. Flores with climbing Cape Honeysuckle

### G. Stairs



**G1.** Entry to 126 N. Flores, Mendel and Mabel Meyer home in 1938



**G2.** Base of stair hall at entry to Meyer unit, with entry door and original sunburst light fixture



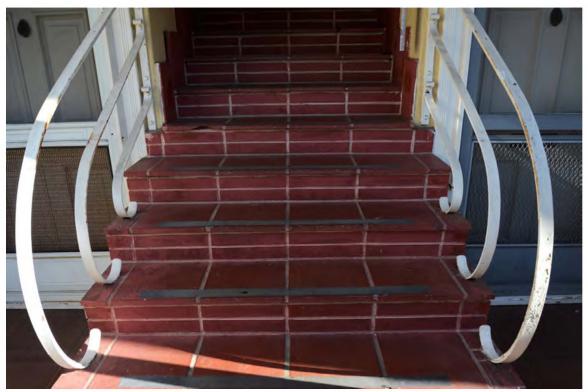
**G3.** Stair hall to  $124\frac{1}{2}$  and  $126\frac{1}{2}$  N. Flores units with original stair railing and porthole-style window



**G4.** Wrought iron railing detail in stair hall to 124½ and 126½ N. Flores units



**G5.** Iron and brass newell detail in stair hall of 124 N. Flores



**G6.** Art Moderne stair railings and steps leading to units at 118½ and 120 N.Flores, second home of Mendell Meyer at least by 1942



G7. Stair hall for 118 1/2 and 120 Flores



**G8.** Second floor landing with inset niche for  $118\frac{1}{2}$  and 120 N Flores

H. Alley



**H1.** Alley behind 118 and 124 N. Flores. Garages belonging to the nominated buildings at right with white doors and blue trim

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Private patios and balconies



**I1.** Original French doors onto the private balcony of 120 N. Flores



12. Original French doors onto the private patio of 126 N. Flores

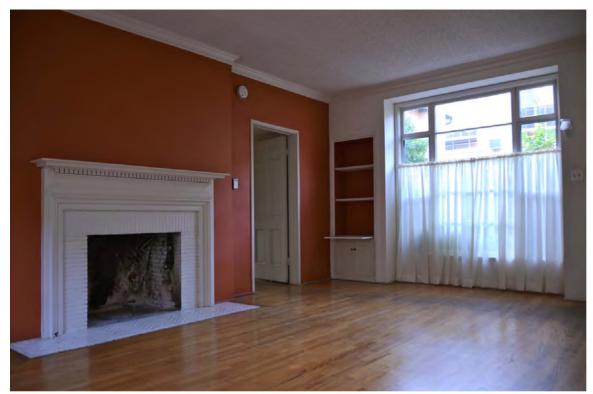


**13.** Front overhanging balcony of 126 N. Flores looking north



14. Front overhanging balcony of 126 N. Flores looking south

# J. Interiors 118 & 118 ½ N. Flores



**J1.** 118 N. Flores living room with original hardwood floors



**J2.** 118 N. Flores unit entry and view into courtyard



**J3.** 118 N. Flores fireplace detail



**J4.** 118 N. Flores mantle with dentil trim at left and built-in cabinetry



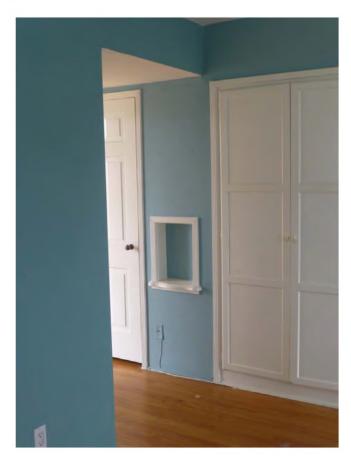
**J5.** Original Colonial Style wall sconce and view into courtyard from 118 N. Flores



**J6.** 118 ½ N. Flores living room and view into courtyard



**J7.** 118 ½ N. Flores fireplace and doors to dining room and hallway into kitchen



**J8.** 118 ½ N. Flores built-in cabinetry and telephone nook

#### K.

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#### 120 N. Flores

# Second residence of Mendel and Mabel Meyer



K1. 120 N. Flores unit entry, second residence of Mendel and Mabel Meyer



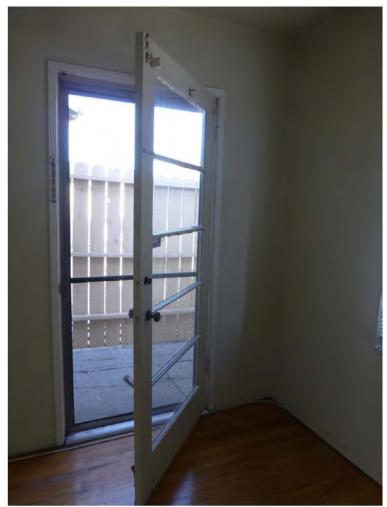
**K2.** 120 N. Flores living room showing corner fireplace, built-in cabinetry and view into courtyard



**K3.** 120 N. Flores corner fireplace with Minimal Traditional swag and reeded details



**K4.** Ceiling plaster molding in 120 N. Flores



**K5.** Original French door onto balcony of 120 N. Flores

# L. Interiors 124 ½ &126 ½ N. Flores



**L1.** Living room of 124 ½ N. Flores with original faux pegged hardwood floors



**L2.** Colonial style fireplace and built-in cabinetry details in 124 ½ N. Flores



**L3.** Colonial Style fireplace and built-in cabinetry in 126  $\frac{1}{2}$  N. Flores



**L4.** Original French doors onto the balcony of 126 ½ N. Flores

## М.

## **Interiors**

## 126 N. Flores

## First Residence of Mendel and Mabel Meyer



**M1.** Unit entry into 126 N. Flores, the first residence of Mendel and Mabel Meyer



M2. Opposite wall of living room of unit at 126 N. Flores



M3. View into courtyard and Cape Honeysuckle from unit at 126 N. Flores



**M4.** 126 N.Flores mantle and brick hearth detail with original faux pegged hardwood floor



**M5.** Built in Colonial Style cabintry door surround in living room at 124 N. Flores



M6. Built-in Colonial Style curio cabinet in living room of 126 N.Flores



M7. Dining room of 126 N. Flores showing connecting hall to bathroom



M8. Opposite wall of dining room in 126 N. Flores showing built-in cabinetry and original French doors onto private patio



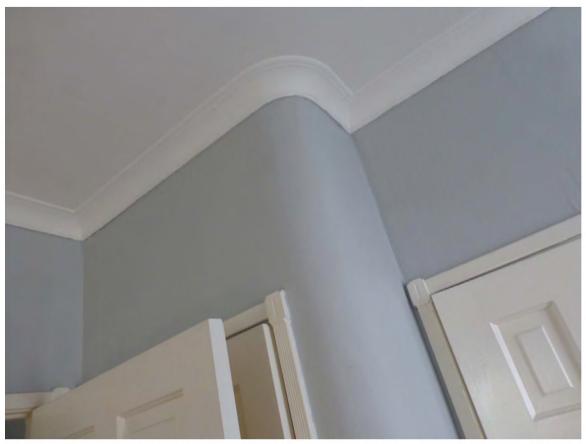
M9. Original French doors from living room onto private patio



**M10.** Private patio of 126 N.Flores with oversized corbels supporting balcony above



**M11.** Dividing partition between private patios with original balcony railings at upper left



M12. Curved wall detail with original door and ceiling molding in 126 N. Flores



M13. "Secret door" in dining room paneled wall in 126 N. Flores



M14. Heating vent detail in 126 N. Flores



**M15.** Detail of Colonial Revival built-in cabinetry in 126 N. Flores



**M16.** Colonial Revival mirrored curio cabinet in 126 N. Flores

# N. Interiors Kitchen and Bathroom Tile



**N1.** Sink and trash nook in blue and white colored porcelain bathroom tiles in 118 N. Flores



**N2.** Tile towel bar and trash nook in blue and white tiled bathroom in 118 ½ N. Flores



**N3.** Bathtub arch in blue and white tiled bathroom of 126½ N. Flores, first residence of Mendel and Mabel Meyer



**N4.** Kitchen in unit 120 N. Flores, second residence of Mendel and Mabel Meyer



**N5.** Royal blue and white tile detail on sink and backsplash in unit at 120 N. Flores, second Meyer residence



**N6.** Jade colored tile in bathroom of 124 N. Flores with original angeld sink cabinet



N7. Original jade colored porcelain tile framing the floor in unit at 124 N. Flores



**N8.** Bathtub arch with jade and white tile in bathroom of 126 N. Flores, Mendel and Mabel Meyer first residence



**N9.** Jade colored tile with original angled sink cabinet in bathroom of 126 N. Flores, Mendel and Mabel Meyer first residence



N10. Pink tiled bathroom in 122 N. Flores



**N11.** Pink tiled bathroom with original etched mirror in 118 N. Flores



**N12.** Pink tiled bathroom of 118 N. Flores with original reeded and angeld sink cabinet



N13. Kitchen of 124 N. Flores with red and yellow tile



N14. Light over stove in kitchen with red tile trim in 126 ½ N. Flores

## HISTORICAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ANALYSIS REPORT

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### I. INTRODUCTION

#### A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this Historic Resources Assessment and Environmental Impact Analysis Report ("Report") is to identify and evaluate potential historical resources located at 118-126 N. Flores Street, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California on assessor parcel numbers ("APN") 5511-009-007 and 5511-009-008. This report was prepared to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), to assess the existing buildings and landscapes on the subject properties (Properties) and neighboring parcels for eligibility as historical resources. This Report, completed by PCR Services Corporation (PCR), documents and evaluates the federal, state, and local significance and eligibility of the subject property. The Report includes a discussion of the survey methods used, a brief historic context of the property and surrounding area, and the identification and evaluation of the subject properties.

The Properties are located at 118-126 N. Flores Street in the neighborhood of Beverly Grove, City of Los Angeles, as shown in Figure 1, Regional Map. The Properties are bordered by N. Flores Street to the west, and a small alley to the east, as shown in Figure 2, Aerial Photograph, and consists of two parcels, each developed with a two-story Minimal Traditional multi-family residence, with American Colonial and Monterey Revival elements. The northern parcel (APN 5511-009-007) located at 124-126 1/2. N. Flores Street is improved with a two-story apartment building ("North Building") built in 1936, while the south parcel (APN 5511-009-008) located at 118-122 1/2 N. Flores is improved with a two-story apartment building ("South Building") built in 1939. Both the North and South Buildings were designed/constructed by Meyer and Holler, Architects, Engineers and Builders. The North and South Buildings do not appear individually significant under SurveyLA historic themes like Garden Apartments (1938-1960) and Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942). Built in 1936 and 1939, the North and South Buildings are part of the Beverly Square neighborhood which represents Los Angeles development during the economic struggles of the Great Depression. However, as individual buildings, the subject properties do not possess the level significance required to be eligible as individual resources. The North and South Buildings are not related to historic persons relevant to national, State or community history and do not meet the criterion for representation of a particular style of architecture. Although the North and South Buildings are associated with Mendel Meyer and the significant construction firm of Meyer and Holler, Architects, Engineers and Builders, the Buildings do not represent their most notable works. The North and South Buildings were constructed after the retirement of company founder, Mendel Meyer in 1936 and represent low-cost income producing investment properties constructed to support Meyer's retirement years. The modest Buildings on the subject property are incomparable to many of the impressive projects completed by Meyer and Holler (also known as the Milwaukee Building Company) during the first three decades of the twentieth century, many of which have been recognized as national, state, and local monuments.

The North and South Buildings have been identified by SurveyLA as contributors to the proposed Beverly Square Historic District and after a closer examination of the both buildings, PCR agrees with this determination. However, PCR discovered significant alterations to both the North and South Buildings, such as room additions, window alterations, balcony additions and removals, and an obstructive front metal fence. As a result of these investigations, PCR identified the Buildings as Contributors (Altered) and assigned them a California Historical Resource Status Code of 5D2, meaning they are contributors to a district that is eligible for local listing or designation.

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#### В. **METHODOLOGY**

This Report was conducted by PCR's Historic Resources Division personnel, including Margarita C. Jerabek, Ph.D., Director of Historic Resources, Amanda Y. Kainer, M.S., Senior Architectural Historian, Christian Taylor, M.H.P., Architectural Historian, and Adam Rajper, M.S., Intern Architectural Historian whom meet and exceed the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards in history and architectural history.<sup>1</sup> Professional qualifications are provided in Appendix G of this report.

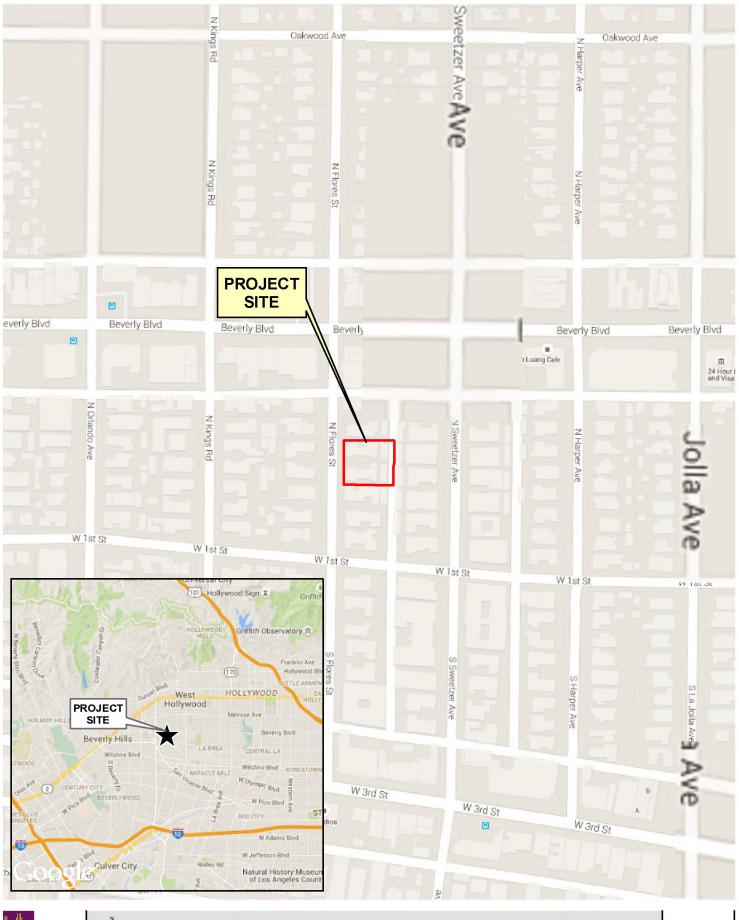
The historical resources evaluation involved a review of the National Register and its annual updates, the California Register, the Statewide Historical Resources Inventory (HRI) database maintained by the State Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) and the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), and the City of Los Angeles's inventory of historic properties to identify any previously recorded properties within or near the Project Site, as well as environmental review assessments for other projects in the vicinity. An intensive pedestrian survey was also undertaken to document the existing conditions of the property and Project vicinity. In addition, the following tasks were performed for the study:

The Professional Qualification Standards are requirements used by the National Park Service and have been published in the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"), 36 CFR Part 61.

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 Searched records of the National Register, California Register, California Historic Resources Inventory Database, and City of Los Angeles City Historic-Cultural Monuments designations.

- Conducted field inspections of the study area and the Project Site, and utilized the survey methodology of the State OHP.
- Photographed the Residence on the Project Site, and examined other properties in the area that exhibited potential architectural and/or historical associations.
- Conducted site-specific research on the property utilizing Sanborn fire insurance maps, City directories, historical photographs, California Index, Avery Index, Online Archive of California, USC Digital Collections, historical Los Angeles Times, the American Institute of Architects ("AIA") Historical Directory of American Architects, and other published sources. Conducted research at the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety and Los Angeles County Assessor.
- Reviewed and analyzed ordinances, statutes, regulations, bulletins, and technical materials relating to federal, state, and local historic preservation, designation assessment processes, and related programs.
- Evaluated potential historic resources based upon criteria used by the National Register, California Register, and City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Ordinance.
- Assessed the Project against the CEQA thresholds for determining the significance of impacts to historical resources.



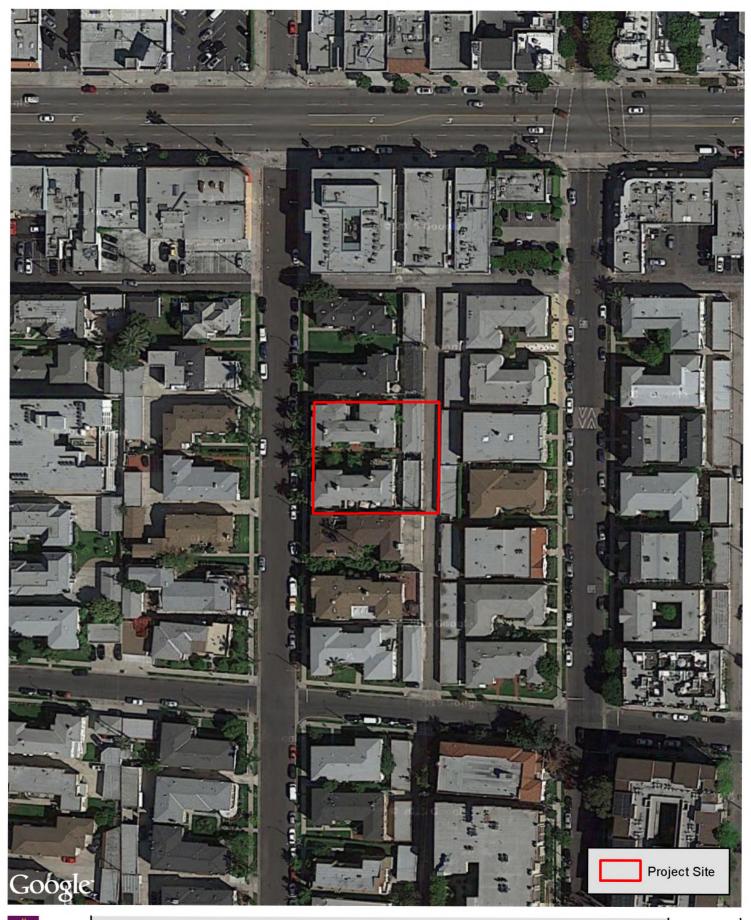


Project Location and Vicinity Map

250 500 Feet

118-126 N. Flores Street, Los Angeles
Source: Google Maps, 2015; PCR Services Corporation, 2015.

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#### II. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Historic resources fall within the jurisdiction of several levels of government. Federal laws provide the framework for the identification, and in certain instances, protection of historic resources. Additionally, states and local jurisdictions play active roles in the identification, documentation, and protection of such resources within their communities. The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended and the California Public Resources Code (PRC), Section 5024.1, are the primary federal and state laws and regulations governing the evaluation and significance of historic resources of national, State, regional, and local importance. Descriptions of these relevant laws and regulations are presented below.

#### Α. **FEDERAL LEVEL**

#### 1. National Register of Historic Places

The National Register was established by the NHPA as "an authoritative guide to be used by federal, state, and local governments, private groups and citizens to identify the Nation's cultural resources and to indicate what properties should be considered for protection from destruction or impairment."<sup>2</sup> The National Register recognizes properties that are significant at the national, state, and/or local levels.

To be eligible for listing in the National Register, a resource must be significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture. Four criteria for evaluation have been established to determine the significance of a resource:

- A. It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;
- B. It is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
- D. It yields, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.<sup>3</sup>

Districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are 50 years in age must meet one or more of the above criteria <u>and</u> retain integrity (this is, convey their significance) to be eligible for listing. Under the National Register, a property can be significant not only for the way it was originally constructed, but also for the way it was adapted at a later period, or for the way it illustrates changing tastes, attitudes, and uses over a period of time.4

<sup>36</sup> CFR Section 60.2.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms," in National Register Bulletin 16, U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, September 30, 1986. This bulletin contains technical information on comprehensive planning, survey of cultural resources and registration in the NRHP.

National Register Bulletin 15, p. 19.

Within the concept of integrity, the National Register recognizes seven aspects or qualities that, in various combinations, define integrity: Location, Design, Setting, Materials, Workmanship, Feeling, and Association:

- 1. Location is the place where the historic property was constructed or the place where the historic event occurred. The relationship between the property and its location is often important to understanding why the property was created or why something happened. The actual location of a historic property, complemented by its setting, is particularly important in recapturing the sense of historic events and persons. Except in rare cases, the relationship between a property and its historic associations is destroyed if the property is moved.
- 2. Design is the combination of elements that create the form, plan, space, structure, and style of a property. It results from conscious decisions made during the original conception and planning of a property (or its significant alteration) and applies to activities as diverse as community planning, engineering, architecture, and landscape architecture. Design includes such elements as organization of space, proportion, scale, technology, ornamentation, and materials. A property's design reflects historic functions and technologies as well as aesthetics. It includes such considerations as the structural system; massing; arrangement of spaces; pattern of fenestration; textures and colors of surface materials; type, amount and style of ornamental detailing; and arrangement and type of plantings in a designed landscape.
- 3. *Setting* is the physical environment of a historic property. Whereas location refers to the specific place where a property was built or an event occurred, setting refers to the *character* of the place in which the property played its historic role. It involves *how*, not just where, the property is situated and its relationship to surrounding features and open space.
- 4. *Workmanship* is the physical evidence of the crafts of a particular culture or people during any given period in history or prehistory. It is the evidence of artisans' labor and skill in constructing or altering a building, structure, object, or site. Workmanship can apply to the property as a whole or to its individual components.
- 5. *Materials* are the physical elements that were combined or deposited during a particular period of time and in a particular pattern or configuration to form a historic property. The choice and combination of materials reveal the preferences of those who created the property and indicate the availability of particular types of materials and technologies. A property must retain key exterior materials dating from the period of its historic significance.
- 6. *Feeling* is a property's expression of the aesthetic or historic sense of a particular period of time. It results from the presence of physical features that, taken together, convey the property's historic character.
- 7. Association is the direct link between an important historic event or person and a historic property. A property retains association if it *is* the place where the event or activity occurred and is sufficiently intact to convey that relationship to an observer.<sup>5</sup>

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National Register Bulletin 15: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation, 44-45, http://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/pdfs/nrb15.pdf, accessed July 7, 2013.

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To retain historic integrity, a property will always possess most of the aspects and depending upon its significance, retention of specific aspects of integrity may be paramount for a property to convey its significance. Determining which of these aspects are most important to a particular property requires knowing why, where and when a property is significant. For properties that are considered significant under National Register Criteria A and B, National Register Bulletin 15: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation ("National Register Bulletin 15") explains, "a property that is significant for its historic association is eligible if it retains the essential physical features that made up its character or appearance during the period of its association with the important event, historical pattern, or person(s)." In assessing the integrity of properties that are considered significant under National Register Criterion C, National Register Bulletin 15 states, "a property important for illustrating a particular architectural style or construction technique must retain most of the physical features that constitute that style or technique."

#### B. STATE LEVEL

#### 1. California Register of Historical Resources

The OHP, as an office of the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), implements the policies of the NHPA on a statewide level. The OHP also carries out the duties as set forth in the PRC and maintains the HRI and the California Register. The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is an appointed official who implements historic preservation programs within the State's jurisdictions. Also implemented at the State level, CEQA requires projects to identify any substantial adverse impacts which may affect the significance of identified historical resources.

The California Register was created by Assembly Bill 2881 which was signed into law on September 27, 1992. The California Register is "an authoritative listing and guide to be used by State and local agencies, private groups, and citizens in identifying the existing historical resources of the State and to indicate which resources deserve to be protected, to the extent prudent and feasible, from substantial adverse change." <sup>10</sup> The criteria for eligibility for the California Register are based upon National Register criteria. <sup>11</sup> Certain resources are determined by the statute to be automatically included in the California Register by operation of law, including California properties formally determined eligible for, or listed in, the National Register. <sup>12</sup>

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The National Register defines a property as an "area of land containing a single historic resource or a group of resources, and constituting a single entry in the National Register of Historic Places." A "Historic Property" is defined as "any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object at the time it attained historic significance. Glossary of National Register Terms, http://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb16a/nrb16a\_appendix\_IV.htm, accessed June 1, 2013.

National Register Bulletin 15, p. 44.

<sup>&</sup>quot;A property retains association if it is the place where the event or activity occurred and is sufficiently intact to convey that relationship to an observer. Like feeling, association requires the presence of physical features that convey a property's historic character. Because feeling and association depend on individual perceptions, their retention alone is never sufficient to support eligibility of a property for the National Register." Ibid, p. 46.

<sup>&</sup>quot;A property that has lost some historic materials or details can be eligible if it retains the majority of the features that illustrate its style in terms of the massing, spatial relationships, proportion, pattern of windows and doors, texture of materials, and ornamentation. The property is not eligible, however, if it retains some basic features conveying massing but has lost the majority of the features that once characterized its style." Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> PRC Section 5024.1(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> PRC SEction 5024.1 (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> PRC SEction 5024.1 (d).

The California Register consists of resources that are listed automatically and those that must be nominated through an application and public hearing process. The California Register automatically includes the following:

- California properties listed on the National Register and those formally Determined Eligible for the National Register;
- California Registered Historical Landmarks from No. 770 onward;
- Those Points of Historical Interest (PHI) that have been evaluated by the OHP and have been recommended to the State Historical Commission for inclusion on the California Register.<sup>13</sup>

Other resources which may be nominated to the California Register include:

- Individual historical resources;
- Historical resources contributing to historic districts;
- Historical resources identified as significant in historical resources surveys with significance ratings of Category 1 through 5;
- Historical resources designated or listed as local landmarks, or designated under any local ordinance, such as an Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ).<sup>14</sup>

To be eligible for the California Register, a historic resource must be significant at the local, State, or national level, under one or more of the following four criteria:

- 1. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California's history and cultural heritage;
- 2. Is associated with the lives of persons important in our past;
- 3. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values; or
- Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Additionally, a historic resource eligible for listing in the California Register must meet one or more of the criteria of significance described above and retain enough of its historic character or appearance to be recognizable as a historic resource and to convey the reasons for its significance. Historical resources that have been rehabilitated or restored may be evaluated for listing. Integrity is evaluated with regard to the retention of seven aspects of integrity similar to the National Register, location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Also like the National Register, it must also be judged with reference to the particular criteria under which a resource is proposed for eligibility. Alterations over time to a resource or historic changes in its use may themselves have historical, cultural, or architectural significance. It is possible that historical resources may not retain sufficient integrity to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register, but they may still be eligible for listing in the California Register. A resource that has lost

<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> PRC Section 5024.1(e)

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its historic character or appearance may still have sufficient integrity for the California Register if it maintains the potential to yield significant scientific or historical information or specific data.<sup>15</sup>

# 2. California Office of Historic Preservation Survey Methodology

The evaluation instructions and classification system prescribed by the California OHP in its manual, *Instructions for Recording Historical Resources* (March 1995) provide a three-digit evaluation rating code ("Status Code") for use in classifying potential historic resources. The first digit indicates one of the following general evaluation categories for use in conducting cultural resources surveys:

- 1. Listed on the National Register or the California Register;
- 2. Determined eligible for listing in the National Register or the California Register;
- 3. Appears eligible for the National Register or the California Register through survey evaluation;
- 4. Appears eligible for the National Register or the California Register through other evaluation;
- 5. Recognized as Historically Significant by Local Government;
- 6. Not eligible for any Listing or Designation; and
- 7. Not evaluated for the National Register or California Register or needs re-evaluation.

The second digit of the Status Code is a letter code indicating whether the resource is separately eligible (S), eligible as part of a district (D), or both (B). The third digit is a number that is used to further specify significance and refine the relationship of the property to the National Register and/or California Register. Under this evaluation system, categories 1 through 4 pertain to various levels of National Register and California Register eligibility. Locally eligible resources are given a rating code level 5. Properties found ineligible for listing in the National Register, California Register, or for designation under a local ordinance are given an evaluation Status Code of 6. Properties given an evaluation Status Code of 6Z are "found ineligible for the National Register, California Register, or Local designation through survey evaluation." <sup>16</sup>

#### C. LOCAL LEVEL

# 1. City of Los Angeles

The City enacted a Cultural Heritage Ordinance in April 1962 which defines City Monuments. According to the Ordinance, City Monuments are sites, buildings, or structures of particular historic or cultural significance to the City in which the broad cultural, political, or social history of the nation, state, or City is reflected or exemplified, including sites and buildings associated with important personages or which embody certain distinguishing architectural characteristics and are associated with a notable architect. These City Monuments are regulated by the City's Cultural Heritage Commission and the City Council.

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Codified in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 11.5, Section 4852(c) which can be accessed on the internet at http://ohp.parks.ca.gov

<sup>16</sup> Ibid.

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#### a. Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Ordinance

The Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Ordinance (Los Angeles Administrative Code, Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.7) establishes criteria for designating local historic resources as City Monuments. A City Monument is any site (including significant trees or other plant life located on the site), building or structure or 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 is identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history; or
- Which embodies 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 or her age.

A proposed resource may be eligible for designation if it meets at least one of the criteria above.

When determining historic significance and evaluating a resource against the Cultural Heritage Ordinance criteria above, the Cultural Heritage Commission and the staff of the Office of Historic Resources often ask the following questions:

- Is the site or structure an outstanding example of past architectural styles or craftsmanship?
- Was the site or structure created by a "master" architect, builder, or designer?
- Did the architect, engineer, or owner have historical associations that either influenced architecture in the City or had a role in the development or history of Los Angeles?
- Has the building retained "integrity"? Does it still convey its historic significance through the retention of its original design and materials?
- Is the site or structure associated with important historic events or historic personages that shaped the growth, development, or evolution of Los Angeles or its communities?
- Is the site or structure associated with important movements or trends that shaped the social and cultural history of Los Angeles or its communities?<sup>17</sup>

With regard to integrity, the seven aspects of integrity of the National Register and California Register are the same and the threshold of integrity for individual eligibility is similar. However, the threshold of integrity for HPOZs is lower; a contributing structure in an HPOZ is a building that was constructed during the predominant period of development in the neighborhood and that has retained most of its historic features.

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What Makes a Resource Historically Significant? City of LA Office of Historic Preservation, http://preservation.lacity.org/commission/what-makes-resource-historically-significant, accessed July 7, 2013.

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## b. Los Angeles Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ)

City of Los Angeles Ordinance Number 175891, found in Section 12.20.3 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, describes the procedures for creation of new Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZs), the powers and duties of HPOZ Boards, and the review processes for projects within HPOZs. The Ordinance was adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on March 19, 2004, and became effective on May 12, 2004.¹¹¹8 An Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) is an area of the city which is designated as containing structures, landscaping, natural features or sites having historic, architectural, cultural or aesthetic significance. To receive such designation, areas must be adopted as an HPOZ by the City Planning Commission and the City Council through a zone change procedure that includes notification of all affected and nearby property owners and public hearings. Once designated, areas have an HPOZ overlay added to their zoning, and are subject to special regulations under Section 12.20.3 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. Each HPOZ area has a five member HPOZ Board to review and make recommendations on projects and promote historic preservation within the designated area. Most types of exterior changes or improvements to properties in an HPOZ area require written approval from the City of Los Angeles Planning Department.¹¹9

Before an HPOZ may move into the formal adoption process, an historic resources survey of the proposed district must be completed. The survey studies the historic and architectural significance of the neighborhood and identifies structures and features as either "contributing" or "non-contributing" to the district. A contributing structure is a building that was constructed during the predominant period of development in the neighborhood and that has retained most of its historic features. A non-contributing structure is one that was either constructed after the major period of the neighborhood's development, or has been so significantly altered that it no longer conveys its historic character.<sup>20</sup>

According to Section 12.20.3 of the City of Los Angeles Municipal Code, features designated as contributing shall meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Adds to the Historic architectural qualities or Historic associations for which a property is significant
  because it was present during the period of significance, and possesses Historic integrity reflecting
  its character at that time; or
- Owing to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established feature of the neighborhood, community or city; or
- Retaining the building, structure, Landscaping, or Natural Feature, would contribute to the preservation and protection of the resource and its environment.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>quot;Citywide HPOZ Ordinance," City of Los Angeles Historic Resources, http://www.preservation.lacity.org/hpoz/citywide-hpozordinance, accessed July 24, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>quot;How to Establish an HPOZ," City of Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources, <a href="http://www.preservation.lacity.org/hpoz/how-establish-hpoz">http://www.preservation.lacity.org/hpoz/how-establish-hpoz</a>, accessed July 24, 2013.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> "Citywide HPOZ Ordinance," City of Los Angeles Historic Resources, http://www.preservation.lacity.org/hpoz/citywide-hpoz-ordinance, accessed July 24, 2013, pgs. 11-12.

# III. HISTORIC CONTEXT AND EVALUATION

#### A. HISTORIC CONTEXT

The historic context developed below presents the background necessary to evaluate the historic and architectural significance of the North and South Buildings located at 118-126 N. Flores Street within the Project Site, including the construction and alterations history, the history of the development of Beverly Grove and the neighborhood surrounding the subject property. The period of significance associated with the North and South Buildings is 1936 to 1939, the period when the North (1936) and South (1939) Buildings were built by the same construction firm of Meyer and Holler, Architects, Engineers and Builders.. Research indicates the property is associated with the following historical and architectural themes: Mendel Meyer (1874-1955); Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942); and Garden Apartments (1938-1960).

# 1. Mendel Meyer (1874-1955)

The North and South Buildings were constructed by the firm Meyer and Holler, Architects, Engineers and Builders in 1936 and 1939, respectively. Meyer and Holler was originally known as the Milwaukee Building Company from 1906 to 1920, co-founded by Mendel Meyer (1874-1955). In 1849, Meyer's father, Samuel Meyer migrated to New York from Strassburg, near the French and German border. The elder Meyer moved from New York to Macon, Georgia, Louisville, Kentucky, and Vicksburg, Mississippi, before settling in Los Angeles in 1853. It was in Los Angeles where Samuel met his wife, Johanna Davis. The couple was married in 1861 and went on to produce five daughters and two sons, including Mendel, named after Samuel's brother, in 1874. Samuel owned and operated a glassware and crockery business and became involved in the local Masonry Lodge for 50 years. He was widely regarded as one of Los Angeles' earliest pioneers. Described as "bright faced and amiable," Samuel Meyer's "life during the trying formative period in Los Angeles was worthy of the true Pioneer, and later generation will fare well, if they but have such in business and social life."<sup>22</sup>

#### a. The Milwaukee Building Company (1906-1923)

Mendel Meyer, grew up in his family home on Main Street, between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Los Angeles and graduated from Los Angeles High School but beyond that, little is known about his education.<sup>23</sup> In 1906, Meyer and Julius C. Schneider started the Milwaukee Building Company, which quickly became regarded as one of the most prolific construction and design firms in the Los Angeles area.<sup>24</sup> In 1908, Real estate agent, Phillip W. Holler joined the company. "Thanks largely to an alliance with the successful land developer Robert Marsh (1871-1956), the Milwaukee Building Company was able in 1912 to change its focus to large speculative, and then custom homes, in Mount Washington, Windsor Square, Santa Monica, Brentwood, and other fashionable suburbs."<sup>25</sup> Throughout the early twentieth century, the Milwaukee Building Company completed significant projects throughout Los Angeles and neighboring communities, with major clients

Louis Roeder and J. W. Gillette, Annual Publication of the Historical Society of Southern California and of the Pioneers of Los Angeles County, Vol. 6, No. 1 (1903), p. 90

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> "Mendel Meyer, Veter an L.A. Buil der , Dies," Los Angeles Times, April 2, 1955, A6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> "Articles of Incorporation, October 22, 1906." On file in the California State Archives, Sacramento.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Debora Richey, Registration Form: Fox Fullerton Theater Complex, Fullerton Heritage, March 21, 2006, 18.

involved in real estate, entertainment, finance, and government. "The firm designed and built houses for Harry Chandler, Frank P. Flint, Herman Janss, Edward L. Doheny, Isaac Milbank, and King Gillette; movie studios for Samuel Meyer, Hal Roach, Jesse Hampton, Samuel Goldwyn, Charles Chaplin, King Vidor, and Thomas Ince; and commercial buildings for Idelfonso Sepulveda, E. Clem Wilson, and Henry Culver." In 1923, the firm changed its name to Meyer and Holler, Architects, Engineers and Builders.



Figure 3 (Left): Mount Washington Hotel, circa 1910. (Water and Power Associates, http://waterandpower.org/museum/Early\_LA\_Buildings%20(1900%20-%201925).html)
Figure 4 (Right): Los Angeles First National Trust and Savings Bank, circa 1928 (Water and Power Associates, http://waterandpower.org/museum/Early\_LA\_Buildings%20(1925%20+)\_1\_of\_8.html#First\_National\_Building)

# b. Meyer and Holler, Architects, Engineers and Builders (1923-1941)

Throughout the 1920s, the firm continued to succeed, utilizing the design-build method, which provided clients with all of the necessary services for their projects. Neither Meyer nor Holler had any architectural background or training so the firm relied on draftsmen, engineers, and architects, such as Lewis F. Blaize, Everett Hardy Merrill, Donald R. Wilkinson, and Raymond M. Kennedy, for design expertise. Throughout the 1920s, Kennedy was responsible for some of Meyer and Holler's most notable designs, including the Mount Washington Hotel (Figure 3), the Petroleum Building (714 W. Olympic Boulevard) for Edward L. Doheny, the Los Angeles First National Trust and Savings Bank (6777 Hollywood Blvd.) (Figure 4), the Universal Building (157 W. Washington Boulevard), and Grauman's Chinese Theater (6925 Hollywood Boulevard). Meyer and Holler introduced the "courtyard theater," replacing the common interior lobby with an open courtyard to take advantage of the year-round picturesque weather of Southern California. One of the first theaters to incorporate the courtyard scheme was Grauman's Egyptian Theater (Figure 5), constructed in 1923. Kennedy used the concept again in 1926, for Grauman's Chinese Theater (Figure 6), which was published in issues of the *American Architect, Architectural Digest*, and *the Architectural Record*, exposing the building community to Meyer and Holler's innovative theater design. Despite decades of successful residential and commercial projects contributing to Los Angeles' evolving built environment,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Ibid, 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Ibid, 20.

many of which have been recognized as national, state, and local landmarks, the firm became nationally recognized for giving architectural form to the nascent entertainment industry in Southern California.

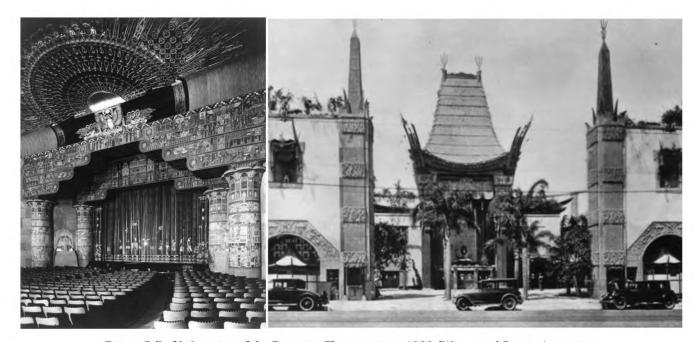


Figure 5 (Left): Interior of the Egyptian Theater, circa 1922 (Water and Power Associates, http://waterandpower.org/museum/Early\_LA\_Buildings%20(1900%20-%201925)\_Page\_3.html)
Figure 6 (Right): Grauman's Chinese Theater, circa 1927 (Water and Power Associates, http://waterandpower.org/museum/Early\_LA\_Buildings%20(1925%20+)\_1\_of\_8.html#Chinese\_Theatre)

In spite of the stock market crash in 1929 and the onset of the Great Depression, Meyer and Holler continued to receive contracts for large projects. In 1930, the firm began working on the twelve-story Ocean Center Building, located at Pine Avenue and Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach.<sup>28</sup> That same year, Meyer and Holler began construction at a seven-acre site for the Rheem Manufacturing Company, to erect a brick and steel truss manufacturing facility, including 3600 square feet of office spaces.<sup>29</sup> The firm continued to work through the tough economic period. However in 1932, Meyer and Holler filed for bankruptcy after a disastrous lawsuit brought against them by director King Vidor. Despite the setback, the firm reorganized and continued to find work. In 1934, the *Los Angeles Times* reported the construction of a twelve-room residence in Bel Air by Meyer and Holler for Mrs. Edith M. Seipp.<sup>30</sup> Meyer and Holler continued to operate under the same name until 1941, however Mendel Meyer retired in 1936.<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup>" Harbor District Active: Material Contracts Awarded on Great Variety of Building and Improvement Projects," Los Angeles Times, April 27, 1930, D4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> "Erection of Plant Starts: Metal Ware Manufacturers Schedule Completion of Project for First of Year," Los Angeles Times, October 26, 1930, D2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> "Construction Sees Increase," Los Angeles Times, March 18, 1934, 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> "Mendel Meyer, Veter an L.A. Buil der, Dies," Los Angeles Times, April 2, 1955, A6.

# 2. Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942)

## Subdivision and Development of Beverly Square

The Project Site is located on lots 79 and 80 in Tract 10389 (Appendix C) subdivided by Merchants National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles in July of 1928. Tract 10389 included approximately one hundred and fifty-four large rectangular lots between 3rd Street and Beverly Boulevard. In 1928, the *Los Angeles Times* reported, "Among the most important improvements, not only to Beverly but to Los Angeles and other neighboring communities as well, which are now in course of planning or construction, are the repaving of the balance of Beverly Boulevard, the proposed opening of Third Street from Santa Ana through Los Angeles into Beverly Hills, the opening of Tenth Street as a through artery, and the widening of Santa Monica through Sherman on both sides of the Pacific Electric tracks." Merchants National Trust and Savings Bank saw an opportunity to capitalize on nearby improvements to both 3rd Street and Beverly Boulevard, but could not have foreseen the approaching economic collapse still to come. In June of 1929, just four months before the Wall Street crash of 1929, also known as Black Tuesday, the *Los Angeles Times* reported continued interest in real estate near the Beverly-Fairfax area. The article claimed several lots had recently sold totaling over \$275,000 in deals. 33

A majority of the multi-family residences constructed in the tract were built after 1936, indicating that Merchants National Trust and Savings Bank struggled to sell lots to developers after the onset of the Great Depression. By 1935, the tract had been acquired by Capital Company, a development company marketing the neighborhood as Beverly Square, an "outstanding income Property" targeting would-be-investors and builders. Through Capital Company's marketing and persuasive pricing, lots began to sell once again. The Los Angeles Times published several articles, beginning in 1935, covering the sales of Beverly Square lots and the resurgence of construction in throughout the neighborhood.<sup>34</sup> Advertisements emphasized the modern aesthetic of the multi-family residences being designed in Beverly Square. A building designed by noted Los Angeles architect Milton J. Black was described as having "modernistic architectural treatment." "Among its features will be extensive utilization of glass in walls and partitions, and there also will be sun terraces, private gardens and balconies, the plans disclose." Alleys provided additional vehicular access to garages built in the rear of the apartments.

The earliest available depiction of the North and South Buildings on the Project Site is a Sanborn Fire Insurance Map ("Sanborn Map") dated 1936 but with updates from 1951 (Figure 7 and Appendix A). The Sanborn Map depicts the North and South Buildings as well as a majority of neighboring lots as fully developed. Constructed in 1936, the North Building (124-126 ½ N. Flores Street), is the larger of the two buildings and is shown with second story balconies on the north, south, and west elevations (Figure 8). A single-story garage is shown at the rear of the property, adjacent to an alleyway. South of 124-126 ½ N Flores is the second of the two buildings, the South Building (118-122 ½ N. Flores Street), constructed in 1939. The South Building is the smaller of the two, with a majority of its lot used for landscaping. The Sanborn Map shows the South Building with two first-floor level patios and no second floor balconies (Figure 8). A single-story garage is shown at the rear of the South Building, adjacent to an alleyway.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> "Beverly Road Plan Cited: Seven Major Arteries Soon to Bisect City From East to West" Los Angeles Times, May 6, 1928, E8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> "Beverly Area Realty Sales Hold Activity," Los Angeles Times, June 30, 1929, D7.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Income Area Activity Told" Los Angeles Times, November 3, 1935, D4.
"Beverly Square building Started," Los Angeles Times, November 17, 1935, E4.
"Lot Sales Spurt Told," Los Angeles Times, May 3, 1936, E4.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Studio-Apartment Projects Total \$450,000," Los Angeles Times, May 10, 1936, E2.

<sup>35 &</sup>quot;Modernistic Architectural Treatment: New Residential Project Plans Announced," Los Angeles Times, March 8, 1936, E2.



Figure 7: Page 2209, 1936 Sanborn Map (Updated 1951), Project Site Outlined in Red (Proquest Sanborn Map Database, Los Angeles Public Library)

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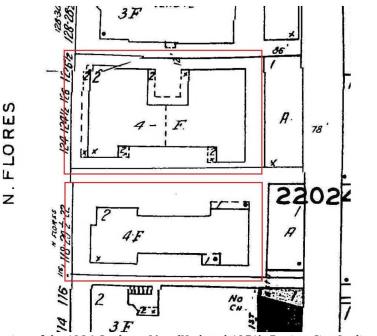


Figure 8: Section of the 1936 Sanborn Map (Updated 1951), Project Site Outlined in Red (Proquest Sanborn Map Database, Los Angeles Public Library)

# 3. Garden Apartments (1938-1960)

The existing developments on the Project Site, with its two buildings arranged around a central landscaped courtyard, is typical of the many small-scale Garden style apartment complexes that appeared in Los Angeles and throughout Southern California from the Depression-era 1930s through the 1950s. The origin of the Garden style apartment reaches back to the period of the Los Angeles region's rapid growth in the early decades of the twentieth century when the bungalow court as a building type appeared and evolved. From its origins as tourist accommodations to its prevalence as high-density housing, the bungalow court became a common Southern California building type prior to World War II. Many of the earliest bungalow courts were located in popular tourist areas such as Pasadena and the Santa Monica area. Bungalow courts integrated the automobile without allowing it to dominate the building environment. Typically, parking garages were located at the rear of the property with alleys or side service driveways providing access. This incorporation of the car into the complex was a major departure in the history of residential building and reflects the importance of the automobile in the region's culture.

The California climate profoundly influenced the architecture of the region, and the bungalow courts were no exception. Single-family houses had capitalized on the use of exterior space before the courts and provided a tradition on which the courts were built. Porches, patios, and balconies all became various ways to amplify interior spaces. Planting in both semi-public and private spaces became a developed art and helped create the overall ambiance of the court. The effect of landscaping was often to heighten the oasis-like quality of the court, further differentiating it from surrounding development. This effect can be seen in the lush landscaping and trees incorporated into the Project Site's central courtyard.

<sup>36</sup> Charles Alma Byers, "New Idea in Apartments." <u>Technical World</u>, Vol. 16 (February 1912).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Laura Chase, "Eden in the Orange Groves: Bungalows & Courtyard Houses of Los Angeles." <u>Landscape</u>, Vol. 25, No. 3, pp. 29-36.

As a building type, the bungalow court quickly became accessible to small developers. Inexpensive land and typically small units made the bungalow court affordable to build and to rent. The impact of the growing number of real estate developers and speculators grew as more profits led to more bungalow courts, particularly in the 1920s. The Depression brought about a virtual halt in the construction of bungalow courts in much of the Los Angeles region and elsewhere. A few were built in the mid to late 1930s, but most lacked the characteristics and style that distinguished the earlier courts. Additionally, during the 1930s, apartments, which had more parcel coverage and provided rear, and eventually underground, parking gradually supplanted bungalow courts as the favored multi-family building type. The Project Site is indicative of this trend. With its North (124-126 ½ N. Flores) and South (118-122 ½ N. Flores) Buildings facing each other and arranged in "H"-shaped configurations, the Project Site originally featured a large landscaped courtyard area between the buildings. As such, the resulting Garden Style apartment setting of the Project Site was consistent with the arrangement of similar multi-family complexes in the Beverly Square Neighborhood and throughout Los Angeles appearing from the 1930s through the early 1950s. With their "H"-shaped plans, the apartment buildings provided a large central landscaped garden area for the enjoyment of the property's tenants, while allowing for space in the rear for private patios and balconies.

#### b. American Colonial Revival Style

The Project Site is a highly representative example of the American Colonial Revival architectural style as applied to small-scale Garden style apartments throughout the Beverly Square area in the decades preceding and following World War II in Los Angeles. The American Colonial Revival style resulted from the desire of architects and builders to evoke America's own past. The name Colonial actually encompasses several styles, all loosely associated with the revival of American and Old World building traditions, especially those associated with early English and Dutch houses of the Atlantic seaboard. Common characteristics of the American Colonial Revival style include a simple rectangular volume covered by gabled or hip roofs; symmetrical, balanced dispensing of windows and doors; surfacing of clapboard or brick; classical, colonial detailing such as columns, engaged piers, cornices, pilasters, pediments, and porticos; canted bay windows; and double-hung, multi-paned windows flanked by decorative wood shutters. As it relates to the Project Site, the architectural features characteristic of the American Colonial Revival style represented in the North and South Buildings include their form and massing; gabled and hipped roofs; tongue in groove wood cladding; and porch configurations (pediments, porticos, fluted pilasters, wrought iron railings).

#### c. Minimal Traditional Style

The North and South Buildings are examples of the Minimal Traditional style with American Colonial Revival style architectural details popular among builders and developers during the 1930s. The Minimal Traditional style was popular for both single and multi-family residences built during the prewar period. Incorporating a restrained use of ornamentation that reflected the popular traditional styles, Minimal Traditional residences allowed developers to build affordable, yet stylish, homes that would attract homebuyers. Minimal Traditional residences were constructed on a budget, which is reflected in their limited ornamentation and use of materials, such as wood-frame construction and stucco siding. What little ornamentation that may be present generally consists of mass produced materials styled with Colonial flair. Minimal Traditional architecture emphasized simple Colonial style focal points: straight, molded, or scrolled belt-courses; small porticos with simplified porch elements or scrolled metal posts; single pane hexagonal or round windows; windows may be decorated with louvered or paneled shutters; and scalloped edging on both wood and metal

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elements. Generally the North and South Buildings are modest in scale to maintain affordability during the strenuous economic period.<sup>38</sup>

# 4. Construction History and Occupancy of 118-126 N. Flores Street

## a. Construction History

The building permits on file in the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety ("LADBS") were reviewed to determine the history of construction and alterations for the North and South Buildings located at 124-126½ and 118-122½ N. Flores Street. The LADBS permits confirmed the original construction dates of each building, 1936 for the North Building at 124-126½ N. Flores Street and 1939 for the South Building at 118-122½ N. Flores Street. Additional building permits for the North and South Buildings indicate that minor as well as significant alterations were made over time, which are presented in Tables 1 and 2. The largest alteration documented in the building permits was filed in April of 1948 when building owner Mendel Meyer requested a permit to build a 23' x 13' addition onto the front façade of South Building (118-122½ N. Flores Street), including an extra bedroom, bathroom, and basement. Other work conducted on the North and South Buildings includes routine building maintenance and repairs to stucco and railings. Both Buildings contain a mixture of railing styles. A permit filed in 1980 shows two large additions to unit 124½ in the North Building. In the 1951 Sanborn Map, the North Building is shown with second story balconies on the south elevation (Figure 9). These balconies have been removed. Furthermore, the South Building has second floor balconies that have been added (west and south elevations), when compared to the 1951 Sanborn Maps (Figure 9).

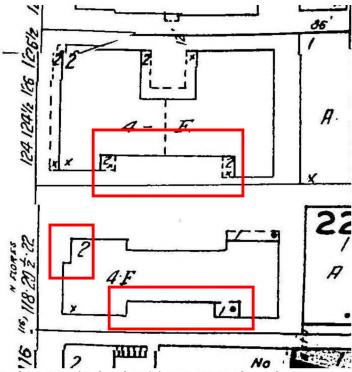


Figure 9: Section of the 1936 Sanborn Map (Updated 1951), 118-122 N. Flores shows no second floor balconies, 124-126 N.

Flores shows second floor balconies where none exist today.

(Proquest Sanborn Map Database, Los Angeles Public Library)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> "Minimal Traditional Style," Glendale Design Guidelines for Residential Buildings in Adopted Historic Districts, Produced by Architectural Resources Group for the City of Glendale. 109-116.

#### b. Occupancy and Ownership History of the South Building (118-122½ N. Flores Street)

Permits from the LADBS were reviewed to determine ownership of the properties, while the 1942 *Los Angeles City Directory* and *United States Census Records* were reviewed to determine if the property had an association with the productive life of a historically significant person. Building permits show the South Building was owned by Mendel Meyer from the date of its original construction until at least 1948 when the one-bedroom addition was added. Census records indicate that Meyer and his wife Mabel were living in unit 120 of the South Building in 1940. City directories show the Meyers were still living there as late as 1942. Additional directory and census research did not identify historic persons with this location.

# c. Occupancy and Ownership History of the North Building (124-126½ N. Flores Street)

Building permits show the North Building was owned by Mendel Meyer from the date of its original construction (1936) until at least 1957 when a permit for wet sandblasting was filed by the property's new owner, Mrs. Robertson. City directories show the Meyers resided in unit 126 of the North Building until as late as 1940 when census records show the couple living in the adjacent building at 118-122½ N. Flores (The 1939 city directory does not list the couple's address); the Meyers most likely moved to the South Building after construction was completed in 1939. 42 Additional directory and census research did not identify historic persons with this location.

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The Building was constructed in 1939 but the only City of Los Angeles directories available for research closest to the Building's period of significance was the 1942 issue.

United States Federal Census, 1940, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California; Roll: T627\_404; Page: 8B; Enumeration District: 60-195

Los Angeles City Directory, 1942, p. 1649. (Los Angeles Public Library, http://rescarta.lapl.org/ResCarta-Web/jsp/RcWebBrowse.jsp)

Los Angeles City Directory, 1939, p. 1434, Los Angeles City Directory, 1938, p. 1415, (http://rescarta.lapl.org/ResCarta-Web/jsp/RcWebBrowse.jsp)

Table 1 118-122 ½ N. Flores Street Building Permits

Issued	Permit#	Owner	Architect/ Engineer	Contractor	Valuation	Description
02/09/1939	5147	Mr. & Mrs. Mendel Meyer	Geo J. Fosdyke (engineer)	Meyer & Holler	\$16,000	Construction of apartment house, 4 families, 18 rooms, 35'x 80', two-stories
04/12/1939	14074	Meyer & Holler	None	Patterson Tile Co.	None	Tile work
04/30/1948	15601	Mendel Meyer	Jack H. Macdonald	Owner	\$3,000	Addition of bedroom, bath, and basement, 1st Floor, 23' x 13'
01/06/1998	98016- 20000- 00153	None	None	None	None	Install 1/2" cdx & 45 sq class a comp (new roof material)
08/05/1998	98016- 30000- 16172	None	None	None	None	Repair and patch stucco cracks, replace doors and windows, (same size and location), Repair railings, general non-structural termite repair
01/12/1999	11250151	None	None	None	None	Retrofit - 4 units apt install anchor bolts, straps & other hardware, install plywood sheathing over the cripple walls.

Table 2

124-126 ½ N. Flores Street Building Permits

Issued	Permit#	Owner	Architect/ Engineer	Contractor	Valuation	Description
04/24/1936	09708	Mr. & Mrs. Mendel Meyer	George Fasdyke	None	\$15,000	Construction of new apartment building, two-stories, 40' x 80'
04/29/1936	10177	M. Meyer	Meyer & Holler	None	\$500.00	Construction of garages
07/30/1957	78468	Mrs. Robertson	None	ABCO Sandblasting	None	Wet sandblast
10/07/1980	11539	Waldman	R.W. Tobin	None	\$22,000	Room addition
07/22/1996	03870	None	None	None	None	Replace facial board & stucco at balcony - Units 124-124 1/2
01/06/1998	98016- 20000- 00157	None	None	None	None	Install 1/2" cdx & 45 sq class a comp (new roof material)
08/05/1998	98016- 30000- 16172	None	None	None	None	Repair and patch stucco cracks, replace doors and windows, (same size and location), Repair railings, general non- structural termite repair
01/12/1999	99016- 30000- 00201	None	None	None	None	Retrofit - 4 units apt install anchor bolts, straps & other hardware, install plywood sheathing over the cripple walls

# IV. EVALUATION

#### A. PREVIOUS EVALUATIONS

# 1. Historical Resources in the Project Vicinity

The records search for cultural resources within the project vicinity (approximately 0.25-mile radius) involved review of previous surveys records and reports on file at the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) records center, PCR's in-house files, and SurveyLA data. Located within a dense, urban setting with limited visibility, the 0.25-mile radius records search was conducted to capture all known resources within the project vicinity which may have views of the project site for the purpose of analyzing potential indirect impacts. PCR also consulted the National Register, California Register, Statewide Historical Resources Inventory (HRI), California Points of Historical Interest (PHI), California Historical Landmarks (CHL), SurveyLA, and City Monument database to identify previously identified historical resources within the project vicinity.

Seven properties (7) appear eligible as individual property through SurveyLA (2015):43

- 8151 W. Beverly Boulevard: Vernacular/Moorish style commercial building constructed in 1928.
   Approximately 0.22 miles (1182 feet) to the northeast of Project; no view of the Project.
- 8162 W. Beverly Boulevard: Projecting Blade type commercial sign built in 1938. Approximately
   0.19 miles (1018 feet) to the northeast of Project; no view of the Project.
- 8269 W. Beverly Boulevard: Vernacular commercial building constructed in 1953. Approximately 0.09 miles (481 feet) to the northeast of Project; no view of the Project.
- 100 N. Harper Avenue: Moderne/Streamline style multi-family residence constructed in 1938. Approximately 0.13 miles (700 feet) to the southeast of Project; no view of the Project.
- 8212 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street: American Colonial Revival style commercial building constructed in 1937.
   Approximately 0.23 miles (1250 feet) to the southeast of Project; no view of the Project.
- 8339 W. 3rd Street: Modern/Mid-Century style institutional building constructed in 1950.
   Approximately 0.15 miles (775 feet) to the southwest of Project; no view of the Project.
- 8401 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street: Moderne/Streamline style commercial building constructed in 1936. Approximately 0.19 miles (1037 feet) to the southeast of Project; no view of the Project.

There is one historic district that appears eligible for the California Register and local listing (3CS, 5S3) within the 1/4-mile radius:

Beverly Square Historic District, SurveyLA (2015), for more information see below.

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PCR reviewed SurveyLA data provided by the City of Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources. The SurveyLA data prepared by Architectural Resources Group in 2015, was recently published and made available to the public through the Office of Historic Resources' website, http://preservation.lacity.org/survey.

# 2. Beverly Square Historic District

As part of SurveyLA's recent survey efforts in 2015, the Beverly Square Historic District was found potentially eligible for local listing under the Multi-Family Residential District Theme. Located in the northwestern portion of the Wilshire Community Plan Area (CPA), the potential district is bounded by Beverly Boulevard to the north, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to the south. Flores Street and Sweetzer Avenue run north and south through the area, while 1<sup>st</sup> Street bisects the district. Of the 38 properties within the potential district, 36 properties (95%) were found to be contributors and 2 (5%) were found to be non-contributors. The significance of the district was described as an "Excellent example of a 1930s multi-family residential district containing a mix of multi-family property types, from duplexes to apartment houses."

#### 3. Previous Evaluations of 118-126 N. Flores Street

The North and South Buildings were both identified as contributors to the potential Beverly Square Historic District by SurveyLA in 2015, as described above. The North and South Buildings were inventoried as multifamily courtyard apartments in the Minimal Traditional style with Monterey Revival style elements. <sup>44</sup>

#### B. EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL HISTORICAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE PROJECT SITE

# 1. SurveyLA Registration Requirements and Eligibility Standards

Based upon the historical themes developed in Chapter III and in the Los Angeles Historic Context Statement, there are two significant SurveyLA themes associated with the Project Site: Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942) and Garden Apartments (1938-1960). The following are the eligibility standards that define what character-defining features and integrity aspects a historical resource needs to have in order to be considered eligible in association with each theme. 45

#### a. Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942)

#### **Eligibility Standards**

- Conveys a strong visual sense of overall historic environment from the period of significance
- Majority of buildings are substantially intact and contribute to the integrity of the neighborhood
- May include one or a full range of Period Revival styles
- Must retain the majority of the original planning features including street patterns, buildings setbacks, landscape or street features
- Unified entity comprised of a significant concentration of multi-family residential types
- Was developed primarily during the period of significance

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> SurveyLA, Wilshire Historic Districts, Planning Districts and Multi-Property Resources – 01/26/15 (ARG)

<sup>45</sup> Los Angeles Historic Context Statement Outline, Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942) and Garden Apartments (1938-1960) (January 2, 2014).

Los Angeles Historic Context Statement Outline, Residential Development and Suburbanization, 1850-1980, Early Single-family Residential Development, 1880-1930 (December 31, 2013): 1.

Los Angeles Historic Context Statement Outline, Architecture and Engineering, 1850-1980, Craftsman, 1905-1930 (January 2, 2014): 73-74.

#### **Character-Defining Features/Associative Features**

- Combination of gabled, hipped, and flat roofs with parapets, depending on styles
- Consistent setbacks or lack of setbacks
- Detached garages located in the rears of the properties or garages integrated into the buildings
- If neighborhood is Spanish in character, clay tile roofs are prominent
- May also be evaluated under the Multi-Family Residential Development and Suburbanization themes
- May also include Art Deco, Streamline Moderne and Minimal Traditional styles of the 1930s
- Mostly consistent exterior building materials (predominantly stucco, brick, concrete)
- Multi-family buildings of two or more stories

#### **Integrity Considerations**

- Alterations to individual buildings should be allowable under the eligibility standards for the particular style
- Buildings with overwhelming new additions or with new attached garages along the street frontage may be considered non-contributing
- District as a whole should retain integrity of Location, Setting, Design, Workmanship, Feeling, and Materials
- Most front setbacks should exhibit the original intention (i.e., lawn or landscaped area for most, circular driveway in some of the higher-end areas)
- Plant screens are permissible
- Some intrusions of new buildings may be allowable, but wholesale assembly of parcels to create large block apartment buildings should be limited in number
- There should not be wholesale paving of front yards or installation of intrusive fencing
- Within districts, the threshold of integrity for contributing properties is defined as the ability of a
  particular building to reflect the architectural style and form that it would have possessed at the time
  of construction

#### b. Garden Apartments, 1938-1960

# **Eligibility Standards**

- Composed of two or more buildings oriented around one or more courtyards or set within a larger landscape
- Originally constructed as a garden apartment
- Was constructed during the period of significance

#### **Character-Defining Features/Associative Features**

 Associated architectural styles: American Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, French Revival, Minimal Traditional, Hollywood Regency, Mid-Century Modern

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- Buildings are generally two stories in height; may be three stories
- Buildings are oriented around one or more courtyards or set within a larger landscape, a primary feature of the design
- May be a good/excellent example of an architectural style from its period and/or the work of a significant architect or builder
- May contain a central landscaped courtyard or paved patio, sometimes with a swimming pool
- Retains most of the essential character-defining features from the period of significance
- Site is generally less than five acres
- Typically composed of three to ten similarly-designed residential buildings spanning multiple residential lots

#### **Integrity Considerations**

- A grouping may be composed of a single property type or a variety of property types
- Extant garden apartments are relatively rare, therefore a greater degree of alteration or fewer character-defining features may be acceptable
- Original landscaping may have been altered or removed; central pool may have been fill in/paved over
- Replacement of some windows may be acceptable if the openings have not been changed or resized
- Security bars may have been added
- Should retain integrity of Location, Design, Setting (must retain the relationship between the buildings and the landscape), Materials (some materials may have been altered/removed), and Feeling
- Where this property type is situated within a grouping of multiple-family residences, it may also be significant as a contributor to a Multi-Family Residential District

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# 2. Architectural Description, Integrity Analysis, and Significance Evaluation of South Building, 118-122 ½ N. Flores Street (APN 5511-009-008)

#### a. Architectural Description



Figure 10. Front or west façade of the South Building, view facing east (PCR 2015)

The South Building is located at  $118-122 \ \frac{1}{2}$  N. Flores Street in the neighborhood of Beverly Grove, Los Angeles, California, on an approximately 7,545 square foot parcel (Figure 10). The South Building's primary elevation is oriented north toward a garden courtyard, while a secondary elevation fronts Flores Street to the west. The South Building is a two-story, multi-family Minimal Traditional apartment building with understated elements of the American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles. The South Building has an H-shaped footprint, low wood-frame construction, and a concrete foundation. The exterior's first floor is covered in stucco, which has been redone in the recent past to repair cracks (alteration) according to building permits on file. The second floor is clad in a combination of stucco and wood tongue and groove siding. The combination/hipped roof has an open, overhanging eaves with decorative rafter tails. The roof has been covered in replacement asphalt shingles (alteration).



Figure 11. (Left) Porch and main entrances on front façade of the South Building, view facing southeast (PCR 2015)

Figure 12. (Right) View of central porch of the South Building, facing east (PCR 2015)

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Surrounded by manicured landscaping, the front elevation (north) was once symmetrical with a large porch bisecting the South Building. A small set of five tiled stairs and cast iron railings (alteration) leads to the porch providing access to two primary entrances to ground floor apartments and a large tiled staircase, flanked by original cast iron railings leading to the upstairs units (Figure 11). The porch is covered by a low sloping, concave metal awning, supported by steel posts (Figure 12).



Figure 13. (Left) Studio apartment addition at east end of the South Building, view facing southeast (PCR 2015) Figure 14. (Right) Rooftop deck above addition on east end of the South Building, facing east (PCR 2015)

Located near the east side of the primary elevation is a large addition that has significantly altered the South Building's footprint and relationship with the adjacent landscaping (Figure 13). The addition is composed of a small set of stairs leading to a stoop surrounded by a metal railing and covered by a simple awning supported by steel posts. The stoop provides access to the studio apartment's primary entrance. The roof of the addition has been converted into an outdoor patio space for the second story apartment and is surrounded by a metal railing (alteration) (Figure 14.). A large angled bay with sliding aluminum and jalousie windows (alterations) projects into the South Building's garden space (Figures 15 and 16).



Figure 15. (Left) View of front landscaping facing the South Building, view facing southwest (PCR 2015) Figure 16. (Right) View from main porch of the South Building, facing northeast (PCR 2015)

Fenestration throughout the primary elevation consists of divided light fixed windows (original) with aluminum sliding and jalousie windows (alterations) (Figures 17 and 18). Primary entrances to the individual apartments consist of wood panel doors with decorative surrounds and a mixture of original and new fixtures. Above the first floor entrances runs a horizontal stringcourse and decorative wood brackets.





Figure 17. (Left) Building fenestration with aluminum infill on the South Building, view facing south (PCR 2015)
Figure 18. (Right) Casement and fixed windows with Aluminum infill on the first and second floors of the South Building,
facing south (PCR 2015)





Figure 19. (Left) New balcony and supports on the South Building, view facing south (PCR 2015) Figure 20. (Right) New balcony on west façade of the South Building, facing north (PCR 2015)

The South Building's secondary elevation (east) facing Flores Street continues the main elevations theme of stucco on the first floor with wood tongue and groove siding on the second floor. The dominant feature of the secondary elevation is the Monterey Revival styled balcony (alteration) (Figures 19 and 20). The balcony

is surrounded by a steel railing and supported by decorative corbels and a steel post. The balcony is connected to a bedroom in the upstairs apartment via a single fully glazed wood door. Fenestration along the secondary elevation consists of replacement aluminum sliding and jalousie windows (alterations) (Figure 19).



Figure 21. (Left) Concrete pathway leading to garages behind the South Building facing west (PCR 2015)

Figure 22. (Right) Rear façade of the South Building, facing southwest (PCR 2015)



Figure 23. (Left) Garages located at the rear of the South Building, facing southeast (PCR 2015) Figure 24. (Right) South Building's garages as seen from the rear alley, view to northwest (PCR 2015)

The walkway through the garden leads past the South Building's 1948 addition to the buildings rear elevation (Figure 21), which consists of no significant architectural detailing. This side of the building (east) is clad in stucco and contains several window openings featuring replacement aluminum sliding and jalousie windows (alterations). First floor windows have decorative iron security bars. A rear entrance to addition is also located on the rear elevation and consists of a single wood door with partial glazing. A steel stoop and stairs with metal railing leads to the door (Figure 22). Also found at the rear of the building is the garage, a rectangular stucco structure containing three garage doors (alterations) fronting the rear alley (Figure 23 and 24). PCR was not able to gain access to the South Building's south elevation.

The South Building has four apartments and one studio (added in 1948). Upon entering each apartment, the visitor is met by a large living room. The original wood flooring in the living rooms remain (Figures 25 and

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26), however flooring in other areas of the apartments have been altered with carpeting or linoleum. The living rooms of each apartment are dominated by the fireplaces, decorated by wood or metal mantles (Figure 27 and 28). The mantles appear mass produced, with upstairs and downstairs units sharing similar designs. Some of the units appear to have original kitchens (Figure 29) while others have been updated (Figure 30). Although original tile is found in many of the bathrooms, fixtures, like toilets, sinks, faucets, and shower fixtures, have been updated (Figures 31 and 32). Architectural details like crown molding remain throughout the units, however some features, like baseboards (Figures 33 and 34) have been removed or altered. Fixtures—lighting, door knobs, etc.—throughout the apartment interiors contain a mixture of original and new.





Figure 25. (Left) Upstairs unit living room with replacement windows and altered flooring, view to south (PCR 2015) Figure 26. (Right) Upstairs unit living room with original interior features, view to north (PCR 2015)



Figure 27. (Left) Interior view of apartment living room and fireplace (PCR 2015) Figure 28. (Right) Another interior view of apartment living room with different style fireplace (PCR 2015)



Figure 29. (Left) Kitchen that appears to contain original tile and fixtures. (PCR 2015) Figure 30. (Right) Renovated Kitchen (PCR 2015)



Figure 31. (Left) Bathroom that appears to contain original fixtures and tile work (PCR 2015) Figure 32. (Right) Bathroom with original tile work but updated fixtures (PCR 2015)



Figure 33. (Left) Bedroom with carpet and altered base boards (PCR 2015) Figure 34. (Right) Baseboards missing from living room space (PCR 2015)

The 1948 addition consists of a studio apartment. A large wooden structure, presumably used as a bed, is immediately encountered upon entrance into the unit (Figure 35). The small space is complimented by an angled bay with a set of three jalousie windows (Figure 36). To the rear of the unit are a kitchenette and a bathroom, as well as access to the rear entrance and built in storage (Figure 37). The 1948 addition has substantially obstructed the original windows of the bedroom located in the adjacent apartment (Figures 38 and 39).



Figure 35. (Left) Interior view of 1948 Addition (PCR 2015) Figure 36. (Right) Bay window from inside 1948 addition (PCR 2015)



Figure 37. Built-ins and kitchenette in 1948 addition (PCR 2015)

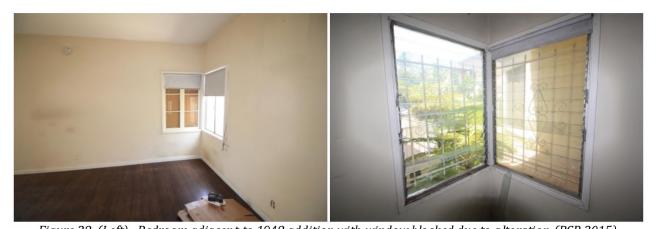


Figure 38. (Left) Bedroom adjacent to 1948 addition with window blocked due to alteration (PCR 2015) Figure 39. (Right) Window in bedroom adjacent to 1948 addition, note the blocked view due to alteration (PCR 2015)

#### Integrity Analysis

The National and California Registers have specific language regarding integrity. Both require that a resource retain sufficient integrity to convey its significance.<sup>46</sup> In accordance with the guidelines of the National Register of Historic Places, integrity is evaluated in regard to the retention of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The property must retain, however, the essential physical features that enable it to convey its historic identity. Furthermore, National Register Bulletin 15 states, "A property retains association if it is the place where the event or activity occurred and is sufficiently intact to convey that relationship to an observer. Like feeling, association requires the presence of physical features that convey a property's historic character. Because feeling and association depend on individual perceptions, their retention alone is never sufficient to support eligibility of a property for the National Register." The California Register requires that a resource retain enough of its historic character or appearance to be recognizable as a historical resource and to convey the reasons for its significance.

The overall appearance of the South Building, constructed in 1939, indicates that the property's integrity is compromised in terms of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. While the South Building does exhibit some of the character defining features of the American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles (symmetrical and balanced dispensing of windows and doors; classical, colonial detailing such as columns, engaged piers, cornices, pilasters, pediments, and porticos), the large addition to the South Building's primary elevation has significantly compromised its integrity of design, workmanship, feeling and association. The addition has altered the South Building's footprint, obstructed views from the South Building's interior and exterior spaces, compromised the South Building's relationship with the surrounding landscape, and contains no features relating to the original design or style of the South Building. Furthermore, the addition of a balcony on the South Building's secondary (west) elevation has significantly altered the Building's integrity of design and feeling. These categories of integrity have been further eroded, along with the South Building's integrity of materials, by the replacement of windows throughout the various elevations, including the primary and secondary facades visible from the public-right-of-way. New railings, exterior stucco (both of which are documented in building permits), as well as replaced light fixtures and door hardware further compromise the South Building's integrity.

The South Building retains its original location in the Beverly Square Subdivision. The original setting of the South Building has been retained since its construction in 1939. Properties immediately adjacent to the South Building represent the neighborhood's initial development in the 1930s. To the north at 124-126 ½ N. Flores Street, the North Building, sits a similar two-story multi-family apartment building constructed in 1936 (also evaluated in this report) and identified as a contributor to the potential Beverly Square Historic District. On the south side of the South Building is another two-story multi-family apartment building at 112-116 N. Flores Street, built in 1936 in the American Colonial Revival style and identified as a contributor to the potential Beverly Square Historic District. Additional properties found throughout the immediate area have also been identified as contributors to the potential historic district, and therefore the South Building retains its integrity of setting. Although its setting has not been compromised, the Building possesses a low level of integrity in terms of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Furthermore, a small decorative metal fence encompassing the property compromises the South Building's relationship with its surroundings resulting in an erosion of its integrity of design, feeling, and association.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> National Register Bulletin 15, p. 44.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> *Ibid,* 15, p. 46.

#### b. Significance Evaluation

The South Building (118-122 1/2 N. Flores Street) was identified by SurveyLA as a contributor to the proposed Beverly Square Historic District, which is associated with the historic context of the Multi-Family Residential District (1910-1980) and Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942). As an individual property, the South Building is not eligible for listing under any of the applicable federal, state or local eligibility criteria. While the neighborhood's development is a significant part of Los Angeles' growth during the Great Depression, the South Building did not play a significant role in this historic context as an individual property. Furthermore, the South Building is not identified with historic personages important in local, state, or national history. The original builder, Mendel Meyer, is considered a significant builder in Los Angeles history, however, most of his notable works occurred during the 1920s and involved innovations in theater design and construction, to include the innovative courtyard theater design seen at Grauman's Chinese and Egyptian Theaters. Theater projects designed by Raymond Kennedy and constructed by Meyer and Holler were published in architecture and construction trade journals, such as American Architect, Architectural Digest, and the Architectural Record, exposing the firm's work to the building industry. In addition to their innovative theater designs, Meyer and Holler have been recognized for other major projects, including Grauman's Chinese Theatre (HCM 43), Grauman's Egyptian Theatre (HCM 584), the Petroleum Building (HCM 596), the Mount Washington Hotel (HCM 845), Pierce Brothers Mortuary (HCM-574), the Charles Chaplin Studios (HCM 58), Herivel House in Highland Park (HCM-370), which have been recognized as Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Monuments. The modest South Building is incomparable to the notable works of Meyer and Holler and therefore does not qualify as a notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual genius influenced his age. The Building is an undistinguished Minimal Traditional interpretation of American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles, which can be found throughout Los Angeles, including in the immediate surrounding neighborhood and due to its lack of integrity, should not be considered an excellent example of its type or style. PCR found the South Building lacks historical significance and integrity for individual listing under any of the applicable federal, state or local eligibility criteria.

The South Building has recently been identified as a contributor to the proposed Beverly Square Historic District, identified within the context of the Multi-Family Residential District (1910-1980) and Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942). The potential district is described as an "excellent example of a 1930s multi-family residential district containing a mix of multi-family property types, from duplexes to apartment houses." Additional research into the various contributors and the historic context of the area reveals that the potential district does appear significant as an example of a multi-family residential district constructed during the Great Depression. Although the South Building qualifies as a contributor to the potential district, alterations to the primary and secondary elevation have impacted the South Building's integrity of setting, design, workmanship, feeling, and materials and therefore should only be categorized as a Contributing (Altered) Structure.

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PCR reviewed SurveyLA data provided by the City of Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources. The SurveyLA data prepared by Architectural Resources Group in 2015, was recently published and made available to the public through the Office of Historic Resources' website, http://preservation.lacity.org/survey.

## **Broad Patterns of History**

With regard to broad patterns of history, the following are the relevant criteria:

**National Register Criterion A:** Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

**California Register Criterion 1:** Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California's history and cultural heritage.

**Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument Criterion:** The proposed site, building, or structure reflects or exemplifies the broad cultural, political, economic, or social history of the nation, State, or City (community).

Constructed in 1939, the South Building was developed on lot 80 of 154 parcels in Tract 10389, originally subdivided by Merchants National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles in July of 1928. While the South Building is related to the historic context of Los Angeles development during the Great Depression (1929-1941), as stated in National Register Bulletin 15, "Mere association with historic events or trends is not enough, in and of itself, to qualify under Criterion A: the property's specific association must be considered important as well." As an individual property, the South Building does not possess a significant association with the historic theme of Los Angeles' development during the Great Depression. The South Building was not one of the earliest constructed in the neighborhood and does not possess greater significance than any of the surrounding apartment buildings, all of which contribute to the development of Beverly Square during the 1930s. Therefore, the South Building is not individually eligible for the National Register, the California Register, or the local register under Criterion A/1/1, regarding associations with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

#### **Significant Persons**

With regard to associations with important persons, the following are the relevant criteria:

**National Register Criterion B:** Is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

**California Register Criterion 2:** Is associated with the lives of persons important in our past.

**Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument Criterion:** The proposed site, building, or structure is identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State, or local history.

The South Building is not identified with historic personages or events in the main currents of national, state, or local history. The South Building does not show any historical importance in association with various owners, and the occupancy history could not be fully established due to periods when the property was not listed and a lack of Los Angeles historic directories from the late 1930s and 1940s. Research regarding building occupants uncovered Mendel Meyer's residency in the South Building. Meyer could be considered a notable person based on his relationship to the development of Los Angeles' built environment throughout the first decades of the twentieth century, however criterion C covers buildings associated notable builders,

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National Register Bulletin 15: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation, 12, http://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/pdfs/nrb15.pdf, accessed May 1, 2015.

engineers, and architects. Furthermore, Meyer lived in the South Building after his retirement in 1936, and therefore the building could not be associated with his contributions to local history. Meyer most likely owned the North and South Buildings for a source of income during his retirement years. The Historical background research on other owners and/or occupants did not reveal any information that indicates historical significance or notability. No evidence was found that linked the property to the productive life of a locally, statewide, or nationally known person. Therefore, the South Building is not eligible for listing under the National Register Criterion B, California Register Criterion 2, or the local register for eligibility related to a historic personage or event.

#### **Architecture**

With regard to architecture, design or construction, the following are the relevant criteria:

**National Register Criterion C:** Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

**California Register Criterion 3:** Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values.

**Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument Criterion:** The proposed site, building, or structure embodies certain distinguishing architectural characteristics of an architectural-type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction; or the proposed site, building, or structure is a notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual genius influenced his age.

Individually, the South Building is not an exceptional, distinctive, outstanding, or singular example of its type or style. The South Building is a common Minimal Traditional variation of American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles, typical of Los Angeles multi-family housing dating from the period (1930s). Several buildings in the immediate area are better representations of the 1930s era Minimal Traditional multi-family residence. Furthermore, the 1948 addition to the South Building's primary elevation has significantly eroded the structure's architectural integrity and compromised the South Building's relationship with the surrounding landscape and neighboring structure (North Building, 124-126½ N. Flores). Although the South Building is the work of a notable Los Angeles area builder, Mendel Meyer of Meyer and Holler, it is not notable in comparison with the quality architecture produced throughout the firm's history. Meyer and Holler, Architects, Engineers and Builders were known for their innovative motion picture theater designs as well as the quality commercial and residential construction projects completed throughout the first three decades of the twentieth century. One of the firm's most prominent projects, Grauman's Chinese Theater, cost \$1.5 Million to build in 1926 and was published in influential architecture trade journals like American Architect, Architectural Digest, and the Architectural Record.<sup>50</sup> In 1934, the firm was commissioned to build a twelve-bedroom single family home in Bel Air at a cost of \$35,000.51 In comparison, the South Building cost \$16,000 to construct and was most likely intended to be a low-cost project resulting in an income producing

Grauman Plans Theater: Hollywood Boulevard at Orange Drive Selected as Site of New \$1,500,000 Playhouse," Los Angeles Times, September 14, 1924, D2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> "Construction Sees Increase," Los Angeles Times, March 18, 1934, 24.

investment property for the retired Mendel Meyer who owned the property.<sup>52</sup> **Therefore, the South Building does not meet National Register Criterion C, California Register Criterion 3, or the local register for eligibility related to a distinctive type, method, or period of construction, or as a work of a master.** 

The South Building has recently been identified as a contributor to the proposed Beverly Square Historic District, identified within the context of Multi-Family Residential Development (1910-1980) and Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942) under Criteria C/3/3. The Beverly Square Historic District is described as an "excellent example of a 1930s multi-family residential district containing a mix of multi-family property types, from duplexes to apartment houses" and as an "excellent example of a Period Revival multi-family residential neighborhood in the area." PCR reviewed the SurveyLA findings and agrees that the neighborhood consists of a large concentration of Period Revival multi-family residences dating from the 1930s and 40s. The neighborhood possesses a high level of integrity and is significant to the story of Los Angeles development during a bleak economic period in local, state, and national history. Therefore, it appears the proposed Beverly Square Historic District meets the criteria for eligibility as a historic district. However, the South Building has significant alterations affecting its architectural integrity, such as the first floor addition (1948) to the north elevation, a second floor balcony (date unknown) to the west elevation, and the surrounding metal fence that isolates the building from the public right of way. **Due to these alterations, the South Building should only be considered a Contributor (Altered) to the proposed Beverly Square Historic District.** 

## Archaeology

**National Register Criterion D.** It yields, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**California Register Criterion 4.** Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

The South Building is not likely to yield any information important to prehistory or history. Therefore, the South Building does not meet the above criterion at the national or state level.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, Permit # 5147, filed on February 9, 1939 (See page 24 of this report).

# 3. Architectural Description, Integrity Analysis, and Significance Evaluation of the North Building, 124-126 ½ N. Flores Avenue (APN 5511-009-007)

# a. Architectural Description



Figure 40. Front or west façade of the North Building, view facing east (PCR 2015)

The North Building is located at 124-126 ½ N. Flores Avenue in the neighborhood of Beverly Grove, Los Angeles, California, on an approximately 7,545 square foot parcel (Figure 40). The North Building's primary elevation is oriented south toward a garden courtyard, while a secondary elevation fronts Flores Street to the west. The North Building is a two-story, multi-family Minimal Traditional apartment building with understated elements of the American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles. The North Building has an H-shaped footprint, wood-frame construction, and a concrete foundation. The combination/hipped roof has open, overhanging eaves with decorative rafter tails (Figure 41). The roof has been covered in replacement asphalt shingles (alteration). The exterior's first floor is covered in stucco, which has been redone in the recent past to repair cracks (alteration) according to building permits on file. The second floor is clad in a combination of stucco and wood tongue and groove siding (Figures 41 and 42).



Figure 41. (Left) Overview of details on front façade of the North Building, view facing north (PCR 2015)

Figure 42. (Right) Closer look at the details of the front façade of the North Building, facing north (PCR 2015)

Surrounded by manicured landscaping, the North Building's primary elevation (south) is symmetrical with a large stoop bisecting the Building (Figure 43). The stoop, covered by a low sloping, concave metal awning, supported by steel posts, leads to an open passageway, bounded by a decorative surround and pilasters, providing access to the primary entrances of each ground level apartment and a dogleg staircase leading to the second floor apartments (Figures 44 and 45).





Figure 43. (Left) Centrally located porch on front façade of the North Building, view facing north (PCR 2015)
Figure 44. (Right) Primary entrances to ground floor apartments and a stair case leading to entrances for upstairs units in
the North Building, facing north (PCR 2015)





Figure 45. (Left) Detailing around hall entrance on front façade of the North Building, view facing north (PCR 2015)

Figure 46. (Right) View of southwest façade of the North Building, facing north (PCR 2015)



Figure 47. (Left) Infilled a luminum windows on east end of North Building's primary facade, view facing northeast (PCR 2015)

Figure 48. (Right) Infilled vinyl windows on west end of North Building's primary facade, facing northwest (PCR 2015)

Fenestration on the primary elevation consists of original fixed wood frame windows, as well as aluminum sliding and jalousie windows (alterations) (Figure 47), and double hung and sliding vinyl windows (alterations) (Figure 48).

The walkway through the garden leads to the buildings rear elevation (Figures 49), which consists of no significant architectural detailing. This side of the building (east) is clad in stucco and contains several window openings featuring replacement aluminum sliding and jalousie windows (alterations). First floor windows have decorative iron security bars. Also found at the rear of the building is the garage, a rectangular stucco structure containing four garage doors (alterations) fronting the rear alley (Figure 50 and 51).



Figure 49. Path between garages and rear façade of North Building, facing south (PCR 2015)



Figure 50. (Left) Garages located behind North Building, facing east (PCR 2015) Figure 51. (Right) View of North Building garages from rear alleyway, facing northwest (PCR 2015)

The concrete walkway continues around to the north elevation of the North Building. Like the rear, there are few notable architectural elements (Figure 52). This elevation of the North Building is clad in stucco and fenestration consists of a combination of replacement aluminum sliding and jalousie windows, and vinyl siding and double hung windows. Secondary entrances provided access between the apartments and the walkway. At the center of the north elevation, there is an indent in the North Building's footprint, providing space for patios attached to each apartment. Second floor apartments have balconies surrounded by steel railings, while ground floor apartments have patios enclosed with wood fencing (Figure 53).



Figure 52. (Left) View of north elevation of North Building, facing west (PCR 2015)
Figure 53. (Right) Centrally located patios and balconies on north façade of North Building, facing southwest (PCR 2015)

The North Building's secondary elevation (east) facing Flores Street continues the main elevations theme of stucco on the first floor with wood tongue and groove siding on the second floor. The dominant feature of the secondary elevation is the full length Monterey Revival styled balcony (Figures 54 and 55). The balcony is surrounded by a steel railing and supported by decorative corbels. Fenestration along the secondary elevation consists of replacement aluminum and vinyl sash windows (alterations). A small decorative metal fence isolates the east elevation from the public right-of-way (alteration).



Figure 54. (Left) Original balcony located on west elevation, facing southeast (PCR 2015) Figure 55. (Right) Exterior metal fence (alteration) and overview of west elevation, view to southeast (PCR 2015)

The North Building has four apartments. Upon entering each apartment, the visitor is met by a large living room. In some cases, the original wood flooring in the living rooms remain (Figure 56), however in other cases, apartments have been renovated and wood laminate flooring has been installed (Figure 57). The living rooms of each apartment are dominated by the fireplaces, decorated by wood mantles. The mantles appear mass produced with basic detailing. Kitchens throughout the units have been updated with new tile, fixtures, and replacement windows (Figure 58 and 59). Dining rooms have built-ins that appear altered or new construction (Figures 60 and 61). Bathrooms have also been renovated in some of the units (Figures 62 and 63). Architectural details like crown molding remain throughout the units, however some features, like baseboards have been removed or altered. Throughout the apartment interiors contain a mixture of original and new (Figures 64 and 65) fixtures (lighting, door knobs, etc.).



Figure 56. (Left) Interior living room overview featuring original flooring and built-ins (PCR 2015) Figure 57. (Right) Interior living room overview featuring new flooring (PCR 2015)



Figure 58. (Left) Remodeled kitchen with new tile, fixtures, and appliances (PCR 2015) Figure 59. (Right) Remodeled kitchen with new tile, fixtures, and appliances (PCR 2015)



Figure 60. (Left) Dining room with new fixtures and altered built-ins (PCR 2015) Figure 61. (Right) Dining room with new fixtures and altered built-ins (PCR 2015)





Figure 62. (Left) Updated bathroom with new walk-in shower (PCR 2015) Figure 63. (Right) Remodeled bathroom with new sink, fixtures, and tile (PCR 2015)

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Figure 64. (Left) Rear bedroom and addition, view to south (PCR 2015) Figure 65. (Right) New light fixtures and updated doors and hardware in bedroom spaces (PCR 2015)

#### **Integrity Analysis**

The National and California Registers have specific language regarding integrity. Both require that a resource retain sufficient integrity to convey its significance.<sup>53</sup> In accordance with the guidelines of the National Register of Historic Places, integrity is evaluated in regard to the retention of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The property must retain, however, the essential physical features that enable it to convey its historic identity. Furthermore, National Register Bulletin 15 states, "A property retains association if it is the place where the event or activity occurred and is sufficiently intact to convey that relationship to an observer. Like feeling, association requires the presence of physical features that convey a property's historic character. Because feeling and association depend on individual perceptions, their retention alone is never sufficient to support eligibility of a property for the National Register."<sup>54</sup> The California Register requires that a resource retain enough of its historic character or appearance to be recognizable as a historical resource and to convey the reasons for its significance.

The overall appearance of the North Building, constructed in 1936, indicates that the property's integrity is moderately compromised in terms of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. While the North Building does exhibit some of the character-defining features of the American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles (symmetrical primary elevation with a balanced dispensing of windows and doors; classical, colonial detailing such as columns, engaged piers, cornices, pilasters, pediments, and porticos), its integrity has been impacted due to the removal of balconies from the structure's primary elevation. Sanborn maps indicate the North Building once had two small balconies on either side of the main entrance and porch, however those balconies are no longer extant. Replacement of windows throughout the various elevations, including the primary and secondary facades visible from the public-right-of-way, as well as new railings, exterior stucco (both of which are documented in building permits), light fixtures and door hardware negatively impact the North Building's integrity of design, feelings, materials, and workmanship. Building permits also indicate additions were made to unit 124 ½ in 1980. Furthermore, a small decorative metal fence encompassing the property compromises the Building's relationship with its surroundings resulting in an erosion of its integrity of design, feeling, and association.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> National Register Bulletin 15, p. 44.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Ibid, 15, p. 46.

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The North Building retains its original location in the Beverly Square Subdivision. The original setting of the North Building has been retained since its construction in 1936. Properties immediately adjacent to the North Building represent the neighborhood's initial development in the 1930s. To the north at 128 N. Flores Street sits a similar two-story multi-family apartment building constructed in 1937 and identified as a contributor to the potential Beverly Square Historic District. On the south side of the Building is another two-story multi-family apartment building at 118-122 ½ N. Flores Street (also evaluated in this report), built in 1939 in the American Colonial Revival style and identified as a contributor to the potential Beverly Square Historic District. Additional properties found throughout the immediate area have also been identified as contributors to the potential historic district, and therefore 124-126 ½ N Flores retains its integrity of setting. Although the its setting has not been compromised, the North Building possesses a low level of integrity in terms of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

# b. Significance Evaluation

The North Building was identified by SurveyLA as a contributor to the proposed Beverly Square Historic District, which is associated with the historic context of the Multi-Family Residential District (1910-1980) and Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942). As an individual property, the North Building is not eligible for listing under any of the applicable federal, state or local eligibility criteria. While the neighborhood's development is a significant part of Los Angeles' growth during the Great Depression, the North Building did not play a significant role in this historic context as an individual property. Furthermore, the North Building is not identified with historic personages important in local, state, or national history. The original builder, Mendel Meyer, is considered a significant builder in Los Angeles history, however, most of his notable works occurred during the 1920s and involved innovations in theater design and construction, to include the innovative courtyard theater design seen at Grauman's Chinese (HCM 43) and Egyptian Theatres (HCM 584). Theater projects designed by Raymond Kennedy and constructed by Meyer and Holler were published in architecture and construction trade journals, such as American Architect, Architectural Digest, and the Architectural Record, exposing the firm's work to the building industry. In addition to their innovative theater designs, Meyer and Holler have been recognized for other major projects, including the Petroleum Building (HCM 596), the Mount Washington Hotel (HCM 845), Pierce Brothers Mortuary (HCM-574), the Charles Chaplin Studios (HCM 58), and the Herivel House in Highland Park (HCM-370), which have been recognized as Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Monuments. The modest North Building is incomparable to the notable works of Meyer and Holler and therefore does not qualify as a notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual genius influenced his age. The North Building is an undistinguished minimal traditional interpretation of American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles, which can be found throughout Los Angeles, including in the immediate surrounding neighborhood and due to its lack of integrity, should not be considered an excellent example of its type or style. PCR found the North Building lacks historical significance and integrity for individual listing under any of the applicable federal, state or local eligibility criteria.

The North Building has recently been identified as a contributor to the proposed Beverly Square Historic District, identified within the context of the Multi-Family Residential District (1910-1980) and Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942). The potential district is described as an excellent example of a 1930s multi-family residential district containing a mix of multi-family property" types, from duplexes to apartment houses." 55 Additional research into the various contributors and the

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PCR reviewed SurveyLA data provided by the City of Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources. The SurveyLA data prepared by Architectural Resources Group in 2015, was recently published and made available to the public through the Office of Historic Resources' website, http://preservation.lacity.org/survey.

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historic context of the area reveals that the potential district does appear significant as an example of a multi-family residential district constructed during the Great Depression. Although the North Building qualifies as a contributor to the potential district, retaining enough integrity to contribute to the districts significance, the small decorative metal fence enclosing the property from the public right-of-way has negatively impacted the district's integrity of setting, design, workmanship, feeling, and materials and therefore should only be categorized as a Contributing Altered Structure.

#### **Broad Patterns of History**

With regard to broad patterns of history, the following are the relevant criteria:

**National Register Criterion A:** Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

**California Register Criterion 1:** Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California's history and cultural heritage.

**Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument Criterion:** The proposed site, building, or structure reflects or exemplifies the broad cultural, political, economic, or social history of the nation, State, or City (community).

Constructed in 1936, the North Building was developed on lot 79 of 154 parcels in Tract 10389, originally subdivided by Merchants National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles in July of 1928. While the subject property is related to the historic context of Los Angeles development during the Great Depression (1929-1941), "Mere association with historic events or trends is not enough, in and of itself, to qualify under Criterion A: the property's specific association must be considered important as well." As an individual property, the North Building does not possess a significant association with the historic theme of Los Angeles' development during the Great Depression. The North Building was not one of the earliest constructed in the neighborhood and does not possess greater significance than any of the surrounding apartment buildings, all of which contribute to the development of Beverly Square during the 1930s. Therefore, the North Building is not individually eligible for the National Register, the California Register, or the local register under Criterion A/1/1, regarding associations with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

# **Significant Persons**

With regard to associations with important persons, the following are the relevant criteria:

**National Register Criterion B:** Is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

California Register Criterion 2: Is associated with the lives of persons important in our past.

**Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument Criterion:** The proposed site, building, or structure is identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State, or local history.

National Register Bulletin 15: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation, 12, http://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/pdfs/nrb15.pdf, accessed May 1, 2015.

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The North Building is not identified with historic personages or events in the main currents of national, state, or local history. The North Building does not show any historical importance in association with various owners, and the occupancy history could not be fully established due to periods when the property was not listed and a lack of Los Angeles historic directories from the late 1930s and 1940s. Research regarding building occupants uncovered Mendel Meyer's residency in the North Building. Meyer could be considered a notable person based on his relationship to the development of Los Angeles' built environment throughout the first decades of the twentieth century, however Criterion C covers buildings associated notable builders, engineers, and architects. Furthermore, Meyer lived in the North Building after his retirement in 1936, and therefore the building could not be associated with his contributions to local history. The Historical background research on other owners and/or occupants did not reveal any information that indicates historical significance or notability. No evidence was found that linked the property to the productive life of a locally, statewide, or nationally known person. Therefore, the North Building is not eligible for listing under the National Register Criterion B, California Register Criterion 2, or the local register for eligibility related to a historic personage or event.

#### **Architecture**

With regard to architecture, design or construction, the following are the relevant criteria:

**National Register Criterion C:** Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

**California Register Criterion 3:** Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values.

**Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument Criterion:** The proposed site, building, or structure embodies certain distinguishing architectural characteristics of an architectural-type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction; or the proposed site, building, or structure is a notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual genius influenced his age.

Individually, the North Building is not an exceptional, distinctive, outstanding, or singular example of its type or style. The North Building is a common Minimal Traditional variation of American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles, typical of Los Angeles multi-family housing dating from the period (1930s). Several buildings in the immediate area are better representations of the 1930s era Minimal Traditional multi-family residence. Although the North Building is the work of a notable Los Angeles area builder, Mendel Meyer of Meyer and Holler, it is not notable in comparison with the quality architecture produced throughout the firm's history. Meyer and Holler, Architects, Engineers and Builders were known for their innovative motion picture theater designs as well as the quality commercial and residential construction projects completed throughout the first three decades of the twentieth century. One of the firm's most prominent projects, Grauman's Chinese Theater, cost \$1.5 Million to build in 1926 and was published in influential architecture trade journals like *American Architect, Architectural Digest*, and *the Architectural Record.* In 1934, the firm

<sup>&</sup>quot;Grauman Plans Theater: Hollywood Boulevard at Orange Drive Selected as Site of New \$1,500,000 Playhouse," Los Angeles Times, September 14, 1924, D2.

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was commissioned to build a twelve-bedroom single family home in Bel Air at a cost of \$35,000.<sup>58</sup> In comparison, the North Building cost \$15,000 to construct and was most likely intended to be a low-cost project resulting in an income producing investment property for the retired Mendel Meyer.<sup>59</sup> **Therefore, the North Building does not meet National Register Criterion C, California Register Criterion 3, or the local register for eligibility related to a distinctive type, method, or period of construction, or as a work of a master.** 

The North Building has recently been identified as a contributor to the proposed Beverly Square Historic District, identified within the context of Garden Apartments (1938-1960) and Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942) under Criteria C/3/3. The Beverly Square Historic District is described as an "excellent example of a 1930s multi-family residential district containing a mix of multi-family property types, from duplexes to apartment houses" and as an "excellent example of a Period Revival multi-family residential neighborhood in the area." PCR agrees with the SurveyLA findings that the neighborhood consists of a large concentration of Period Revival multi-family residences dating from the 1930s and 40s. The neighborhood possesses a high level of integrity and is significant to the story of Los Angeles development during a bleak economic period in local, state, and national history. Therefore, it appears the proposed Beverly Square Historic District meets the criteria for eligibility as a historic district. However, the North Building has significant alterations affecting its architectural integrity, such as the second floor additions (1980) to the south elevation, documented in building permits, and the surrounding metal fence that isolates the building from the public right of way. **Due to these alterations, the North Building should only be considered a Contributor (Altered) to the proposed Beverly Square Historic District.** 

# Archaeology

**National Register Criterion D.** It yields, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**California Register Criterion 4.** Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

The North Building is not likely to yield any information important to prehistory or history. Therefore, the North Building does not meet the above criterion at the national or state level.

# C. CONCLUSION

The North and South Buildings do not appear individually significant to historic themes like the Multi-Family Residential District (1910-1980) and Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942). Built in 1936 and 1939, the North and South Buildings are part of the Beverly Square neighborhood which represents Los Angeles development during the economic struggles of the Great Depression, however as individual buildings, the North and South Building do not possess the level significance and integrity required to be eligible as individual resources. The North and South Buildings are not related to historic persons relevant to national, State or community history and do not meet the criterion for representation of a particular style of architecture. Although the North and South Buildings are associated with Mendel Meyer

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> "Construction Sees Increase," Los Angeles Times, March 18, 1934, 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, Permit #09708, filed on April 24, 1936 (See page 25 of this report).

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and the prominent construction firm of Meyer and Holler, Architects, Engineers and Builders, the North and South Buildings do not represent a notable works. The North and South Buildings were constructed after the retirement of company founder, Mendel Meyer in 1936 and represent low-cost income producing investment properties for Meyer's retirement years. The modest North and South Buildings are incomparable to many of the projects completed by Meyer and Holler and the Milwaukee Building Company during the first three decades of the twentieth century, many of which have been recognized as national, state, and local monuments.

The North and South Buildings have been identified by SurveyLA as contributors to the proposed Beverly Square Historic District and after a closer examination of the property, PCR agrees with this determination. However, PCR discovered significant alterations to the North and South Buildings, such as room additions, window alterations, balcony additions, and an obstructive front metal fence. As a result of these investigations, PCR identified the North and South Buildings as Contributors (Altered) and assigned them a California Historical Resource Status Code of 5D2, contributor to a district that is eligible for local listing or designation.

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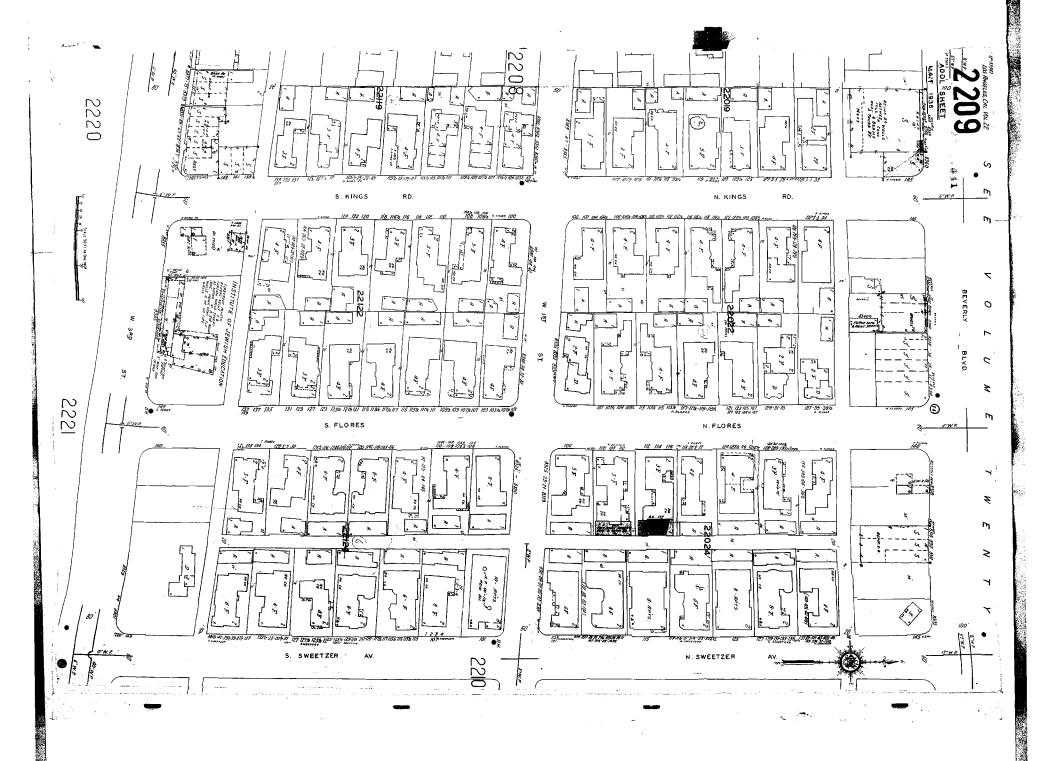
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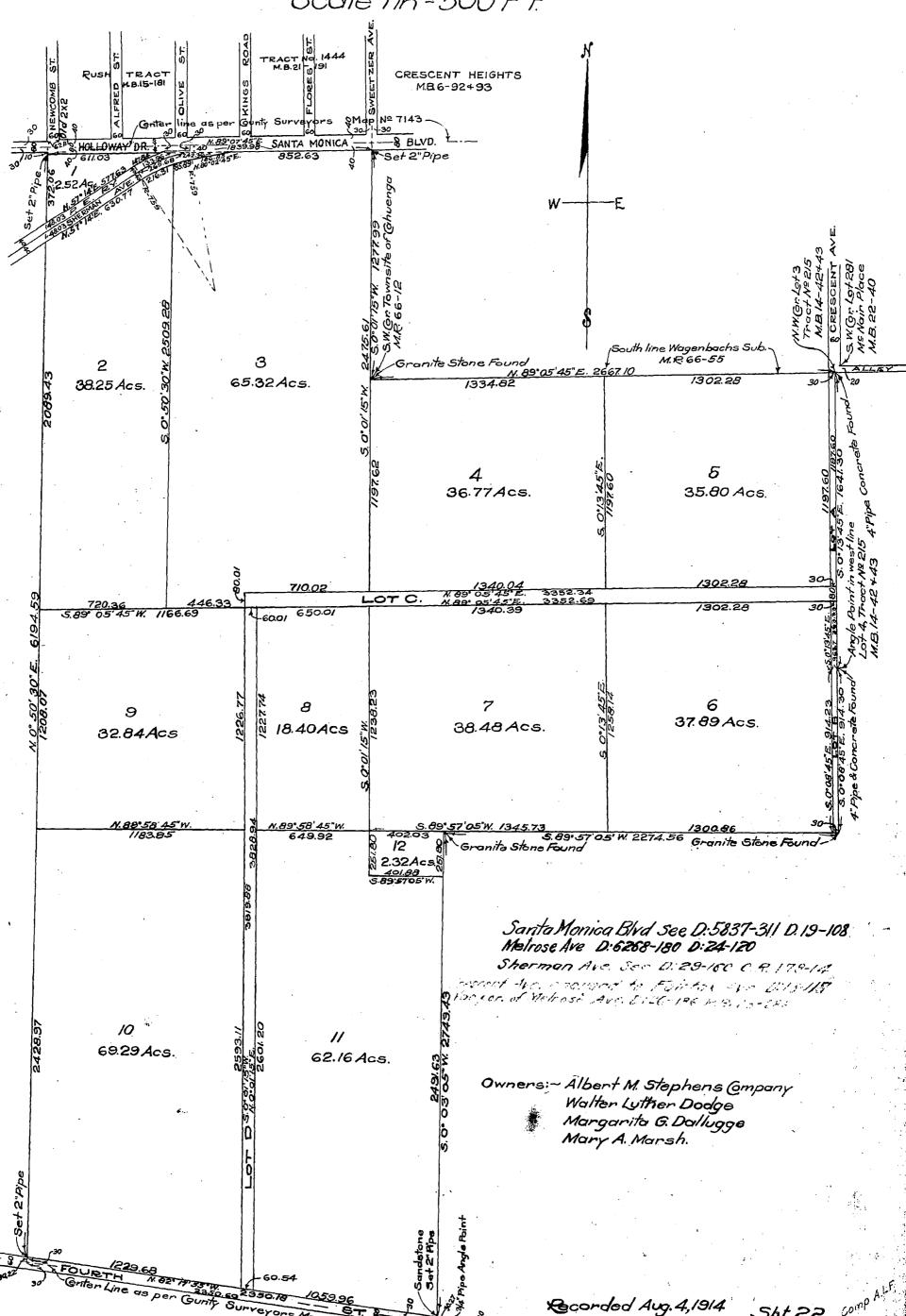




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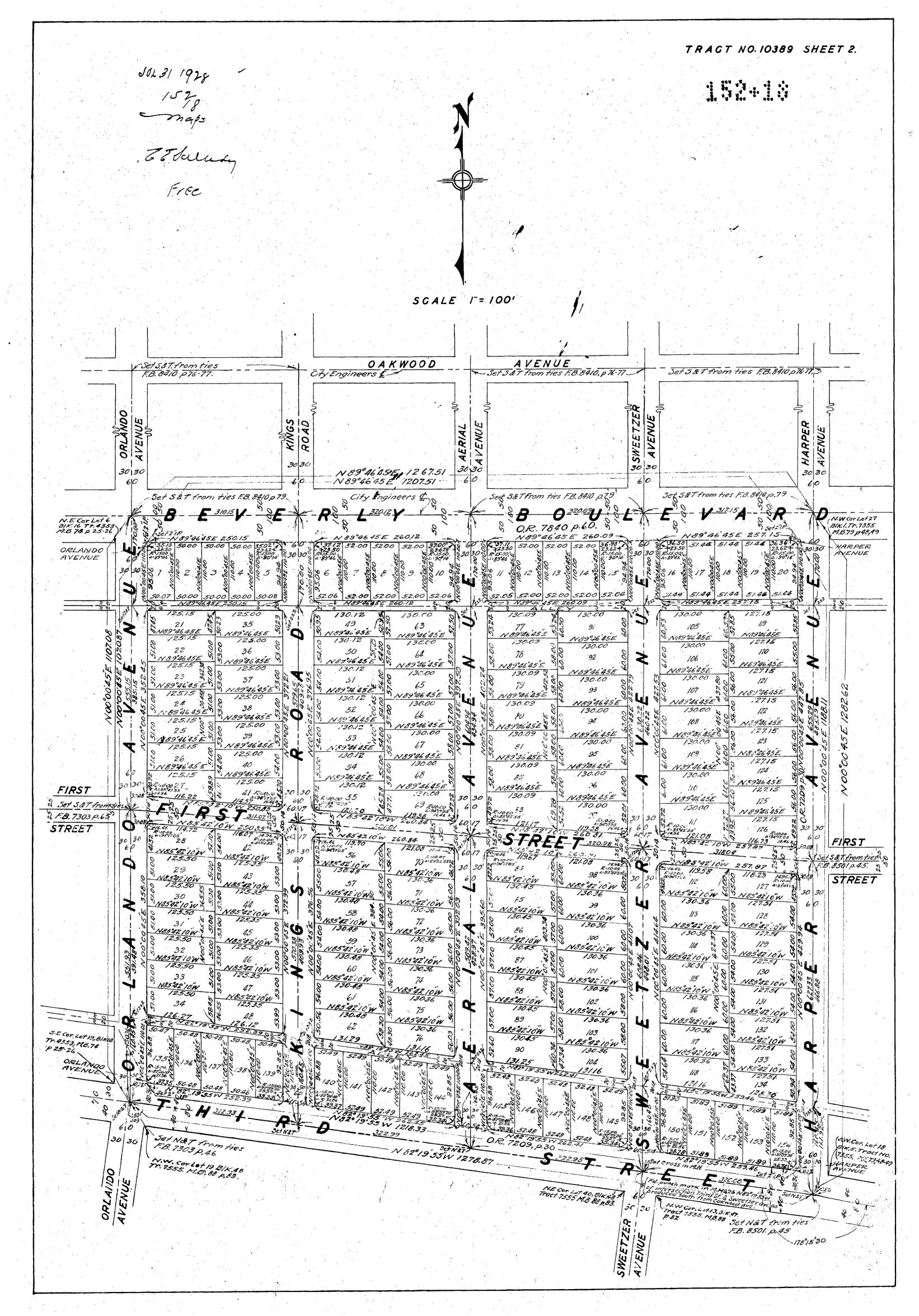
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Superintendent of Building

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NOTE: Any change of use or occupancy must be approved by the Department of Building and Safety.

This certifies that, so far as ascertained by or made known to the undersigned, the building at above address compiless with the applicable requirements of the Municipal Code, as follows: Ch. 1, as to permitted uses; Ch. 9, Artss.11, 3, 4, and 5; and with applicable requirements of State Housing Act,—for following occupancies:

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# **Document Number(s)**

1939LA14074

# **Record Description**

Record ID: 6983674

Doc Type: BUILDING PERMIT Sub Type: BLDG-ALTER/REPAIR

Doc Date: 04/12/1939

Status: None

Doc Version: None AKA Address: None Project Name: None Disaster ID: None Subject: None

Product Name: None

Manufacturer's Name: None

Expired Date: None Receipt Number: None Case Number: None Scan Number: None Dwelling Units: None

Comments: This document shows the following information: Units Total = 4.

# Property Address(es)

122 N FLORES

# Legal Description(s)

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# CITY OF LOS ANGELES

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

BUILDING DIVISION

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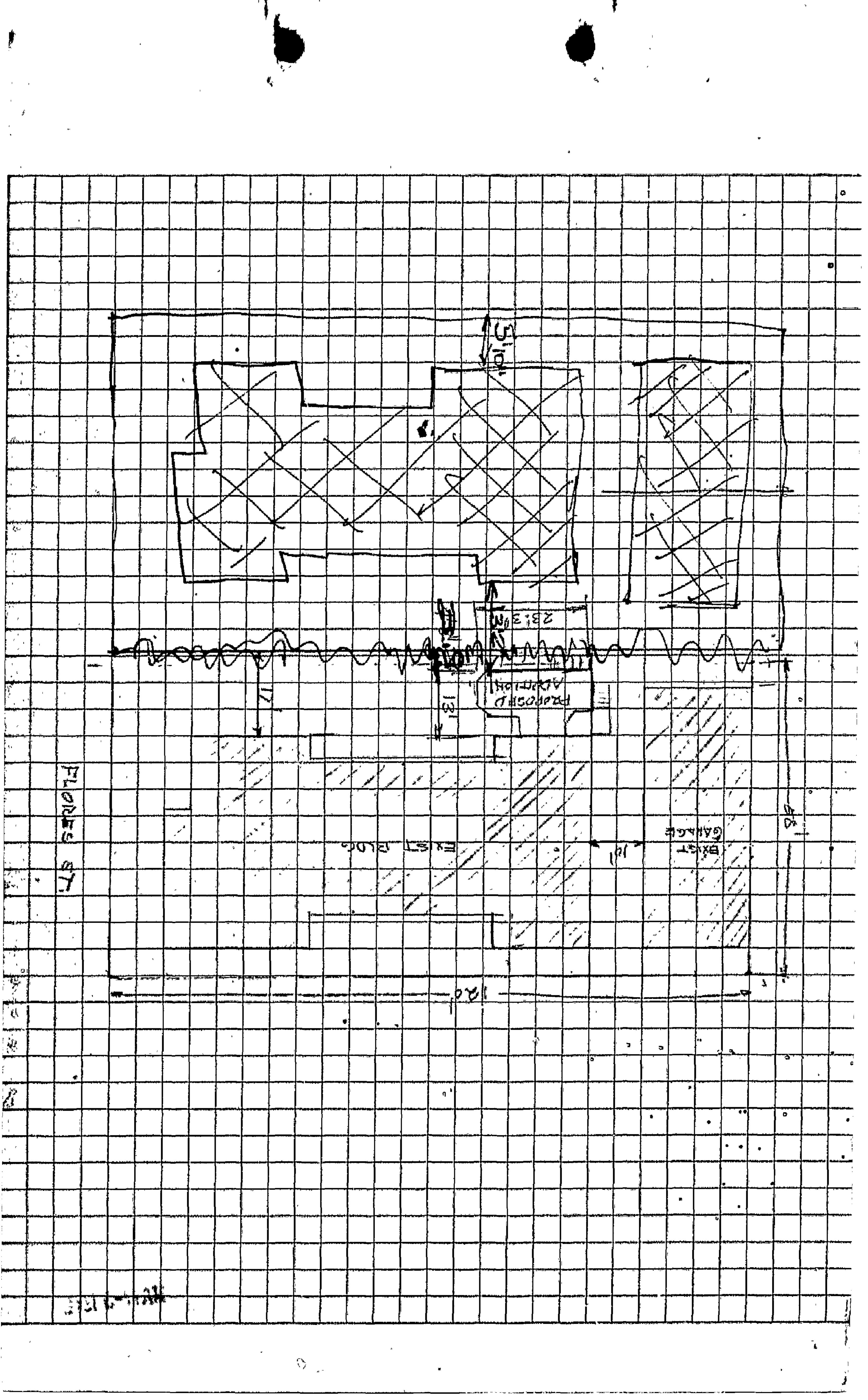
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# APPLICATION TO ALTER, REPAIR OR DEMOLISH AND FOR A Certificate of Occupancy

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# **Record Description**

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Doc Date: 05/03/1948

Status: ISSUED
Doc Version: None
AKA Address: None
Project Name: None
Disaster ID: None
Subject: None

Product Name: None

Manufacturer's Name: None

Expired Date: None Receipt Number: None Case Number: None

Scan Number: 5000904201200000311

**Dwelling Units: None** 

Comments: ADD'N BDRM, BATH & BSMNT.

# Property Address(es)

118 1/2 122 1/2 N FLORES ST

# Legal Description(s)

Tract: TR 10359 Block: Lot: 80 Arb:

Map Reference: Modifier:

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Type: IDIS P5449; 00311; 0000 thru 0001

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# **Primary Use**APARTMENT



# **Documents**

# **Document Number(s)**

1948 15601

# **Record Description**

Record ID: 6983665

Doc Type: BUILDING PERMIT Sub Type: BLDG-ALTER/REPAIR

Doc Date: 05/03/1948

Status: None

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# Property Address(es)

118 N FLORES ST

# Legal Description(s)

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Modifier: Map Reference:

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# Assessor Number(s)

5511-009-008

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Type: HIST P1412; 001; 2601



#### **Documents**

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# **Record Description**

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Doc Date: 10/07/1980

Status: None

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Product Name: None

Manufacturer's Name: None

Expired Date: None Receipt Number: None Case Number: None Scan Number: None Dwelling Units: None

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# Legal Description(s)

Tract: TR 10389 Block: Lot: 79 Arb:

Map Reference: Modifier:

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# Assessor Number(s)

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Type: HIST P1860; 001; 1346

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# **Record Description**

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Sub Type: ALTERATION Doc Date: 07/22/1996

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Type: HIST P0580; 003; 0492

**Primary Use**APARTMENT



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# **Record Description**

Record ID: 11203084

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Doc Date: 01/06/1998

Status: ISSUED
Doc Version: None
AKA Address: None
Project Name: None
Disaster ID: None
Subject: None

Product Name: None

Manufacturer's Name: None

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Comments: T/O, INSTALL 1/2" CDX & 45 SQ CLASS A COMP

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118 118 N FLORES ST 90048-0000

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Tract: TR 10389 Block: Lot: 80 Arb:

Map Reference: M B 152-17/18 Modifier:

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Permit Reference(s)

1998VN29367

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Type: HIST P647; 7; 437

**Primary Use**APARTMENT



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#### **Document Number(s)**

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Doc Type: BUILDING PERMIT Sub Type: BLDG-ALTER/REPAIR

Doc Date: 01/06/1998

Status: ISSUED
Doc Version: None
AKA Address: None
Project Name: None
Disaster ID: None
Subject: None

Product Name: None

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Comments: T/O, INSTALL 1/2" CDX & 7 SQ CLASS A COMP

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Permit Reference(s)

1998VN29366

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Type: HIST P647; 7; 435

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#### **Document Number(s)**

98016-20000-00157

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Record ID: 11203073

Doc Type: BUILDING PERMIT Sub Type: BLDG-ALTER/REPAIR

Doc Date: 01/06/1998

Status: ISSUED
Doc Version: None
AKA Address: None
Project Name: None
Disaster ID: None
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Product Name: None

Manufacturer's Name: None

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Comments: T/O, INSTALL 1/2" CDX & 45 SQ CLASS A COMP

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Permit Reference(s)

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Type: HIST P647; 7; 431

**Primary Use**APARTMENT



#### **Documents**

#### **Document Number(s)**

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#### **Record Description**

Record ID: 11227557

Doc Type: BUILDING PERMIT Sub Type: BLDG-ALTER/REPAIR

Doc Date: 08/05/1998

Status: ISSUED
Doc Version: None
AKA Address: None
Project Name: None
Disaster ID: None
Subject: None

Product Name: None

Manufacturer's Name: None

Expired Date: None Receipt Number: None Case Number: None Scan Number: None Dwelling Units: None

Comments: repair and patch stucco cracks. replace doors and windows, (same

size and location). repair railings. general non-structural termite repair

#### Property Address(es)

118 126 1/2 N FLORES ST 90048-0000

#### Legal Description(s)

Tract: TR 10389 Block: Lot: 80 Arb:

Map Reference: M B 152-17/18 Modifier:

#### Contact

Company: MODERN CONST. CO

#### PIN(s)

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#### Assessor Number(s)

5511-009-008



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Permit Reference(s)

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Type: HIST P665; 3; 510

**Primary Use** 

**APARTMENT** 



#### **Documents**

#### **Document Number(s)**

99016-30000-00192

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Record ID: 11250151

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Doc Date: 01/12/1999

Status: ISSUED
Doc Version: None
AKA Address: None
Project Name: None
Disaster ID: None
Subject: None

Product Name: None

Manufacturer's Name: None

Expired Date: None Receipt Number: None Case Number: None Scan Number: None Dwelling Units: None

Comments: RETROFIT PER LA CITY STANDARD PLAN - 4 UNITS APT INSTALL ANCHOR

BOLTS ,STRAPS & OTHER HARDWARE. INSTALL PLYWOOD SHEATHING OVER THE CRIPPLE

WALLS.

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#### Legal Description(s)

Tract: TR 10389 Block: Lot: 80 Arb:

Map Reference: M B 152-17/18 Modifier:

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Permit Reference(s)

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Type: HIST P678; 1; 259

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#### **Documents**

#### **Document Number(s)**

99016-30000-00201

#### **Record Description**

Record ID: 11250150

Doc Type: BUILDING PERMIT Sub Type: BLDG-ALTER/REPAIR

Doc Date: 01/12/1999

Status: ISSUED
Doc Version: None
AKA Address: None
Project Name: None
Disaster ID: None
Subject: None

Product Name: None

Manufacturer's Name: None

Expired Date: None Receipt Number: None Case Number: None Scan Number: None Dwelling Units: None

Comments: FOUNDATION RETROFIT PER LA CITY STANDARD PLAN - 4 UNIT APT.

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#### Legal Description(s)

Tract: TR 10389 Block: Lot: 79 Arb:

Map Reference: M B 152-17/18 Modifier:

#### Contact

Name: BIAN AZADI

#### PIN(s)

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#### Assessor Number(s)

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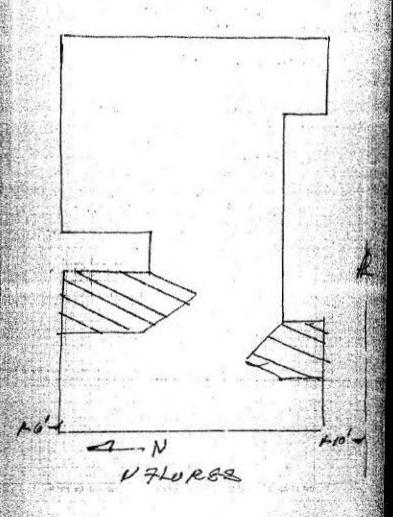
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Appendix E – DPR Forms		

State of California — The Resources Agency **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION** 

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary# HRI# Trinomial

NRHP Status Code 5D2

Other Listings **Review Code** 

Reviewer

Date

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\*Resource Name or #: 118-122 1/2 N. Flores Street

P1. Other Identifier:

\*P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☐ Unrestricted

\*a. County: Los Angeles

\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad:

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City: Los Angeles

Zip: 90048

c. Address: 118-122 1/2 N. Flores Street d. UTM: Zone: 10 ; mF/

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e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate) Elevation:

Oriented with the primary elevation facing west towards Flores Street, Tract Number 10389, Lot 80, APN# 5511-009-008.

\*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries) The Building is located at 118-122 ½ N. Flores Street in the neighborhood of Beverly Grove, Los Angeles, California, on an approximately 7,545 square foot parcel (Figure 9). The Building's primary elevation is oriented north toward a garden courtyard, while a secondary elevation fronts Flores Street to the west. The Building is a two-story, multi-family Minimal Traditional apartment building with understated elements of the American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles. The Building has an Hshaped footprint, low wood-frame construction, and a concrete foundation. The exterior's first floor is covered in stucco, which has been redone in the recent past to repair cracks (alteration) according to building permits on file. The second floor is clad in a combination of stucco and wood tongue and groove siding. The combination/hipped roof has an open, overhanging eaves with decorative rafter tails. The roof has been covered in replacement asphalt shingles (alteration).

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (HP3) multi family property

□Structure □Object □Site □District □Element of District □Other (Isolates, etc.) \*P4. Resources Present: ☑Building



P5b. Description of Photo:

Primary Elevation, View east (PCR 2015)

P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:

☑Historic

□Prehistoric □Both

1923 (LA County Assessor)

P7. Owner and Address:

Elisa Paster, Glaser Weil 10250 Constellation Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90067

P8. Recorded by:

PCR Services, 201 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 500, Santa Monica, CA 90401

P9. Date Recorded: 8/15/2015

P10. Survey Type:

Historic Resources Assessment

\*P11. Report Citation:

PCR Services. Historic Resources Assessment. Prepared for Elisa Paster, Glaser Weil. August 2015.

\*Attachments: □NONE □Location Map □Sketch Map ☑Continuation Sheet ☑Building, Structure, and Object Record □Archaeological Record □District Record □Linear Feature Record □Milling Station Record □Rock Art Record □Artifact Record □Photograph Record □ Other (List): DPR 523A (1/95) \*Required information State of California — The Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Primary # HRI#

#### BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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\*NRHP Status Code 5D2

\*Resource Name or # 118-122 1/2 N. Flores Street

B1. Historic Name:

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: Multi-Family Residential B4. Prese

B4. Present Use: Multi-Family Residential

\*B5. Architectural Style: American Colonial Revival/Monterey Revival/Minimal Traditional

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

The building permits on file in the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety ("LADBS") were reviewed to determine the history of construction and alterations for the Building located at 118-122½ N. Flores Street. The LADBS permits confirmed the original construction date of 1939 for the Building at 118-122½ N. Flores Street. Additional building permits for the Building indicate that minor as well as significant alterations were made over time. The largest alteration documented in the building permits was filed in April of 1948 when building owner Mendel Meyer requested a permit to build a 23'x 13' addition onto the front façade of the Building, including an extra bedroom, bathroom, and basement. Other work conducted includes routine building maintenance and repairs to stucco and railings resulting in a mixture of railing styles. In the 1951 Sanborn Map, the Building is depicted with no second floor balconies, indicating the existing second floor balconies have been added in the recent past.

\*B7. Moved? ☑No □Yes □Unknown Date: Original Location: Yes

\*B8. Related Features:

None.

B9a. Architect: Unknown b. Builder: Meyer and Holler

\*B10. Significance: Theme: Multi-Family Residential District (1910-1980) and Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942)

Area: Beverly Grove

Period of Significance: 1939 Property Type: Multi-Family Residence Applicable Criteria: None (Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.) As an individual property, the Building is not eligible for listing under any of the applicable federal, state or local eligibility criteria. While the neighborhood's development is a significant part of Los Angeles' growth during the Great Depression, the Building did not play a significant role in this historic context as an individual property. Furthermore, the Building is not identified with historic personages important in local, state, or national history. The original builder, Mendel Meyer, is considered a significant builder in Los Angeles history, however, most of his notable works occurred during the 1920s and involved innovations in theater design and construction, to include the innovative courtyard theater design seen at Grauman's Chinese (HCM 43) and Egyptian Theatres (HCM 584). In addition to their innovative theater designs, Meyer and Holler have been recognized for other major projects, which have been recognized as Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Monuments. The modest Building at 118-122½ N. Flores Street is incomparable to the notable works of Meyer and Holler and therefore does not qualify as a notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual genius influenced his age. The Building is an undistinguished minimal traditional interpretation of American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles, which can be found throughout Los Angeles, including in the immediate surrounding neighborhood and due to its lack of integrity, should not be considered an excellent example of its type or style.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)

#### \*B12. References:

Sanborn Maps, LA Building Permits, LA Times, Secondary Sources

B13. Remarks:

\*B14. Evaluator: Christian Taylor, PCR Services, 201 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 500, Santa Monica, CA 90401

\*Date of Evaluation: 8/15/2015

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State of California — The Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION CONTINUATION SHEET

Primary # HRI# Trinomial

Page 3 of 3 \*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) 118-122 ½ N. Flores Street

\*Recorded by: Christian Taylor, PCR Services \*Date: 8/15/2015 ☑ Continuation ☐ Update

#### P3a. Description (cont):

Surrounded by manicured landscaping, the front elevation (north) was once symmetrical with a large porch bisecting the Building. A small set of five tiled stairs and cast iron railings (alteration) leads to the porch providing access to two primary entrances to ground floor apartments and a large tiled staircase, flanked by original cast iron railings leading to the upstairs units. The porch is covered by a low sloping, concave metal awning, supported by steel posts. Located near the east side of the primary elevation is a large addition that has significantly altered the Building's footprint and relationship with the adjacent landscapin . The addition is composed of a small set of stairs leading to a stoop surrounded by a metal railing and covered by a simple awning supported by steel posts. The stoop provides access to the studio apartment's primary entrance. The roof of the addition has been converted into an outdoor patio space for the second story apartment and is surrounded by a metal railing (alteration). A large angled bay with sliding aluminum and jalousie windows (alterations) projects into the Building's garden space. Fenestration throughout the primary elevation consists of divided light fixed windows (original) with aluminum sliding and jalousie windows (alterations). Primary entrances to the individual apartments consist of wood panel doors with decorative surrounds and a mixture of original and new fixtures. Above the first floor entrances runs a horizontal stringcourse and decorative wood brackets. The Building's secondary elevation (east) facing Flores Street continues the main elevations theme of stucco on the first floor with wood tongue and groove siding on the second floor. The dominant feature of the secondary elevation is the Monterey Revival styled balcony (alteration). The balcony is surrounded by a steel railing and supported by decorative corbels and a steel post. The balcony is connected to a bedroom in the upstairs apartment via a single fully glazed wood door. Fenestration along the secondary elevation consists of replacement aluminum sliding and jalousie windows (alterations). The walkway through the garden leads past the Building's 1948 addition to the buildings rear elevation, which consists of no significant architectural detailing. This side of the building (east) is clad in stucco and contains several window openings featuring replacement aluminum sliding and jalousie windows (alterations). First floor windows have decorative iron security bars. A rear entrance to addition is also located on the rear elevation and consists of a single wood door with partial glazing. A steel stoop and stairs with metal railing leads to the door. Also found at the rear of the building is the garage, a rectangular stucco structure containing three garage doors (alterations) fronting the rear alley. PCR was not able to gain access to the Building's south elevation. The Building has four apartments and one studio (added in 1948). Upon entering each apartment, the visitor is met by a large living room. The original wood flooring in the living rooms remain, however flooring in other areas of the apartments have been altered with carpeting or linoleum. The living rooms of each apartment are dominated by the fireplaces, decorated by wood or metal mantles. The mantles appear mass produced, with upstairs and downstairs units sharing similar designs. Some of the units appear to have original kitchens while others have been updated. Although original tile is found in many of the bathrooms, fixtures, like toilets, sinks, faucets, and shower fixtures, have been updated. Architectural details like crown molding remain throughout the units, however some features, like baseboards have been removed or altered. Fixtures—lighting, door knobs, etc.—throughout the apartment interiors contain a mixture of original and new.

#### B10. Significance (cont):

Constructed in 1939, the Building was developed on lot 80 of 154 parcels in Tract 10389, originally subdivided by Merchants National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles in July of 1928. While the Building is related to the historic context of Los Angeles development during the Great Depression (1929-1941), as stated in National Register Bulletin 15, "Mere association with historic events or trends is not enough, in and of itself, to qualify under Criterion A: the property's specific association must be considered important as well." As an individual property, the Building does not possess a significant association with the historic theme of Los Angeles' development during the Great Depression. The Building was not one of the earliest constructed in the neighborhood and does not possess greater significance than any of the surrounding apartment buildings, all of which contribute to the development of Beverly Square during the 1930s. The Building is not identified with historic personages or events in the main currents of national, state, or local history. The Building does not show any historical importance in association with various owners, and the occupancy history could not be fully established due to periods when the property was not listed and a lack of Los Angeles historic directories from the late 1930s and 1940s. Research regarding building occupants uncovered Mendel Meyer's residency in the Building. Meyer could be considered a notable person based on his relationship to the development of Los Angeles' built environment throughout the first decades of the twentieth century, however criterion C covers buildings associated notable builders, engineers, and architects. Furthermore, Meyer lived in the Building after his retirement in 1936, and therefore the building could not be associated with his contributions to local history. Meyer most likely owned the North and Buildings for a source of income during his retirement years. The Historical background research on other owners and/or occupants did not reveal any information that indicates historical significance or notability. No evidence was found that linked the property to the productive life of a locally, statewide, or nationally known person. Individually, the Building is not an exceptional, distinctive, outstanding, or singular example of its type or style. The Building is a common Minimal Traditional variation of American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles, typical of Los Angeles multi-family housing dating from the period (1930s). Several buildings in the immediate area are better representations of the 1930s era Minimal Traditional multi-family residence. Furthermore, the 1948 addition to the Building's primary elevation has significantly eroded the structure's architectural integrity and compromised the Building's relationship with the surrounding landscape and neighboring structure (North Building, 124-126½ N. Flores). Although the Building is the work of a notable Los Angeles area builder, Mendel Meyer of Meyer and Holler, it is not notable in comparison with the quality architecture produced throughout the firm's history. Meyer and Holler, Architects, Engineers and Builders were known for their innovative motion picture theater designs as well as the quality commercial and residential construction projects completed throughout the first three decades of the twentieth century. One of the firm's most prominent projects, Grauman's Chinese Theater, cost \$1.5 Million to build in 1926 and was published in influential architecture trade journals like American Architect, Architectural Digest, and the Architectural Record. In 1934, the firm was commissioned to build a twelve-bedroom single family home in Bel Air at a cost of \$35,000. In comparison, the Building cost \$16,000 to construct and was most likely intended to be a low-cost project resulting in an income producing investment property for the retired Mendel Meyer who owned the property.

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PRIMARY RECORD

Primary# HRI# Trinomial

NRHP Status Code 5D2

Other Listings **Review Code** 

Date

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\*Resource Name or #: 124-126 1/2 N. Flores Street

P1. Other Identifier:

\*P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☐ Unrestricted

\*a. County: Los Angeles

\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad:

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c. Address: 124-126 1/2 N. Flores Street

City: Los Angeles

Zip: 90048

d. UTM: Zone: 10 ;

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e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate) Elevation:

Oriented with the primary elevation facing west towards Flores Street, Tract Number 10389, Lot 79, APN# 5511-009-007.

\*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries) The Building is located at 124-126 ½ N. Flores Avenue in the neighborhood of Beverly Grove, Los Angeles, California, on an approximately 7,545 square foot parcel. The Building's primary elevation is oriented south toward a garden courtyard, while a secondary elevation fronts Flores Street to the west. The Building is a two-story, multi-family Minimal Traditional apartment building with understated elements of the American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles. The Building has an H-shaped footprint, wood-frame construction, and a concrete foundation. The combination/hipped roof has open, overhanging eaves with decorative rafter tails. The roof has been covered in replacement asphalt shingles (alteration). The exterior's first floor is covered in stucco, which has been redone in the recent past to repair cracks (alteration) according to building permits on file. The second floor is clad in a combination of stucco and wood tongue and groove siding.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (HP3) multi family property

□Structure □Object □Site □District □Element of District □Other (Isolates, etc.) \*P4. Resources Present: ☑Building



P5b. Description of Photo:

Primary Elevation, View east (PCR 2015)

P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:

☑Historic

□Prehistoric □Both 1923 (LA County Assessor)

P7. Owner and Address:

Elisa Paster, Glaser Weil 10250 Constellation Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90067

P8. Recorded by:

PCR Services, 201 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 500, Santa Monica, CA 90401

P9. Date Recorded: 8/15/2015

P10. Survey Type:

Historic Resources Assessment

\*P11. Report Citation:

PCR Services. Historic Resources Assessment. Prepared for Elisa Paster, Glaser Weil. August 2015.

\*Attachments: □NONE □Location Map □Sketch Map ☑Continuation Sheet ☑Building, Structure, and Object Record □Archaeological Record □District Record □Linear Feature Record □Milling Station Record □Rock Art Record □Artifact Record □Photograph Record □ Other (List): DPR 523A (1/95) \*Required information State of California — The Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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\*NRHP Status Code 5D2

\*Resource Name or # 124-126 1/2 N. Flores Street

B1. Historic Name:

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: Multi-Family Residential B4. Present Use: I

B4. Present Use: Multi-Family Residential

\*B5. Architectural Style: American Colonial Revival/Monterey Revival/Minimal Traditional

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

The building permits on file in the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety ("LADBS") were reviewed to determine the history of construction and alterations for the Building located at 124-126½ N. Flores Street. The LADBS permits confirmed the original construction dates 1936 for 124-126½ N. Flores Street. Additional building permits indicate that minor as well as significant alterations were made over time. Work conducted on the Building includes routine maintenance and repairs to stucco and railings. A permit filed in 1980 shows two large additions to unit 124½. In the 1951 Sanborn Map, the Building is shown with second story balconies on the south elevation. These balconies are no longer extant.

\*B7. Moved? ⊠No □Yes □Unknown Date: Original Location: *Yes* 

\*B8. Related Features:

None.

B9a. Architect: Unknown b. Builder: Meyer and Holler

**\*B10. Significance:** Theme: Multi-Family Residential District (1910-1980) and Period Revival Multi-Family Residential Neighborhoods (1918-1942)

Area: Beverly Grove

Period of Significance: 1936 Property Type: Multi-Family Residence Applicable Criteria: None (Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.) As an individual property, the Building is not eligible for listing under any of the applicable federal, state or local eligibility criteria. While the neighborhood's development is a significant part of Los Angeles' growth during the Great Depression, the Building did not play a significant role in this historic context as an individual property. Furthermore, the Building is not identified with historic personages important in local, state, or national history. The original builder, Mendel Meyer, is considered a significant builder in Los Angeles history, however, most of his notable works occurred during the 1920s and involved innovations in theater design and construction, to include the innovative courtyard theater design seen at Grauman's Chinese (HCM 43) and Egyptian Theatres (HCM 584). In addition to their innovative theater designs, Meyer and Holler have been recognized for other major projects, which have been recognized as Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Monuments. The modest Building at 124-126½ N. Flores Street is incomparable to the notable works of Meyer and Holler and therefore does not qualify as a notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual genius influenced his age. The Building is an undistinguished minimal traditional interpretation of American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles, which can be found throughout Los Angeles, including in the immediate surrounding neighborhood and due to its lack of integrity, should not be considered an excellent example of its type or style.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)

#### \*B12. References:

Sanborn Maps, LA Building Permits, LA Times, Secondary Sources

B13. Remarks:

\*B14. Evaluator: Christian Taylor, PCR Services, 201 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 500, Santa Monica, CA 90401

\*Date of Evaluation: 8/15/2015

(This space reserved for official comments.)

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Primary # HRI# Trinomial

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\*Recorded by: Christian Taylor, PCR Services \*Date: 8/15/2015 ☑ Continuation ☐ Update

#### P3a. Description (cont):

Surrounded by manicured landscaping, the Building's primary elevation (south) is symmetrical with a large stoop bisecting the Building. The stoop, covered by a low sloping, concave metal awning, supported by steel posts, leads to an open passageway, bounded by a decorative surround and pilasters, providing access to the primary entrances of each ground level apartment and a dogleg staircase leading to the second floor apartments. Fenestration on the primary elevation consists of original fixed wood frame windows, as well as aluminum sliding and jalousie windows (alterations), and double hung and sliding vinyl windows (alterations).

The walkway through the garden leads to the buildings rear elevation, which consists of no significant architectural detailing. This side of the building (east) is clad in stucco and contains several window openings featuring replacement aluminum sliding and jalousie windows (alterations). First floor windows have decorative iron security bars. Also found at the rear of the building is the garage, a rectangular stucco structure containing four garage doors (alterations) fronting the rear alley. The concrete walkway continues around to the north elevation of the Building. Like the rear, there are few notable architectural elements. This elevation of the Building is clad in stucco and fenestration consists of a combination of replacement aluminum sliding and jalousie windows, and vinyl siding and double hung windows. Secondary entrances provided access between the apartments and the walkway. At the center of the north elevation, there is an indent in the Building's footprint, providing space for patios attached to each apartment. Second floor apartments have balconies surrounded by steel railings, while ground floor apartments have patios enclosed with wood fencing. The Building's secondary elevation (east) facing Flores Street continues the main elevations theme of stucco on the first floor with wood tongue and groove siding on the second floor. The dominant feature of the secondary elevation is the full length Monterey Revival styled balcony. The balcony is surrounded by a steel railing and supported by decorative corbels. Fenestration along the secondary elevation consists of replacement aluminum and vinyl sash windows (alterations). A small decorative metal fence isolates the east elevation from the public right-of-way (alteration). The Building has four apartments. Upon entering each apartment, the visitor is met by a large living room. In some cases, the original wood flooring in the living rooms remain, however in other cases, apartments have been renovated and wood laminate flooring has been installed. The living rooms of each apartment are dominated by the fireplaces, decorated by wood mantles. The mantles appear mass produced with basic detailing. Kitchens throughout the units have been updated with new tile, fixtures, and replacement windows. Dining rooms have built-ins that appear altered or new construction. Bathrooms have also been renovated in some of the units. Architectural details like crown molding remain throughout the units, however some features, like baseboards have been removed or altered. Throughout the apartment interiors contain a mixture of original and new fixtures (lighting, door knobs, etc.).

#### B10. Significance (cont):

Constructed in 1936, the Building was developed on lot 79 of 154 parcels in Tract 10389, originally subdivided by Merchants National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles in July of 1928. While the subject property is related to the historic context of Los Angeles development during the Great Depression (1929-1941), "Mere association with historic events or trends is not enough, in and of itself, to qualify under Criterion A: the property's specific association must be considered important as well." As an individual property, the Building does not possess a significant association with the historic theme of Los Angeles' development during the Great Depression. The Building was not one of the earliest constructed in the neighborhood and does not possess greater significance than any of the surrounding apartment buildings, all of which contribute to the development of Beverly Square during the 1930s. The Building is not identified with historic personages or events in the main currents of national, state, or local history. The Building does not show any historical importance in association with various owners, and the occupancy history could not be fully established due to periods when the property was not listed and a lack of Los Angeles historic directories from the late 1930s and 1940s. Research regarding building occupants uncovered Mendel Meyer's residency in the Building. Meyer could be considered a notable person based on his relationship to the development of Los Angeles' built environment throughout the first decades of the twentieth century, however Criterion C covers buildings associated notable builders, engineers, and architects. Furthermore, Meyer lived in the Building after his retirement in 1936, and therefore the building could not be associated with his contributions to local history. The Historical background research on other owners and/or occupants did not reveal any information that indicates historical significance or notability. No evidence was found that linked the property to the productive life of a locally, statewide, or nationally known person. Individually, the Building is not an exceptional, distinctive, outstanding, or singular example of its type or style. The Building is a common Minimal Traditional variation of American Colonial and Monterey Revival styles, typical of Los Angeles multifamily housing dating from the period (1930s). Several buildings in the immediate area are better representations of the 1930s era Minimal Traditional multi-family residence. Although the Building is the work of a notable Los Angeles area builder, Mendel Meyer of Meyer and Holler, it is not notable in comparison with the quality architecture produced throughout the firm's history. Meyer and Holler, Architects, Engineers and Builders were known for their innovative motion picture theater designs as well as the quality commercial and residential construction projects completed throughout the first three decades of the twentieth century. One of the firm's most prominent projects, Grauman's Chinese Theater, cost \$1.5 Million to build in 1926 and was published in influential architecture trade journals like American Architect, Architectural Digest, and the Architectural Record. In 1934, the firm was commissioned to build a twelve-bedroom single family home in Bel Air at a cost of \$35,000. In comparison, the Building cost \$15,000 to construct and was most likely intended to be a low-cost project resulting in an income producing investment property for the retired Mendel Meyer.

DPR 523L (1/95) \*Required information

Appendix F-	- Professional	Qualifications
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### Margarita Jerabek, Ph.D.

#### ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL, DIRECTOR OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

#### **SUMMARY**

Margarita Jerabek has 25 years of professional practice in the United States with an extensive background in historic preservation, architectural history, art history and decorative arts, and historical archaeology. She specializes in Visual Art and Culture, 19th-20th Century American Architecture, Modern and Contemporary Architecture, Architectural Theory and Criticism, Urbanism, and Cultural Landscape, and is a regional expert on Southern California architecture. Her qualifications and experience meet and exceed the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards in History, Archaeology, and Architectural History. She has managed and conducted a wide range of technical studies in support of environmental compliance projects, developed preservation and conservation plans, and implemented preservation treatment projects for public and private clients in California and throughout the United States.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Dr. Jerabek has prepared a broad range of environmental documentation and conducted preservation projects throughout the Los Angeles metropolitan area and Southern California counties. She provides expert assistance to public agencies and private clients in environmental review, from due diligence through planning/design review and permitting and when necessary, implements mitigation and preservation treatment measures on behalf of her clients. As primary investigator and author of hundreds of technical reports, plan review documents, preservation and conservation plans, HABS/HAER/HALS reports, construction monitoring reports, salvage reports and relocation plans, she is a highly experienced practitioner and expert in addressing historical resources issues while supporting and balancing project goals.

She is an expert in the evaluation, management and treatment of historic properties for compliance with Sections 106 and 110 of the NHPA, NEPA, Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act, CEQA, and local ordinances and planning requirements. Dr. Jerabek regularly performs assessments to ensure conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, and assists clients with adaptive reuse/rehabilitation projects by providing preservation design and treatment consultation, agency coordination, legally defensible documentation, construction monitoring and conservation treatment.

She is a regional expert on Southern California architecture. She has prepared a broad range of environmental documentation and conducted preservation projects throughout the Los Angeles

#### Education

Ph.D., Art History, University of California, Los Angeles, 2005

M.A., Architectural History, School of Architecture, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 1991

Certificate of Historic Preservation, School of Architecture, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 1991

B.A., Art History, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, 1983

#### Awards/Recognition

2014 Preservation Award, *The Dunbar Hotel*, L.A. Conservancy

2014 Westside Prize, *The Dunbar Hotel*, Westside Urban Forum,

2014Design Award: *Tongva Park & Ken Genser Square*, Westside Urban Forum

2012 California Preservation
Foundation Award, RMS Queen Mary
Conservation Management Plan,
California Preservation Foundation

#### Professional Affiliations

California Preservation Foundation

Santa Monica Conservancy

Los Angeles Conservancy

Society of Architectural Historians

National Trust for Historic Preservation Leadership Forum

American Institute of Architects (AIA), National Allied Member

American Architectural Foundation

Association for Preservation Technology

#### NAME

metropolitan area as well as in Ventura, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties. Beyond her technical skill, Dr. Jerabek is a highly experienced project manager with broad national experience throughout the United States. She currently manages PCR's on-call preservation services with the City of Santa Monica, County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works, City of Hermosa Beach, Los Angeles Unified School District, and Long Beach Unified School District.



### Amanda Kainer, M.S.

#### SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

#### **SUMMARY**

Amanda Kainer has more than eight years of professional and academic experience in the practice of historic preservation and architectural history. Ms. Kainer has conducted extensive archival research, field observation, recordation, and prepared survey documentation and assisted in database management for numerous PCR historic resources projects. She has training and substantial experience in the evaluation and conservation of art and architecture and passion for interior design.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Ms. Kainer has completed and co-authored a wide range of architectural investigations including historic resources assessment and impacts analysis reports for compliance with CEQA, character-defining features reports, plan reviews, investment tax credit applications, Section 106 significance evaluations, and HABS documentations. She has also performed extensive research, survey work, and prepared numerous landmark and preliminary assessment reports as a part of PCR's On-Call Historic Preservation Contract with the City of Santa Monica.

She is involved a diverse set of projects and analyses. These include anything from a California Register nomination for the UCLA Faculty Center to a paint analysis for a Churrigueresque style 1920s commercial building in Santa Monica. She has coauthored Section 106 reports for the residential development in Thousand Oaks, Santa Monica Pier, Avalon Fuel Dock on Catalina Island, and a Mid-Century roadside motel in Bakersfield. For LAUSD, Ms. Kainer authored a character-defining features analysis for seven historic schools, provided historic analysis for an MND, and preliminary resource evaluations and plan reviews for various historic schools.

Historic Resources Assessments: Ms. Kainer has contributed to the research, site inspections, and report preparation of a number of historic resources assessments in the Los Angeles metropolitan area for compliance with CEQA. Ms. Kainer has evaluated a number of different types of potential historical resources, including single-family and multi-family residences, banks, commercial buildings, schools, hotels, and cultural landscapes in Beverly Hills, Venice, Los Angeles, and Santa Monica.

Large Scale Survey Experience: She was a contributing author for three major Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles – Adelante Eastside, Wilshire Center/Koreatown, and Normandie 5 Redevelopment Areas. Ms. Kainer also served as PCR Survey Team Leader and co-author for the comprehensive

#### Education

M.S., Historic Preservation (Emphasis: Conservation Science), Columbia University, New York, New York, 2008

B.S., Design (Emphasis: Interior Architecture), University of California, Davis, 2002

B.A., Art History, University of California, Davis, 2002

#### Awards/Recognition

Joel Polsky Academic Achievement Award, American Society of Interior Designers, 2008

#### **Continuing Education**

CEQA and Historic Resources: Thresholds, Mitigation & Case Studies, California Preservation Foundation Workshop, March 2011

#### **Professional Affiliations**

California Preservation Foundation

Los Angeles Conservancy

Santa Monica Conservancy (Volunteer Docent for the Shotgun House)

Docomomo SoCal

Association of Preservation Technology Western Chapter

#### NAME

survey of over 4,000 objects of fine and decorative arts aboard the RMS Queen Mary in Long Beach. Additionally, Ms. Kainer helped complete the district-wide survey and evaluation of the Long Beach Unified School District and a windshield survey of Hermosa Beach for the Historic Resources Chapter of the Hermosa Beach General Plan Update.



### Christian Taylor, M.H.P.

#### HISTORIC RESOURCES TECHNICIAN

#### **SUMMARY**

Christian Taylor is a historic resources specialist with academic and professional experience in assessing historic structures and contributing to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)-level documents.

With completion of his Master's Degree imminent, Mr. Taylor will continue to hone his skills in Management of rehabilitation and restoration projects, preparation of documentation of historic contexts, and the use of non-invasive material investigation methods.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Working for the California Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR), restoration contractors, and environmental consultants, Mr. Taylor has become versed in the research, writing, and assessment of historic resources from the public and private perspective.

Serving first as a History Intern and then Interpretive Specialist for the DPR, Mr. Taylor served as the lead representative for the Crystal Cove State Historic Park during the second phase of the cottage restoration project program. His primary role was to liaise with contractors ensure the project met both the Parks Department and Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Also with the DPR.

Mr. Taylor worked alongside resident historians to organize the contributing documentation and assist with the historic landscape report documenting La Purisima Mission's structures and their significance in relation to the original restoration work done in the 1930s.

Mr. Taylor also familiarized himself with historic restoration field through the preparation of thousands of pages of documentation associated with the Wilshire Temple and Atascadero City Hall projects.

While with PCR, Mr. Taylor has performed architectural history research, survey and assessment work for the Hermosa Beach General Plan Update, the Capitol Mills project in Los Angeles, and assisted with historic resources assessments for a commercial property and an education center in West Hollywood, as well as multiple residential properties in Venice and Los Angeles.

#### **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Mission La Purisima: Civilian Conservation Corps Historic Garden and Cultural Landscape Report, California Department of Parks and Recreation, January 2011

#### Education

Master's Degree, Historic Preservation, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 2015

B.A., History, University of Oklahoma, Norman, 2008

#### NAME

Manufacturing America: Alexander Hamilton's Efforts to Industrialize the Nation, University of Southern California, November 2009

Sculpting Liberty: Augustus Saint-Gaudens's Standing Lincoln, University of Southern California, May 2010

Googie: Unsavory Design or Tasteless Inspiration?, University of Southern California, May 2009

The Shankland House, 715 West 28th Street: Assessment of Materials and Recommendations for Treatment and Maintenance (Metal), University of Southern California, May 2009



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August 24, 2015

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Via email to: dave@agd-landuse.com

Reference: Architectural History Peer Review of a Historical Resources Assessment Report

for 118-126 North Flores Street, Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Rand:

At your request, SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) conducted a peer review of a Historical Resources Assessment Report (HRAR) of 118-126 North Flores Street (subject property), located in the Wilshire Community Plan Area (CPA) of Los Angeles, California.¹ The subject property consists of two multi-family residential properties; the "North Building," constructed in 1936 and located at 126-126 ½ North Flores Street, and the "South Building," constructed in 1939 and located at 118-122 ½ North Flores Street. Both the North and South Buildings were previously identified by SurveyLA as contributors to the potential Beverly Square Historic District, which was recommended eligible for federal, state, and local listing as an "excellent example of a 1920s to 1940s multi-family residential district." The HRAR concurred with this finding and identified both buildings as Contributors (Altered), but recommended them not eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR), or as a Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) in the City of Los Angeles due to a lack of integrity and significant associations.

This peer review was conducted to assess if the HRAR has adequately addressed the potential significance of the subject property in consideration of the eligibility criteria for individual listing in NRHP, CRHR, and locally as an HCM; it does not include an assessment of the subject's property potential to contribute to any Historic Preservation Overlay Zone. SWCA Architectural Historian Steven Treffers, M.H.P. conducted the peer review and authored this memorandum detailing the results. Mr. Treffers meets and exceeds the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards (PQS) for History and Architectural History. With 6 years of experience in historic preservation planning within Los Angeles, Mr. Treffers has extensive experience applying HCM criteria. He is also currently a commissioner on the South Pasadena Cultural Heritage Commission where he oversees local landmark nominations.

<sup>1</sup> Margarita C. Jerabek, Amanda Y. Kainer, and Christian Taylor, Historical Resources Assessment and Environmental Impacts Analysis Report for 118-126 North Flores Street, Los Angeles, California, prepared for Elisa Paster and Glaser Weil by PCR Services Corporation, Santa Monica, California, August 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Office of Historic Resources, Los Angeles Department of City Planning, Wilshire Community Plan Area: Historic Districts, Planning Districts and Multi-Property Resources – 01/26/15, SurveyLA Findings. Available at: http://preservation.lacity.org/sites/default/files/Wilshire%20CPA%20Districts 1 190 2.pdf (Accessed August 19, 2015).



After reviewing the existing HRAR, SWCA concurs with the recommendation that the North and South Buildings do not appear eligible for individual listing in the NRHP, CRHR, or as an HCM. The HRAR thoroughly documents the construction and alteration history of both buildings through primary research and field observations. The South Building has been altered through an addition to the north elevation, application of new stucco, and the replacement of windows and doors. Similarly, the North Building has been altered through the removal of original balconies, application of new stucco, and the partial infill and replacement of windows, railings, and fixtures. These alterations have negatively affected the integrity of design, materials, and workmanship for both buildings and they currently possess moderate to low overall integrity.

A property must meet at least one of four criteria for HCM designation stated in the Cultural Heritage Ordinance Section 22.171.7: the property reflects the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, state or community; it is identified with historic personages or important events in the main currents of national, state, or local history; it embodies the characteristics of an architectural-type specimen inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, or method of construction; or is the notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual genius influenced his or her age.

Although the subject property is associated with the development of multi-family residential properties in Los Angeles during the Great Depression, as demonstrated in the HRAR, neither the North nor South Building is individually significant within this context. They were two of many similar properties constructed during this period and do not possess the level of significance that is required of individual properties for HCM designation. Both are associated with Mendel Meyer, of the prominent construction firm Meyer and Holley, Architects, Engineers and Builders, however, this does not in its own right bestow significance to either property. Federal guidance recommends that properties significant for their associations with important individuals, are typically significant for their association with the person's productive life, and reflect the period when he or she achieved significance.<sup>3</sup> The subject property was built as an income-producing property for Mendel Meyer and it is not the location in which he lived or worked while working on such notable designs such as Grauman's Chinese Theater. Similarly, although both properties are the work of Meyer, who can be considered a master builder within Los Angeles, the above-mentioned alterations have negatively affected their original design and neither appears to be notable works within his larger career. Finally, both are nondescript and altered Garden Apartments and better examples of this architectural type are extant within the surrounding neighborhood.

In conclusion, SWCA concurs with the findings of the HRAR, which determines that the North and South Buildings do not possess the level of significance and integrity required for individual HCM designation. Should you have any questions or comments regarding this review, please do not hesitate to contact me at (626) 240-0587, extension 6610, or at streffers@swca.com.

Sincerely,

Steven Treffers, M.H.P.

Architectural Historian

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> National Park Service, National Register Bulletin 15: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Washington D.C., 1995.



# CHC-2015-2491-HCM 118-126 N Flores St. -Mendel Meyer Courtyard Apartments

1 message

Shain Sylvie <spacestashain@yahoo.com>

Wed, Jul 15, 2015 at 12:55 PM

Reply-To: Shain Sylvie <spacestashain@yahoo.com>

To: Lambert Giessinger <a href="mailto:lambert.giessinger@lacity.org">lacity.org</a>, "ken.bernstein@lacity.org</a>, "ken.bernstein@lacity.org</a>,

Shannon Ryan - City of Los Angeles <shannon.ryan@lacity.org>

Cc: "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>

Hello,

I am writing to express my support of the nomination and eventual designation of the Mendel Meyer Courtyard Apartments as a Historical Cultural Monument, as I believe that it is a structure that warrants this designation. Please accept the nomination for further consideration and this support letter for the record on item #9 of the CHC Mtg on 7/16/15.

Thank you, Sylvie Shain

#### 7/15/15

To:

ken.bernstein@lacity.org lambert.giessinger@lacity.org janet.hansen@lacity.org edgar.garcia@lacity.org shannon.ryan@lacity.org cc: councilmember.ryu@lacity.org

Re:

Mendel Meyer Courtyard Apartments 118-126 N Flores St LA CA CHC-2015-2491-HCM

Please add my comments to the case file for this application.

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in full support for historic designation of the Mendel Meyer Courtyard Apartments. This apartment complex was built by the firm Meyer & Holler (aka The Milwaukee Building Company), which subscribed to the "design build" philosophy, playing the role of both architect and building contractor. Their firm was very prolific and influential during the golden era of Hollywood where they built many notable landmarks including the legendary Grauman's Chinese Theatre, the Egyptian Theatre, the Hollywood Athletic Club, the Getty House, the Petroleum Building, the Harry Chandler Estate, and the official Los Angeles Mayor's Residence. A number of Meyer & Holler buildings are now on the National Register of Historic Places. The Mendel Meyer Courtyard Apartments building is not only a uniquely styled Courtyard in outstanding condition, but it was also built for and served as the primary residence for Mr Meyer and his family from the time it was built in 1938 to the late 1940's.

I respectfully request this property be given every consideration as a Cultural and Historic Monument.

Sincerely,

#### Carol Cetrone

Carol Cetrone
Coronado Terrace Neighbors Association
Silver Lake



#### Shannon Ryan <shannon.ryan@lacity.org>

#### Please save 118 N. Flores

1 message

amyg93@aol.com <amyg93@aol.com>
To: shannon.ryan@lacity.org

Tue, Aug 4, 2015 at 1:47 PM

Hi Shannon,

I belong to the Conservancy and the National Trust, We are heartsick at what the developers have done to our city. The demolitions of historic buildings and homes torn down in an eye's blink.

There is a word called rehab, It is lost on the people who just want to make a huge amount of money by taking down the craftsmanship we will never see again. to be replaced by cheap, gigantic ugliness, that is unaffordable for the average person

Not to mention the tragedy of the people who live in them, love them, and give them a sense of community to be thrown out without a thought.

There are so few courtyard building left, Flores, was built and designed by the best, it should not go by way of a dumpster.

Please, Please save our history, our charm, our culture, Please save 118 N. Flores.

Amy Galaudet Thomas Challener 6120 W 5th St Los Angeles, calif



#### Please Save 118 to 126 Nort Flores Street

Toby Horn < thom626@icloud.com>

Thu, Aug 6, 2015 at 3:52 PM

To: Paul Koretz <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, Shannon Ryan - City of Los Angeles <shannon.ryan@lacity.org>

Cc: Shawn Bayliss <shawn.bayliss@lacity.org>, Adrian Fine <afine@laconservancy.org>

Councilmember Koretz:

Please, please, PLEASE support the designation of the subject addresses as Culturral Heritage Monuments.

Mr. Koretz, this property is in your immediate neighborhood, and you are aware firsthand, of the damage done by developers in Beverly Grove. These courtyard apartments are an integral fibre of the history of Los Angeles, built with respect for the privacy of the tenants and the valuable light and fresh air that early builders were so sensitive too.

The provenance of these apartments equates to architectural royalty - as they were designed by builders who designed significant and very visible public buildings in Los Angeles. The importance of saving the Flores Avenue apartments is in part, to demonstrate that the architects and builders had respect not only for the public using their large institutions, but how their gifts for design and function could be adapted on a very personal, small scale level.

Please make every effort to save and designate these buildings as Historic Cultural Monuments.

Thank you,

Toby Horn 146 South Fuller Avenue Los Angeles 90036 (323)934-5611 thorn626@icloud.com



### Preserving 118-126 N. Flores Street

Sandy Bacola <sandrabacola@gmail.com>

Sun, Aug 9, 2015 at 3:40 PM

To: "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>

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Dear Councilman Koretz,

My husband & I are in favor of you using all of your efforts to help preserve these historic apartment buildings. The general neighborhood as you know has been under assault by speculators utilizing "loop holes" to further over develop the neighborhood to a point where the quality of life is suffering. A simple car ride has become a frustrating experience at best. The Neighborhood can no longer tolerate "overdevelopment". We have personally suffered from "Mc Mansionization".

Sincerely, Mr. & Mrs. Bacola 6517 Maryland Drive Los Angeles, Ca. 90048 323-931-3985

Sent from my iPad



#### Shannon Ryan <shannon.ryan@lacity.org>

### Opposed to destruction of buildings at 118-126 N. Flores

1 message

**Steve Sukman** <steve.sukman@gmail.com>
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org, shannon.ryan@lacity.org

Sun, Aug 9, 2015 at 7:06 PM

I reside at 353 N. Flores St. and am vehemently opposed to the new apartment development proposal for the subject address.

Sincerely,

Steve Sukman 617.899.3422



#### 118 - 126 N. Flores

Janice Minsberg <janiceminsberg@gmail.com>
To: shannon.ryan@lacity.org

Wed, Aug 12, 2015 at 8:18 PM

Hi am writing to express my support in preserving 118 - 126 N. Flores St.

I grew up in the Beverly-Fairfax (now "Beverly Grove") area, and am back in that building. It saddens me to see over-sized and hideous McMansions in our area. (Actually, some homes would be quite nice in OTHER areas ... but are sadly out of place in our neighborhood.) Buildings like those on Flores need to be saved.

Thank you for your help.

Janice Minsberg 465 N. Vista St. Los Angeles, 90036



#### Shannon Ryan <shannon.ryan@lacity.org>

#### 118 N Flores

1 message

**Eddie Campbell** <eddiecampbellauthor@gmail.com>
To: shannon.ryan@lacity.org, "amyg93@aol.com" <amyg93@aol.com>

Mon, Aug 17, 2015 at 6:33 PM

RE: 118 No Flores

Hello Shannon,

I have lived in Los Angeles all my life. I went to high school and college here. I live in Miracle Mile in a vintage spanish building in a historic neighborhood. I am on the City Council. I am writing to you to encourage you and your colleagues to save 118 N. Flores. Los Angeles does not have very many courtyard buildings left. In addition, the destruction of affordable housing replaced with expensive housing in not currently what the city needs. "More" housing is only relevant when people can afford the rent. Over 50% of Angelinos are renters .. 19% of Angelinos fall below the poverty rate (higher than the National average) .. so really, who are these monolith gray skyscrapers appealing to? The pockets of developers.

Eddie Campbell Mid City West Community Council Education Committee Co-Chair



#### Shannon Ryan <shannon.ryan@lacity.org>

#### Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments

1 message

Becket Cook <becketcook@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 21, 2015 at 7:12 PM

To: paul.koretz@lacity.org, lambert.giessinger@lacity.org, shannon.ryan@lacity.org

Dear Sirs and Madam,

I am writing to express my deep support of keeping the Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments from being tom down. It would be a disgrace if they were destroyed. Developers are recklessly destroying the integrity of this neighborhood. Please help us put a stop to it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Becket Cook 125 N. Flores Street Los Angeles, CA 90048 213-952-2484 cell



#### Shannon Ryan <shannon.ryan@lacity.org>

#### regarding 118 N. Flores development

1 message

lestie klein <kleinleslie@yahoo.com>

Tue, Aug 25, 2015 at 5:21 PM

To: paul.koretz@lacity.org, shannon.ryan@lacity.org

Cc: amy galaudet <amyg93@aol.com>, shawn.bayliss@lacity.org

we must not succumb to big business and landlords gentrifying everything and moving out the less fortunate. every time we develop a building and enlarge it, we remove the historical artifacts and energy that goes with that and create a whole lot of pollution and trash that then pollutes our groundwaters and affects all of us. please do not permit the development of 118 N Flores.

Dr. Leslie Klein Hancock Park resident



#### Shannon Ryan <shannon.ryan@lacity.org>

#### Fwd: demolition of 118 N. Flores, Please save

1 message

Jerry Pittman <ttbsxdxg@aol.com>

Wed, Aug 26, 2015 at 2:29 PM

To: paul.koretz@lacity.org, shawn.bayliss@la.city.org, shannon.ryan@lacity.org

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—Original Message—

From: Pam Roberts <savebeverlywood@gmail.com>

To: amyg93 <amyg93@aol.com>

Sent: Sun, Aug 16, 2015 7:13 pm

Subject: Re: demolition of 118 N. Flores, Please save

Will do Amy! Thank for the notice.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 16, 2015, at 4:33 PM, amyg93@aol.com wrote:

---Original Message----

From: amyg93 < amyg93@aol.com> Sent: Sun, Aug 16, 2015 4:17 pm

Subject: Fwd:

To all concerned,

As a native Angeleno I have seen the changes in Los Angeles over the years. As a child I experienced the red cars, rode Angel's Flight downtown when I lived on Bunker Hill, recall the Brown Derby, the Ambassador Hotel and many other little treasures that are not here anymore. As a fine artist, former L.A.U.S.D. art educator of 24 years, I also appreciate the finer things in life. Although have learned to appreciate the benefits of modern technology I also abhor the drawbacks of the

thinking that stems from pure avarice and cold insensitivity for other human beings.

I have witnessed gentrification and its sad outcome of the elimination of affordable housing for seniors and those less fortunate who are moved away to make way for the more affluent. Inequality continues to separate the super rich from the poor. The middle class is becoming non-existent under the continuous assault by the billionaire class. Apparently Matt Jacobs has no appreciation for great architecture, could care less as long as he profits above all else. For whatever my opinion is worth, PLEASE save 118 N. Flores.

Thank you for your attention and consideration, Carmelita Pittman

ttbsxdxg@aol.com

----Original Message----

From: amyg93 < amyg93@aol.com> Sent: Sun, Aug 16, 2015 4:04 pm

To All my friends, and relatives who care about our city,

118 N. Flores was on the way to be demolished by a ruthless developer's, who loves to destroy lovely historic courtvard buildings, while

being on a comittee to keep affordable housing in Los Angeles. He use's the Elliss Act, a bill meant to save Mom and Pop owners who cannot make a living, and who want to

go out of business, (why don't they just sell). But this allows developers to throw tenants out of rent controlled building in order to make a fast buck.

This building on Flores, is a building put up in the 20's by the Meyer's family who built Grauman's Chinese Theatre. They actually lived there. The cultural Heritage

society is now looking at it to preserve it. But we need people to write and ask to save it. The developer's have evicted all but 1 tenant who stood his ground.

I am going to the hearing on Sept 3. This Developer Matt Jacobs is taking away all the affordable housing in LA and demolishing the wonderful architecture

we can never replace or will see again as there is no craftsmanship, no pride of ownership only Greedy developer's.

please write paul.koretz@lacity.org shawn.bayliss@lacity.org shannon.ryan@lacity.org Tell them to save our city, save 118 n. Flores, tell them we cannot

replace this treasure, and that you have seen this lovely courtyard building, and it is indeed worthy of being a historic building that cannot, and should not be tom down

You do not have to live in this area to appreciate the beauty of great architecture

Please send me a copy so I can take it with me when I go to city hall,

Thanks,

Amy

Johanna and Ravi K. Bhatia 721 North Alta Vista Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90046

August 26, 2015

Ms. Shannon Ryan Planning Associate Office of Historic Resources 200 North Spring Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Los Angels, CA 90012

RE: Formal Support for the 118-126-1/2 N. Flores St. – CHC-2015-2491-HCM Historic-Cultural Monument Application

Dear Ms. Ryan:

We seek your decision to include the Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments as an Historic Cultural Monument in the city of Los Angeles.

The story of the Meyer Courtyard Apartments is the story of the nation, the city of Los Angeles, and of the lives of people recovering from the depths of the Great Depression. The Meyer Courtyard Apartments chart the rise, fall and redemption of Los Angeles today, just as much as it did in the 1930s.

Key to the Meyer Courtyard Apartment story is the notion of development as a tool to improve ones lot in life and to help others in their struggle. This is most evident in Mendel and Mabel Meyer's approach in the design and construction of the courtyard apartment, which were built as if it was their home.

The Meyers were not absentee developers as so many developers are today. That they lived in their development is something that no developer does today. Today's developments are often vulgar and cheap and often flipped before construction is completed. The Meyer Courtyard Apartments were built to last, and, hopefully with your affirmation they will for decades to come.

You should also know the following about us: we are homeowners and landlords on North Alta Vista Blvd. Our properties are within the Mid City West Community Council.

My wife and I have over a decade of (current and former) service as elected members of the board-at-large, zone representatives and planning and land use committee members.

With these collective and varied experiences in mind, please know that we oppose the manner in which outside developers have been destroying the architectural, economic and social fabric of Mid City West (as well as other historically significant Los Angeles communities).

We seek your decision to include the Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments as a Historic-Cultural Monument in the city of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Johanna Arias-Bhatia

Ravi K. Bhatia

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cc: Mr. Steve Luftman via email Mr. John Henning via email Mr. Paul Koretz via email



#### **Developments Beverly Grove**

firstdownusc@gmail.com <firstdownusc@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 11:57 PM

To: "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "shannon.ryan@lacity.org" <shannon.ryan@lacity.org>, "thebwha2@ail.com" <thebwha2@ail.com>

Beverly Wilshire HA,

I have read the recent Beverly Wilshire HA letter and I'm disgusted that Shannon Ryan and Paul Koretz are holding up progress and development around our neighborhoods.

The article claims that these old buildings are historical and must be preserved via historical preservation classifications in order to stop development. Paul Koretz and Shannon Ryan use these historical appointments in order to control our city. These attempts to block development are misguided at best, and only undermine our future. These idiotic proposals destroy new jobs, revenues, and undermines any possibility that we achieve a modern city here in LA.

If Paul and Shannon has their way, these old buildings will eventually crumble and fall apart - just like the watermains have done during our worst drought.

There will be no development when you reclassify these districts as historic. What's historic about a bunch of old worn out ugly houses and commercial dilapidated messes? NOTHING!

We must stop these failed policies or we will go the way of Detroit and Chicago.

People have worked hard to buy their homes, and they should be allowed to replace them with whatever they choose to build - without leaving the front facades and obtaining multiple committee blessings. Stop trying to control everyone with these ridiculous and inefficient proposals. There are much better ways to accomplish zoning, and it's NOT historical preservation societies.

If Paul and Shannon want to save these buildings then let them personally buy them up and keep them as-is. They should not use the council to do it for them. Not all of us that live in this area support these historical appointments that are so cavalierly used. Our city is crumbling all around us, and much of that blame belongs to misguided policies -such as historical districts.

We should use 'zoning laws' to make sure houses have yards, appropriate setbacks, and are not too big for the lot.

How has Beverly Hills managed to maintain a modern beautiful city while keeping homeowners happy? Try replicating Beverly Hills instead of Detroit and Chicago.

It's time to get out of the way and let progress and development create wealth, jobs, and a better LA.

Mansions are great, they represent wealth and progress. Efficient new buildings use less energy, and are environmentally more appropriate than the existing structures.

Paul Koretz and Shannon Ryan represent only the dark ages of socialism and failure.

Sincerely, David Annanders II 169 S Formosa Ave

#### **VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION AND RESPONSE TO OWNER'S HISTORICAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT

August 27, 2015

Cultural Heritage Commission c/o Shannon Ryan Office of Historic Resources 200 N. Spring Street, Room 620 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments at 118-126-1/2 N. Flores St. (Case No. CHC-2015-2491-HCM)

Honorable Commissioners:

"All right, Mr. DeMille, I'm ready for my close-up."
-- Gloria Swanson, from Sunset Boulevard (1950)<sup>1</sup>

#### 1. **General Comments.**

The Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments are ready for their close-up. They are not buildings made for the wealthy, and that is exactly the point. While many buildings made for the wealthy are suitable for designation as Historic-Cultural Monuments, most people – even most famous people – are of modest means. They live, and historically have lived, in relatively modest houses or even apartments, and their stories are told through those structures. These buildings – their buildings – also deserve protection.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mendel Meyer's firm built the enormous Italianate mansion at 904 N. Crescent Ave. in Beverly Hills, which became Gloria Swanson's primary home in 1922. The house – which featured an enormous reception room draped in peacock silk, living and dining rooms with tapestries and paintings, a breakfast room of cream and gold, and a black marble bathroom with a golden tub – was one of the film star-style homes that inspired the art direction for *Sunset Boulevard*. See Wanamaker, Marc, *Early Beverly Hills*, at pg. 91 (2005).

For a significant portion of his life, Mendel Meyer was himself such a person. Despite his status as one Los Angeles' most famous builders, and indeed a "builder to the stars," Meyer rode the roller coaster from a mansion on Normandie Avenue during the 1920s to an apartment on Rampart Boulevard during the depths of the Great Depression. He then reinvented himself in the mid-1930s, restarted his design/build business, and built dozens of homes and other buildings, among them his own longtime home on North Flores Street.

The nominated buildings were not just Mr. Meyer's property or his design. They were his actual home during the final phase of his career in the late 1930s and early 1940s, and for more than a decade after that. Because of this, and because Mendel Meyer's life and career mirrored the undercurrents of the Great Depression, the buildings have historic and cultural significance. Since their essential physical features remain unchanged, they deserve to be designated an HCM.

The owner of the nominated buildings wants to build a 4-story, 11-unit subdivision in their place. He has hired a consultant, PCR Services, to prepare a lengthy report. PCR readily concedes that the buildings are contributors to the proposed Beverly Square Historic District, a 95%-intact, proposed historic district that is an excellent example of a late-1930s Los Angeles multi-family subdivision recently documented by Survey LA. (PCR at 39.) However, PCR goes on to say that these buildings do not deserve to be designated as HCMs now. The primary ground for PCR's argument: Although Mendel Meyer was a person of great importance to the City's history and its physical development, by the time the first of the nominated buildings was built in 1936, Meyer – who at the time was only 61 years old – had already retired.

PCR is mistaken about this. Mendel Meyer <u>was</u> working in 1936, and he kept working for five more years, building many buildings, remarkable and otherwise, with his partner, Wesley Holler. Meyer kept on building until the onset of World War II forced him to stop.

The present application is about Mendel Meyer, and it is about the Great Depression, and it is about the boom-and-bust cycles that have shaped Los Angeles. Yet the application is also a pivot point in the protection of Beverly Square. Because of recent demolition in the surrounding neighborhood, the proposed Beverly Square historic district identified by Survey LA is already quite small: Just 3 city blocks. The nominated buildings are critically situated at its heart. As a practical matter, the entire 3-block district cannot be protected through either the HCM process or as an HPOZ without additional applications and hearings. Those take time, and in the meantime without an HCM designation for the nominated buildings, they may be demolished.

If the nominated buildings are demolished, the implications for Beverly Square would be far-reaching indeed. The loss of these buildings, and their replacement with a modern 4-story development, would greatly undermine the intact nature of the entire district, and could render the entire district ineligible for future designation as an HCM or HPOZ. An important part of Mendel Meyer's history, and many other histories, would then be forever lost.

#### 2. <u>Community Support.</u>

The neighbors strongly support the designation. We will submit numerous petitions and letters at the September 3 hearing, and we anticipate that several neighbors will appear to state their support in person.

#### 3. Neighborhood Council Support.

The Mid City West Community Council (MCWCC), the certified neighborhood council for the area around the nominated structures, held a special meeting of its Planning and Land Use Committee on August 25, 2015. After hearing a presentation by one applicant and reviewing the application and all of the materials presented to it and taking public comment, the Committee voted by a vote of 5 to 0 to adopt a motion requesting that the full MCWCC Board support the nomination. (See Committee Report and Motion at **Exhibit A**.) (The full MCWCC Board will likely act on the final motion at its September 8 meeting.) We anticipate that several members of the Planning and Land Use Committee will appear at the September 3 hearing to express their support for the designation.

#### 4. <u>Council Office Support.</u>

Councilmember Paul Koretz (CD-5) strongly supports the designation, and he will soon submit a letter to the Commission expressing his support. Councilmember Koretz will attend the Commission's September 3 meeting or send a representative.

#### 5. Federal, State and Local Criteria for Designation.

The PCR report elaborates on the standards for designation of HCMs. These include the National Register, California Register and the City's own Cultural Heritage Ordinance. Each of these standards clearly argues for designating the nominated buildings as HCMs. After setting forth these criteria quite exhaustively, the PCR report hastens to add that none of them have been satisfied.

However, a close review of the applications and supporting materials, along with substantial additional information provided with this letter, should demonstrate to the Commission that under all three of the relevant regulatory regimes, the first three criteria for designation have been met. If the Commission finds that <u>just one</u> of the criteria has been met, the property is eligible to be designated as a Historic-Cultural Monument.

The three criteria are addressed in turn below.

### A. <u>Criterion A: Association With Events in the "Broad Patterns of Our History".</u>

Although the application is for a local designation rather than for placement on the National Register, the relevant criteria for designation of an HCM are derived from Criteria A, B, C and D used by the National Register. (PCR at 7.) Under Criterion A, a building is eligible for National Register status if:

A. It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

The California Register contains a similar set of four criteria. (PCR at 10.) Among these is Criterion 1. A building is eligible for California Register status if the building:

1. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California's history and cultural heritage.

The City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Ordinance echoes the National Register and California Register criteria. (PCR at 12.) Under the first criterion of the City's ordinance, HCM designation is available for a building:

- In which the broad cultural, economic or social history of the nation, State or community is reflected or exemplified.

Here, Criterion A and the corresponding state and local criteria are all satisfied because the nominated buildings are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history, including the economic and social history of the City of Los Angeles. The buildings track, and physically reflect, the boom-and-bust real estate cycle that has shaped the physical environment of Los Angeles: A lengthy building boom in the 1920s, during which the City's population more than doubled, leading to the subdivision of Beverly Square, a new automobile-focused suburb, in 1928; a sudden crash in 1929 which put a halt to virtually all development in Beverly Square and elsewhere during the early 1930s; and then a renewed burst of optimism in the mid-1930s, resulting in the construction of the nominated buildings and many others in Beverly Square, to house people whose means had been reduced by the Great Depression, including Mendel Meyer himself; and, finally, another economic bust in late 1930s, which again halted development.

The PCR report says that Criterion A is not satisfied for either building because each building "does not possess a significant association with the historic theme of Los Angeles' development during the Great Depression." (PCR at 40, 51.) While conceding that the buildings are "related to the historic context of Los Angeles development during the Great Depression

(1929-1941)," PCR goes on to say that even the North Building, constructed in 1936, "was not one of the earliest constructed in the neighborhood and does not possess greater significance than any of the surrounding apartment buildings, all of which contribute to the development of Beverly Square during the 1930s." (PCR at 40, 51.)

In fact, the North Building, constructed in April 1936, was actually <u>one of the first</u> buildings built in the proposed Beverly Square Historic District during the brief revival of building that commenced in 1936. The original application contains a map of the proposed district (Application Exhibit 4), which clearly shows the year of construction of each of the 38 buildings in Beverly Square, based upon City of Los Angeles building permit records. With the exception of five buildings on nearby N. Sweetzer Ave. which were built between 1929 and 1932, before the Great Depression halted development, all of the buildings in Beverly Square (including 100% of the buildings in the N. Flores St. portion of the district) were built in 1936 or later. Thus, the North Building, which was permitted early in 1936, was one of the first few buildings constructed in the second wave of development during the mid-to-late 1930s. This building is an ideal vehicle to convey the history of both Beverly Square and the experience of everyday Angelenos during a short-lived respite from the Great Depression.

The South Building, meanwhile, which was constructed in 1939, is one of the last buildings constructed during the short-lived revival of Beverly Square during the mid-to-late 1930s. Other than two buildings built on N. Sweetzer Ave. in 1948, all of the lots in Beverly Square (including 100% of the lots in the N. Flores St. portion of the district) were built out by 1940. Thus, the South Building, which was permitted in 1939, is also an ideal vehicle to convey the history of Beverly Square and the larger City.

Taken together, the nominated buildings essentially bookend the late-1930s mini-boom in real estate which are reflected in the larger proposed Beverly Square Historic District.

In considering Criterion A, PCR notes that pursuant to a *National Register Bulletin*, "a property that is significant for its historic association is eligible for National Register status if it retains the <u>essential physical features</u> that made up its character or appearance during the period of its association with the important event, historical pattern, or person(s)." (PCR at 9.) Here, although a National Register nomination is not at issue, this requirement is easily satisfied. The "period of [the buildings'] association with the important event, historical pattern, or person(s)" is the late 1930s, when a brief respite from the Great Depression caused Mendel Meyer to build, and live in, the nominated structures. Each of the nominated structures clearly "retains the <u>essential physical features</u> that made up its character or appearance" during that time.

The PCR report lists numerous (and mostly minor) alterations to the buildings, implying that the architectural integrity of the buildings has been lost. These alterations are discussed in more detail at the end of this letter, but in any event the PCR report does not argue that the

"essential physical features" of the nominated structures have been lost, as would be necessary to exclude them from consideration for National Register status under Criteria A.

PCR also notes that a historic resource eligible for listing in the California Register must "retain enough of its historic character or appearance to be recognizable as a historic resource and to convey the reasons for its significance." Although California Register nomination is not at issue here, this additional requirement is easily satisfied: The nominated buildings, even to the casual observer, retain a great deal of historic character and appearance and are recognizable as historic courtyard buildings from the late 1930s. The buildings richly convey the reasons for their significance, which relate to the life and work of Mendel Meyer and the economic currents of the second half of the Great Depression, during which the buildings were constructed. The modest alterations to the buildings identified by PCR do not detract from that impression in the slightest.

#### B. Criterion B: Association With "Persons Significant in Our Past".

A separate and distinct basis for National Register status is Criterion B. (PCR at 7.) Under this criterion, a building is eligible if:

B. It is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

The California Register contains a similarly worded criterion, Criterion 2. (PCR at 10.) Under this criterion, a building is eligible for California Register status if the building:

2. Is associated with the lives of persons important in our past.

The City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Ordinance also contains a second criterion, which tracks the National Register and California Register criteria. (PCR at 12.) Under the second criterion of the City's ordinance, HCM designation is available for a building:

- Which is identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history.

The PCR report contends that despite Mendel Meyer's longtime residence in the nominated buildings, the buildings "are not related to historic persons relevant to national, State or community history" for purposes of Criterion B and its corresponding state and local criteria. (PCR at 1.)

PCR does acknowledge that Mendel Meyer was a historically important person for purposes of Criterion B, noting that "The original builder, Mendel Meyer, is considered a significant builder in Los Angeles history." (PCR at 39, 51.) However, PCR hastens to add that Mendel Meyer's status as a historic person was the result mainly of theaters and other structures

that his firm built during the 1920s. The report points out that "most of his notable works occurred during the 1920s and involved innovations in theater design and construction, to include the innovative courtyard theater design seen at Grauman's Chinese and Egyptian Theaters." (PCR at 39, 51.)

In essence, while conceding that Mendel Meyer is a "historic person relevant to ... community history" for purposes of Criterion B, PCR argues that when the "historic person" in question is a builder, he is only a "historic person" for as long as he is building famous buildings.

This conclusion is not warranted. Mendel Meyer's status as a "historic person" in the community for purposes of Criterion B did not suddenly end when he stopped building so-called "notable" buildings, any more than a famous painter or author ceases to be a historic person after his most notable works are complete. Instead, Mendel Meyer was a "historic person" in the 1920s, and he was still a "historic person" in the 1930s, when he was still actively working as a builder, and when he lived in both of the nominated buildings.

Moreover, even if Mendel Meyer's status as a "historic person" for purposes of Criterion B were somehow dependent upon him continuing to create buildings that are "notable," PCR actually does not analyze the full body of Mendel Meyer's work after the 1920s to determine whether any of that work was "notable". The PCR report discusses Meyer & Holler's work during the 1920s, which included the world-renowned Grauman's Chinese and Egyptian Theaters. (PCR at 16.) The report then refers to two buildings constructed in 1930, and a single-family house constructed by Meyer & Holler in 1934, the year that Meyer and Holler reconstituted their partnership. (PCR at 17.) However, other than mentioning the 1934 building (which no longer exists), the PCR report does not claim to have reviewed any of Meyer & Holler's works during the 1930s or 1940s.

In fact, research done by Steve Luftman clearly shows that PCR has not done a systematic review of Meyer & Holler's later buildings. **Exhibit B**, discussed below, catalogs 37 buildings Meyer & Holler built between 1936 and 1941. (In addition, **Exhibit C** contains building permits for 15 of these buildings issued by the City of Los Angeles between 1935 and 1939.). From the information available, it appears that much of this work – which included the nominated buildings themselves, several other multi-family buildings on N. Flores St. and elsewhere, numerous exquisite single family homes, and a church in Lakewood – was "notable."

In any event, this entire body of work is a blind spot in the PCR narrative. Without a systematic review of this work, there is no basis to contend that Mendel Meyer was not building "notable" buildings during that time. Thus, any conclusion that Mendel Meyer's status as a "historic person" ended in the 1920s is not justified.

PCR also says that Mendel Meyer was not a "historic person" for purposes of Criterion B because he was already retired when the first building was built in 1936. Specifically, the report claims, "Meyer lived in [the buildings] after his retirement in 1936, and therefore the building[s] could not be associated with his contributions to local history." (PCR at 40-41, 52.) On this basis, PCR concludes that "No evidence was found that linked the property to the <u>productive</u> life of a locally, statewide, or nationally known person." (PCR at 41, 52.)

The proposition that a person's status as a "historic person" for purposes of Criterion B suddenly evaporates upon his retirement from so-called "productive" pursuits, is questionable and does not appear to be supported by any citation in the PCR report. However, even if that were the test, PCR is mistaken in stating that Mendel Meyer was not "productive" after 1936. Instead, as evidenced by the works catalogued in **Exhibit B** and the other evidence discussed in this letter, Mendel Meyer continued actively building with his partner Wesley Holler until 1941, when World War II and the resulting lack of building supplies forced them to stop.

The final way in which PCR seeks to exclude the nominated buildings from Criterion B and the corresponding state and local criteria is to claim that because Mendel Meyer was a <u>builder</u> rather than another type of "historic person," a building associated with his life and work is categorically excluded from consideration under Criterion B. Instead, PCR appears to insist that buildings associated with "builders, engineers and architects" can <u>only</u> qualify for consideration as their own architectural works, and by satisfying National Register Criterion C (and the corresponding third criterion under the City ordinance and California Register Criteria 3, respectively).

PCR puts it this way: "Meyer could be considered a notable person based on his relationship to the development of Los Angeles' built environment throughout the first decades of the twentieth century, however Criterion C covers buildings associated notable builders, engineers, and architects." (PCR at 40-41.) In other words, according to PCR, when a nominated building is associated with a "historic person" who happens to be a builder, regardless of that person's importance to the community's history or culture, only Criterion C can be applied to the consideration of the nominated building.

The homes of famous builders, engineers and architects – a large and rather important category of "historic persons" in a city like Los Angeles – should not be walled off from consideration under Criterion B simply because there is also a third criterion (Criterion C) that applies to ensure the preservation of their architecturally significant works. Instead, Criterion C is clearly an <u>additional</u> criterion that applies to architecturally significant work, and exists in recognition of the fact that a builder, engineer or architect in many cases will not be a "historic person" for purposes of the second criterion (as Mendel Meyer indisputably was), but may still create works that are deserving of consideration as landmarks on based upon their architectural merit.

## C. <u>Criterion C: Work That "Embodies the Distinctive Characteristics of a Type, Period, or Method of Construction or That Represent the Work of a Master".</u>

A separate and distinct basis for National Register status is Criterion C. (PCR at 7.) Under that criterion, a building is eligible if:

C. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

The California Register contains a similarly worded criterion, Criterion 3. (PCR at 10.) Under this criterion, a building is eligible for California Register status if the building:

3. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values.

The City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Ordinance also contains a third criterion, which tracks the National Register and California Register criteria. (PCR at 12.) Under the third criterion of the City's ordinance, HCM designation is available for a building:

- Which embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period, style or method of construction.

As the application explains, the nominated buildings satisfy Criterion C because they embody the distinctive characteristics of mid-to-late 1930s multi-family residential architecture in Los Angeles, and particularly the rare Monterey Revival style that characterizes the North Building and which is echoed in the more Minimal Traditional South Building. In addition, the buildings represent the work of a master builder, namely Mendel Meyer.

As PCR points out in its report, in applying Criterion C, a *National Register Bulletin* states that "a property important for illustrating a particular architectural style or construction technique must retain <u>most of the physical features that constitute that style or technique.</u>" (PCR at 9.) Although this application concerns local designation rather than placement on the National Register, the buildings meet this standard. Even with the modest alterations that have been made over the years, each building nonetheless retains "<u>most of the physical features</u>" of the Monterey Revival and Minimal Traditional styles in which it was constructed.

#### 6. New Information Received Since the Application .

Since the filing of the application on June 25, 2015, my fellow applicant Steve Luftman and I have received some important new information concerning the subject buildings, other buildings constructed by Meyer and Holler during the time period in question (1936 to 1941), and Mr. Meyer's business activities during that time. Among this information is the following:

- A. A committee report and motion supporting the designation of the nominated buildings, by the Mid City West Community Council's Planning and Land Use Committee (Exhibit A)
- B. A directory of 37 Meyer & Holler buildings built between 1936 and 1941, based upon entries in *Southwest Builder and Contractor*, with corresponding present-day site photos (**Exhibit B**); and
- C. Building permits for 15 of these buildings issued by the City of Los Angeles between 1935 and 1939 (**Exhibit C**).
- D. Notes from an interview with Daphne Myrick Ireland, Mabel Meyer's granddaughter by marriage, who has first-hand knowledge of the Meyers' residence in the nominated buildings between 1936 and 1955 (**Exhibit D**);
- E. The Certificate of Dissolution of Meyer & Holler, a California Corporation, April 15, 1941, showing his date of retirement (**Exhibit E**);
- F. An 8-page first-hand history of Meyer & Holler, including an account of the 1930s incarnation of Meyer & Holler, authored in 1968 by Mendel Meyer's partner, Wesley Holler, describing fascinating anecdotes about Mendel Meyer's personality, work and clients, and proving that Mendel Meyer continued actively working for his building clients until 1941 (Exhibit F);
- G. A 1-page history of Meyer & Holler by Louise Holler Craddock, provided to Jane Reifer, researcher for Fox Fullerton National Register nomination, which states that Meyer continued working until 1941 (**Exhibit G**); and
- H. A transcript of an interview with Louise Holler Craddock, the daughter of Wesley Holler, Mendel Meyer's partner, who has first-hand knowledge that Mendel Meyer continued to work during the late 1930s and early 1940s (Exhibit H).

### 7. <u>Applicant's Response to Historical Resources Assessment Prepared for</u> Owner by PCR Services

We have reviewed the Historical Resources Assessment prepared by PCR Services Corp. for Elisa Paster, the lawyer for the property's owner. In addition to the points made above concerning PCR's application of the various federal, state and local criteria for historic designations, we feel it is necessary to point out several inaccuracies and missing information in the PCR report.

### A. Mendel and Mabel Meyer Lived in the Buildings for 19 Years, From 1936 Until Their Deaths in 1955.

The PCR report concedes that City directories establish that Mendel and Mabel Meyer lived in the buildings continuously between 1936 and 1942, and that Mendel Meyer owned the buildings until at least 1948, when he took out a building permit for an addition to the South Building. (PCR at 23.) However, the PCR report implies that evidence is lacking that the Meyers continued living in the buildings after 1942. In fact, additional first-person evidence recently made available indicates that the Meyers lived in the buildings until they both died in 1955.

On July 24, 2015, Steve Luftman had a telephone conversation with Daphne Myrick Ireland. The notes of this conversation are attached. (**Exhibit D**.) Ms. Ireland is Mabel Meyer's granddaughter by a previous marriage, and thus is essentially Mendel Meyer's "stepgranddaughter." She was born in 1936, the year that the first building was constructed.

Ms. Ireland readily recalled the Flores apartments, and said that when she was a young girl and then a teenager (which would have been through the early 1950s), her family would visit the apartments occasionally to see her grandparents. She said that Mendel and Mabel lived there for as long as she could remember, and continued living at the building through 1955, when they both died. She said that although Mendel Meyer may have lived briefly in Santa Barbara just before his death, the couple essentially "never left the courtyard apartments."

#### B. Mendel Meyer Retired in 1941, Not in 1936.

A central flaw in the PCR report its assumption that Mendel Meyer retired from Meyer & Holler in 1936, the year he built the first of the nominated buildings, when he was only 61 years old. (PCR at 17.) Based on this assumption, PCR concludes that while Mr. Meyer was clearly a locally important person, the 1936 and 1939 buildings were not "linked to ... the productive life" of Mr. Meyer, but only with his retirement years. (PCR at 41, 55). However, recent evidence establishes that this is not true. Once the PCR report is stripped of the essential assumption that Mr. Meyer's "productive life" was over by he began living in the nominated buildings, the report loses much of its force.

The source PCR cites for Mendel Meyer's 1936 retirement date is Mr. Meyer's obituary in the *Los Angeles Times*, which was published upon his death 19 years later, in 1955. That obituary is Exhibit 20 to the original applications. As it turns out, the obituary is simply incorrect in stating the date of Mr. Meyer's retirement. In fact, as various pieces of evidence all attest, Mr. Meyer continued his practice until 1941. Therefore, far from being unrelated to Mr. Meyer's "productive life," the nominated buildings were his residence for the final 5 years of his productive life and during the last phase of his work.

The original applications correctly stated that Mr. Meyer continued his practice until 1941, citing as their source the Certificate of Dissolution for Meyer and Holler, which is on file with the California Secretary of State's office. (See **Exhibit E**, Certificate of Dissolution of Meyer & Holler, a California Corporation, dated April 15, 1941.)

Although the Certificate of Dissolution should be sufficient in itself to establish the actual retirement of Mr. Meyer in 1941, the date is also confirmed by numerous other recently-discovered pieces of evidence, including the following:

### 1. <u>Directory of 37 Projects Built by Meyer & Holler Between</u> 1936 and 1941.

In addition to the nominated buildings and two other buildings on adjacent parcels owned by Wesley Holler during the late 1930s, the Meyer & Holler firm built numerous other buildings during the 1936-1941 period, which was the last phase of Mendel Meyer's career and coincides with the first five years that Meyer and his wife Mabel were living in the nominated buildings. Many of these structures are still standing today.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to search the City of Los Angeles archives for individual building permits using merely the name of the builder or contractor. Rather, such permits must be searched by street address. Building permit records for other surrounding cities in which Meyer & Holler practiced during the late 1930s, such as Burbank and Long Beach, are even more difficult to research. However, Steve Luftman did determine that limited records are available by review of physical volumes of the publication *Southwest Builder and Contractor*. Accordingly, he painstakingly reviewed 5 years of volumes of this publication at the UCLA Young Research Library, and then cross-referenced the listed properties with tract maps and, where available, street-level photographs.

A table depicting the 37 projects discovered during exhaustive research, and numerous modern-day photos taken either taken by Steve Luftman or available elsewhere on the internet, is attached as **Exhibit B**. In addition, 15 individual building permits which could be obtained from the City of Los Angeles is attached as **Exhibit C**. Each of these permits reflects "Meyer & Holler" as the contractor and, in most cases, George Fosdyke as the engineer.

The buildings constructed by Meyer & Holler during the 1936 to 1941 time period include several single family residences, some of them modest and others quite spectacular. There is also a church in Lakewood, several commercial structures, and numerous multi-family dwellings similar to the ones built for Mendel Meyer and Wesley Holler on N. Flores Street. Several of these buildings reflect the Monterey Revival and Minimal Traditional styles that are also reflected in the nominated buildings.

Southwest Builder and Contractor does not pretend to be an exhaustive source for all of the buildings by a particular builder during the late 1930s, or any other period. Accordingly, this directory of 37 projects is a partial (but by no means complete) list of Meyer and Holler's work during the late 1930s and early 1940s. In any event, it should put to rest any speculation that Meyer and Holler were not actively building during that time.

#### 2. First-Person History by Wesley Holler.

Steve Luftman recently discovered an 8-page typed history of Meyer & Holler, which was written by Wesley Holler himself in 1968 (**Exhibit F**). This history confirms that Mendel Meyer himself actively participated in his design/build partnership with Mr. Holler until 1941, when the onset of World War II forced him to retire.

The 8-page history was provided with some other documents about Mr. Holler's family and the Meyer & Holler firm to Jane Reifer in approximately 2005, in connection with her work on an application to place the Fox Theater in Fullerton (a Meyer and Holler building) onto the National Register. According to Ms. Reifer, the source of the documents was Louise Holler Craddock, Wesley Holler's daughter. Ms. Reifer recently provided these documents to applicant Steve Luftman in connection with his work on these applications.

The 8-page typewritten history is written by Mr. Holler in the first person, referring to Holler's father (the original partner of Mendel Meyer) repeatedly as "Pop". After describing the history of the original Meyer and Holler firm and some amusing and quite illuminating anecdotes about Mr. Meyer and the firm's clients, Mr. Holler discusses the disastrous litigation with King Vidor, which bankrupted the original Meyer and Holler in 1932. He then recalls:

"Needless to say, we lost everything. Mendel Meyer and I then started up a new Meyer & Holler. We were again back in the residential building with some commercial thrown in. Mr. Meyer and I carried on until the start of World War II – he decided to retire so we closed out."

In addition to the first-person account from Mr. Holler, Ms. Reifer supplied us with a one-page history of Meyer & Holler, which was prepared by Louise Holler Craddock, the daughter of Wesley Holler, and which concludes with the following statement: "In 1929,

Wesley C. Holler, Sr. joined with Mendel Meyer and started a new Meyer & Holler company. They designed and built residential and some commercial buildings until the start of World War II." (Exhibit G.)

The 8-page first-person account by Mr. Holler is also important because it gives a glimpse into Mendel Meyer's talents and personality, and his all-star clients. One anecdote describes a visit by Meyer to the home of Edward L. Doheny, a prominent oil tycoon who was one of Meyer's clients:

MM was a natural architect. He could solve problems almost instantly. He could also draw upsidedown so the client could see the plan evolve right side up. At the appointed time MM showed up with drawing board, T square, etc., etc. Mr. Doheny took him into the den and said, "We will work here on my desk. Mrs. D and I will be out in the garden and you can call us to come in when you wish." MM said, "That is not the agreement. You are to give me two hours and that means that both of you will sit across the desk from me while I draw." At the end of the two hours, the plan was completed to everyone's satisfaction. This was the start of a long relationship with the Dohenys. One result – the construction of his office building on Flower and Olympic in Los Angeles.

Finally, the Holler account confirms what the application inferred from a wealth of other evidence: That in addition to bankrupting his company, the Great Depression devastated Mendel Meyer's personal resources. The account states:

"At the time of the Long Beach earthquake [March 10, 1933], Meyer was driving an old second hand Pontiac. This was during the dark depression days of the thirties which changed the wealthy M & H to zero. On his way home he noticed his car ran much worse than usual. He could hardly keep it on the road. He passed a small pasture with a cow – her legs planted wide apart and an expression of fear on her face. Not until he got home did he find out that he had been driving through the worst quake Southern California had to offer."

Of course, it is highly unlikely that Mr. Meyer would be driving an old second-hand Pontiac in 1933, having been "reduced to zero" by the Depression, and then be sufficiently wealthy to retire just three years later in 1936. Thus, it is no surprise that Meyer and Holler continued working until 1941, when World War II put a halt to new development.

### 3. <u>Interview With Louise Holler Craddock, Daughter of Wesley</u> Holler.

On August 21, 2015, Steve Luftman interviewed Louise Holler Craddock, the daughter of Mendel Meyer's partner, Wesley Holler. A transcript of this interview is attached. (**Exhibit H**.) Ms. Craddock was born in 1929 and is now 86 years old. She clearly recalled that Mendel Meyer continued working until 1941, and only stopped then because World War II forced the business to shut down. Here is an excerpt:

**Luftman**: Had Mendel had retired in 1936? **Craddock**: That isn't true, he didn't retire. They were still in operation up until World War II. ... Right around when they bombed Pearl Harbor the government shut down all building. There was no building allowed unless the government approved it. They were forced to shut down, because they couldn't get supplies.

**Luftman**: And Mendel worked up until that point? **Craddock**: Yes, and that's when he retired. That's when they quit and closed the office down.

### C. The Alterations to the Buildings are Inconsequential for Purposes of Historic Designation, And in Some Cases They Never Happened.

PCR points that the nominated buildings are "typical of the many small-scale Garden style apartment complexes that appeared in Los Angeles and throughout Southern California from the Depression-era 1930s through the 1950s." It then goes on to say that in the case of small garden apartments like the nominated buildings, the threshold for considering alterations for purposes of the City's Cultural Heritage Ordinance is more forgiving than it might be for other types of buildings.

Specifically, in evaluating the application of the City's ordinance to the buildings, PCR sets forth various "Integrity Considerations" for the evaluation of potential historic resources, citing to the various portions of Survey LA's Los Angeles Historic Context Statement Outline, prepared in 2013-14. (PCR at 29-30.) The report includes numerous Integrity Considerations applicable to garden apartments in particular. Several of these persuasively argue for the designation of even heavily altered garden-style buildings, including the following:

- Extant garden apartments are relatively rare, therefore <u>a greater</u> degree of alteration or fewer character-defining features may be <u>acceptable</u>

- Original landscaping may have been altered or removed; central pool may have been fill[ed] in/paved over
- Replacement of some windows may be acceptable if the openings have not been changed or resized
- Security bars may have been added

Despite these points, the PCR report attempts to create a general aura of loss of integrity at the nominated buildings. It emphasizes various alterations, including "room additions, window alterations, balcony additions and removals, and an obstructive front metal fence." (PCR at 1.) However, as it turns out, the alleged balcony removals and balcony additions probably never happened. Moreover, even if they did, these and other alterations discussed by PCR are either of the period, reversible, and/or inconsequential. The alterations are discussed in turn below:

#### 1. Room Additions.

Although the PCR report refers to a permit for a "room addition" issued in 1980,<sup>2</sup> the only room addition actually constructed at the nominated buildings is a 1948 addition to the South Building, which effectively added a fifth small apartment to that structure, probably in response to the severe housing shortage brought on by World War II, which had just concluded. PCR contends that this addition "has significantly compromised [the South Building's] integrity of design, workmanship, feeling and association." (PCR at 38.) However, the addition was constructed by Mendel Meyer himself, in the Minimal Traditional style of the original building, and just 9 years after the construction of the original building in 1939, during the period of significance. The addition is also located at the rear of the courtyard elevation rather than at the primary street elevation, so it is generally not experienced by anyone except the building's residents and their guests.

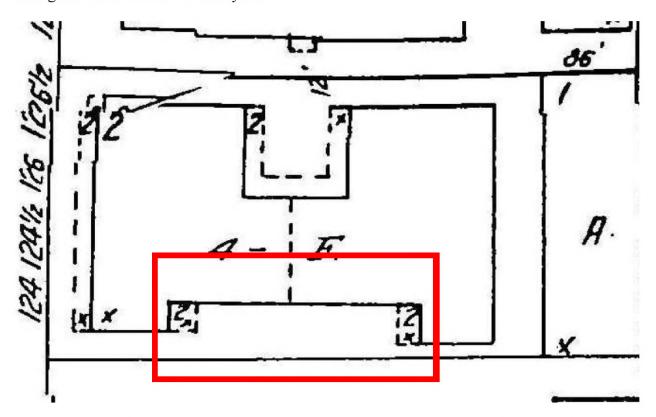
#### 2. Window Alterations.

PCR points out that some – though by no means all or even most – of the windows on the buildings have been replaced with more modern forms of windows, including sliding and jalousie windows. Yet even where windows have been replaced, none of the window <u>openings</u> has been altered in any way. Therefore, casement windows similar to the original windows can easily be fabricated and reinstalled at any time.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  The PCR report states that "A permit filed in 1980 shows two large additions to unit  $124 \frac{1}{2}$  in the North Building." (PCR at 22.) The report attaches the permit for these additions in the last two pages of Appendix D. However, there is no evidence that the work was ever done. In fact, the 1951 Sanborn Map, included in the PCR report, predates the 1980 permit by 29 years, and both the applicants and PCR agree that the Sanborn Map accurately reflects the present footprint of the building.

#### 3. Balcony Removals.

The PCR report contends that two balconies were removed from the North Building. It is simply incorrect on this point. The evidence PCR cites for this contention is not a historic building permit or photograph of the North Building, but rather, a 1936 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Map (updated in 1951) which depicts the footprint of the building. (PCR at 22.) As is typical for Sanborn Maps, the map does not label the two purported balconies as such, but merely indicates that two square structures exist on the exterior of the building, in two locations facing each other within the courtyard.



PCR assumes that these structures must have been balconies. In fact, the structures are raised concrete planters, which still exist to this day. A photo exhibit showing these planters and their context, keyed to the locations on the Sanborn Map, are attached as **Exhibit I**.

As the photos clearly indicate, the design of the upper floors in both areas – with original windows located at waist height, and no conceivable access to a balcony – is such that it is extremely unlikely there were ever balconies in these locations.

#### 4. Balcony Addition.

The PCR report contends that a new balcony has been added to the South Building. As with the purported "removed" balconies" on the North Building, (which are actually just existing planters), the evidence that the report cites for this contention is not a historic building permit or photograph of the South Building, but rather, the same 1951 Sanborn Map.

Initially, it would appear that PCR's reliance on a single Sanborn Map for evidence that a particular balcony is an alteration is inappropriate. There are no agreed-upon standards for the creation of such maps, and it is difficult to know what sorts of controls were in place at any time, much less at a particular time more than 60 years ago, to ensure accurate results. However, without speculating unduly, it may very well be that this balcony was omitted from the Sanborn Map either due to the inadvertence of the Sanborn inspector who visited the site for the 1951 version of the map, or even pursuant to a practice by the inspector to not include balconies in his or her observations. (In fact, it should be noted that while the 1936 Sanborn Map may depict a balcony on the North Building, the practice of the inspector updating the maps 15 years later, in 1951, may have been entirely different.)

In any event, regardless of what the Sanborn Map says, the physical evidence at the site indicates that the balcony is original to the building or, if it was an alteration, that it was added soon after the building was completed, and probably by Mendel Meyer himself.

A photo exhibit showing the balcony and its context, keyed to the location on the Sanborn Map, is attached as **Exhibit J**. The balcony is at the front (west elevation) of the South Building. Although supported by a somewhat more modern wooden structural support, which is painted white, other than this the balcony is well integrated into the building, and is underlain by decorative corbels very similar to the ones elsewhere on the building and completely consistent with the Minimal Traditional design with Monterey Revival influences.

Importantly, the balcony is accessed by a door which contains unusual horizontal-paned windows that are very similar to windows elsewhere on the original building. The door also features hardware that is clearly of the period. This evidence strongly indicates that the door (and thus the balcony) were designed by the original builder, and that they were either part of the original building or were installed soon afterward, probably by Mendel Meyer himself.

There is another reason why it is doubtful that the subject balcony was an alteration. Creating an entirely new doorway opening leading to a new balcony after construction of the original building would have required substantial construction and a new building permit. Yet there is no such permit on file with the City – even though, as the ample evidence supplied by PCR shows, Mendel Meyer and subsequent owners of the buildings over the years routinely obtained building permits for even the most minor alterations.

Perhaps most importantly, even if the balcony was an alteration, it certainly does not undermine the historic character of the South Building as experienced by the average person viewing it. To the contrary, the balcony is so in keeping with the building's design that the average viewer would be blissfully unaware that it is an alteration at all.

#### 5. Front Metal Fence.

There is an approximately 3-1/2 foot tall metal fence at the front property line, along the sidewalk. PCR contends that this "small decorative metal fence encompassing the property compromises [each building's] relationship with its surroundings resulting in an erosion of its integrity of design, feeling, and association." (PCR at 38, 49.) Of course, neighbors and tenants would welcome the removal of this "small decorative fence," something that can be accomplished in an hour or two. Until that happens, the existence of the fence is not a legitimate argument against the designation of the property as an HCM.

#### 6. Other Alterations.

The PCR report makes note of alterations such as repaired cracks in exterior stucco and in-kind replacement of asphalt roof shingles. (PCR at 31, 38.) These alterations are not substantial, are in fact simply routine maintenance, and do not bear on the structures' historic significance. If they did, not a single building in the City of Los Angeles would be eligible for designation as an HCM.

PCR also says that "replaced light fixtures and door hardware further compromise the South Building's integrity." (PCR at 38.) However, PCR does not specify which light fixtures and door hardware have been replaced; much less does it provide an inventory of light fixtures or door hardware on either of the buildings. In fact, as detailed in the applications, virtually all of the exterior door hardware is original and many original light fixtures are extant throughout the property.

Elsewhere PCR refers to relatively minor changes to the interiors of the apartment units, including:

- Page 35: "flooring in other areas of the apartments have been altered with carpeting or linoleum." These alterations are easily reversible. Presumably future tenants would welcome the owner simply removing the carpet to expose original hardwood floors.
- Page 35: "Architectural details like crown molding remain throughout the units, however some features, like baseboards (Figures 33 and 34) have been removed or

altered." There is no inventory of the missing/altered baseboards, but in any event they can be easily replaced.

- Page 36 "Figure 30. (Right) Renovated Kitchen" The photo depicts renovations in one kitchen, including a new counter and backsplash. The unrenovated items in this kitchen include the original kitchen configuration, and original cabinetry from the 1930s, which is relatively rare in multi-family apartment buildings.
- Page 36: "Figure 32. (Right) Bathroom with original tile work but updated fixtures" The "updated" fixtures depicted in the photo include a glass shower door and a toilet. Gravity-flush toilets originally installed in these and other 1930s apartments are not to code and are illegal to maintain. Therefore, they have been replaced throughout the City.

The various alterations to the interiors identified by PCR are, on the whole, inconsequential. Indeed, these interiors are remarkably intact, especially for multi-family buildings that have housed dozens of different families over the last 75 years.

### D. <u>Even "Low Cost" Buildings Deserve Protection Under the City's</u> Ordinance.

The PCR report notes the \$15,000 cost of the North Building and the \$16,000 spent to build the South Building, and on this basis leaps to the conclusion that each of the buildings was "most likely intended to be a low-cost project resulting in an income producing investment property for the retired Mendel Meyer." (PCR at 1,41,53.)

As discussed above, Mendel Meyer was far from being retired in 1936; he was just 61 years old and was in the active phase of his career. He continued building projects with his partner Wesley Holler for five more years, and only closed up shop because of World War II.

Moreover, \$15,000 was a great deal of money in 1936, and was more than the amount spent on all but the most luxurious single family homes of the period. Builder's advertisements from the period offer to build 2-story, 7-room single-family homes for as little as \$3,000.00.

Finally, even if the nominated buildings could be fairly characterized as "low-cost projects," it is not only expensive buildings that deserve preservation under the Cultural Heritage Ordinance. Many humble yet significant buildings have been designated as HCMs for the stories they tell, and many others can be found in the exhaustive work done by Survey LA throughout the City.

#### 8. <u>Conclusion.</u>

The nominated buildings add greatly to the quality of life and character in this neighborhood. Just as they did in the 1930s for Mendel Meyer and his wife Mabel, they allow hard working Angelenos of limited means to have a grand apartment with all the comforts of a single family home.

The buildings reflect the Meyers' reduced means after the onset of the Great Depression, an experience that they shared with most Angelenos and most Americans. They also reflect Mendel Meyer's perseverance. Having lost the grand mansion on Normandie Avenue and the weekend retreat in Manhattan Beach, and having been reduced to riding in an old second-hand Pontiac, Mendel Meyer was not deterred: He reinvented himself and his company, and he kept on building.

Now, the most intact physical evidence of Mendel Meyer's life's work – his own home, his longest home, and his last home – is ready for its close-up. It should be declared a Historic-Cultural Monument.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this application.

Very truly yours,

John A. Henning, Jr.

cc: Lambert Giessinger
Janet Hansen

### MID CITY WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL PLANNING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

#### MOTION

Approved at August 25, 2015 Committee Meeting

#### PROJECT APPLICATION

#### 118-126-1/2 N. Flores St. – CHC-2015-2491-HCM Historic-Cultural Monument

The applicant seeks designation of the Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments as a Historic-Cultural Monument in the city of Los Angeles.

Hearing Date: September 3, 2015

Staff Contact at the L.A. Department of City Planning: Shannon Ryan, (213) 978-1192, shannon.ryan@lacity.org

#### MOTION:

WHEREFORE, the buildings at 118-126 ½ N. Flores Street were built by master builders Meyer & Holler for Mendel Meyer and his wife Mabel, and Mr. Meyer was a principal of Meyer and Holler, Inc., a firm that is recognized as one of the most prolific designers and builders on the West Coast during the 1920s and 1930s, with work including Grauman's Chinese Theatre, the Egyptian Theater, the Charles Chaplin Studios, and the Getty House, all four of which are already designated Historic-Cultural Monuments; and

WHEREFORE, the buildings served as the Meyer's family home for almost 20 years, from the time the first structure was built in 1936 until both Mendel and Mabel died in 1955; and

WHEREFORE, Mr. Meyer continued working until 1941, and these buildings represent the latter phase of his career and his firm's work; and

WHEREFORE, the buildings reflect the Meyer's reduced means after the onset of the Great Depression, an experience that they shared with most Angelenos and most Americans; and

WHEREFORE, the buildings are an excellent example of late 1930s courtyard apartments and are contributors to SurveyLA's Beverly Square Multi-Family Residential Historic District, a 95% intact late-1930s subdivision; and

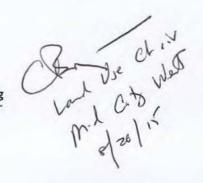
WHEREFORE, the boundary for Beverly Square is relatively small given rapid recent demolition, the subject property is critically situated near the center of this historic district, and its demolition would further erode the historic district and could render this area ineligible for historic designation; and

WHEREFORE, Historic-Cultural Monument designation would provide greater protection for the subject property and the opportunity to pursue financial incentives for its rehabilitation, including the Mills Act Historical Property Contract Program, which would provide potential property tax reduction and an incentive to reverse minor alterations; and

WHEREFORE, the buildings help to tell the story of the nation, the city of Los Angeles, and of the lives of people recovering from the depths of the Great Depression, and track the rise, fall and redemption of an important person in our City's history;

The MCWCC supports the designation of the Mendel and Mabel Meyer Courtyard Apartments as a Historic-Cultural Monument.

The committee voted 5 Yeas (Ravi Bhatia, Liza Gerberding, Keith Nakata, Shane Swerdlow, Rosalie Wayne), 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.



Records of 7 completed buildings found in Southwest Builder and Contractor

Comple- tion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State	Current Photo
1936-02-07	Hopkins, Robert, 4409 Pepperwood Ave, Lakewood Village, Long Beach (own)	bldg. lot 23 blk A, Tr. 10868 (4409 Pepperwood Ave, Lakewood Village, Long Beach)	[Exists]	
1936-03-19	Hudson, Lynn and Frank Stephens, Lakewood Village, Long Beach (own)	bldg. W. 1/2 N. W. 1/4 of s. W. 1/4 of lot 11, Tr. 9265	[Don't know if it exists]	
1936-03-19	Consigny, Jancie Anita, by Anita B. Consigny, guardian, 10565 Fontenelle Way (own)	bldg. parcel 41-A as shown on map of Bel-Air Canyon Estates, being a pt. of lot P of Bel Air (10565 Fontenelle Way) \$10000 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)	[Exists]	





Comple- tion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State	Current Photo
1936-06-17	Trauger, Basil H. 4531 Greenmeadow Rd, Lake- wood Village, North Long Beach (own)	lot 18, blk. G, Tr. 9832 (4529 E. Greenmeadow Rd, Lakewood Village, North Long Beach)	[Exists]	
1936-09-11	Meyer, Mendel, 306 N. Vermont (own)	bldg, lot 79, Tr. 10389 (124 N. Flores St.) \$15000 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)	[Exists, HCM applied for]	
1936-09-25	Ordemann, Mrs. Fred, 4448 Pepperwood Ave. (own)	bldg. lot 1 blk. B, Tr. 10868 (4458 Pepperwood Ave.)	[Exists]	

Comple- tion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State	Current Photo
1936-12-23	Marguerite C Davis, 773 Stradella, Bel-Air (own)	bldg lot 3, blk 2 Tr 9745 (773 Stradella, Bel-Air) \$15000 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)	[Exists]	



1937 Records of 9 completed buildings found in Southwest Builder and Contractor

Completion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State	Current Photo
1937-01-29	Wesley C. H. Holler 306 N. Vermont (own)	lot 81, Tr10389 (112 N. Flores St) \$20000 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)	[Exists]	
1937-04-23	Will R and Lucille C. Sadler 4150 Annapolis Rd, Lake- wood Village, Long Beach (own)	lot 3 blk B, Lakewood Country Club Estates (4150 Annapolis Rd, Lakewood Village, Long Beach)	[Exists]	
1937-09-15	Earl S Hays, 1121 N Las Palmas Ave (own)	lot 16, blk B, Strong & Dickens Hollywood High School Tr (Print shop 1119- 1121 N Las Palmas Ave) \$7250 (City of Los Angeles	[Exists]	
		building permit attached)		
1937-09-15	Herbert W and May I Mo- nahan, 4501 Blackthorne, Lakewood Village, Long Beach (own)	bldg lot 7, blk A, Tr 10868 (Cerritos Ave (Now Lake- wood Blvd) Lakewood Village, Long Beach)	[Appears to be demol- ished]	

Completion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State	Current Photo
1937-08-09	Herbert Wm Monahan, 4501 Blackthorne, Lake- wood Village, Long Beach (own)	bldg lot 11, blk B, Tr 11108 4501 Blackthorne, Lake- wood Village, Long Beach	[Exists]	
1937-11-10	Marian G Holler, 420 N Las Palmas Ave (own)	lot 82, Tr 10389 (106 N Flores St.) \$19200 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)	[Exists]	
1937-11-23	Walter Miller Clark Memorial Church 4501 Sunfield Ave, Lakewood Village, Long Beach (own)	lot 11 blk G, Tr11108 ((Now, the Lakewood Village Community Church) 4515 Sunfield, Long Beach, CA 90808)	[Exists]	

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Completion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State	Current Photo
1937-12-22	Walter W Fifield, 2058 Outpost Dr (own)	lot 11, Tr 10853 (2058 Outpost Dr) \$10000 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)	[Exists]	





Сс	ompletion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State	Current Photo
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**1938** Records of 9 completed buildings found in Southwest Builder and Contractor

Comple- tion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State	Current Photo
1938-01-03	J A Somers, 3428 E 1st St, Long Beach (own)	lot 24, Tr 11204, Ro Santa Anita, Foothill Section (957 Hampton Rd Arcadia)	[Exists]	
1938-01-04	Lester S and Helen F Timmins, 1535 Ensley Ave (own)	lot 8 blk 2, Tr 9616 (260 Loring Ave, Holmby Hills) \$11000 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)	[Exists]	





Comple- tion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State	Current Photo
1938-03-04	Minnie Amelia Troeger, Robinson Hotel, Long Beach (own)	2 apartment bldgs, lots 24 and 23, blk D, Tr 10914 (5117-5119, 5121-5123 E. Carson St, Long Beach)	[Exists]	
1938-03-12	Eleanor K DeWitt, 2075 Watsonia Terrace (own)	bldg pt of lot 24 Tr 5574 (2075 Watsonia Terr) \$4395 (City of Los Angeles	[Exists]	
		building permit attached)	12.	
1938-05-19	Chas B Hopper, 10601 Chalon Rd, Bel-Air (own)	bldg lot 26, blk B, Tr 9832 (Office Building 4411 E Village Road, Long Beach)	[Exists]	
1938-06-15	Wm R and Zelomia A Moore, 2515 Glen Oak Dr (own)	bldg to 165, Tr 7101 (2515 N Park Oak Dr (was 2515 Glen Oak Dr )	[Exists]	
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Comple- tion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State
1938-08-06	Margeret N and E Kost Shelton 760 N Beverly Glen Blvd (own)	bldg pt of blk 26, Ro San Jose de Buenos Ayres (760 N Beverly Glen Blvd) \$13000 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)	[Exists]



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1938-09-08		bldg lot 54, Tr 11215 (876 San Simeon Rd, Arcadia)	[Existing house from 1941]	
1938-11-10	Clifford L Snyder, 4612 Harvey Way, Long Beach (own)		[Exists]	

**1939** Records of 8 completed buildings found in Southwest Builder and Contractor

Comple- tion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State	Current Photo
1939-01-18	Wm Chas and Margaret Eichner, 3950 Sunswept Dr (own)	bldg lot 85, Tr 5896 (3950 Sunswept Dr, Studio City) \$5311 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)	[Exists]	



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1939-02-24	Bridella H Gelhardt, 1555 N Hobart St (own)	bldg lot 24, blk E, Tr 5956 (4145 Sunnyslope Ave) \$5843	[Demolished 2012]	

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1939-03-22	Daisy M and Edina C Newby, 627 N Spaulding Ave (own)	bldg lot 9, blk 3, Tr 11028 (11817 Bellagio Rd) \$7203 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)	[Exists]	



Comple- tion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State	Current Photo
1939-04-05	Hazel Rogers Thompson and Robert Thompson, 4914 Colfax Ave, North Holly- wood (own)	bldg lots 13 and 14, Tr 11583 (6449 Peach Ave) \$7285 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)	[Exists]	
1939-04-07	Wm C O and Suzanne G Smith, 17331 Nordhoff (own)	bldg S 1/2 of E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec 24, T 2 N, R 16 W, SBB&M, of Ro Ex Mission de San Fernando, except E and S 30ft (17331 Nordhoff) \$15,500 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)	[Exists]	
1939-06-03	Mendel Meyer, 306 N. Vermont (own)	bldg lot 80, Tr 10389 (118 N Flores St) \$16000 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)	[Exists, HCM applied for]	

Comple- tion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State	Current Photo
1939-11-16	Harlan E and Sarah J Davis, 1424 Irving St, Glendale (own)	bldg lot 22, Tr 11167, Glendale (1424 Irving St, Glendale)	[Exists]	
1939-12-01	Martha Acker 13828 Wed- dington St (own)	bldg lot 7, Tr 11047 (13828 Weddington St)	[Exists]	
		\$5800 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)		

**1940** Records of 4 completed buildings found in Southwest Builder and Contractor

Comple- tion Date	Owner address	Building address/cost	Current State	Current Photo
940-01-02	Chas H and Ann Marie Schram, Jr, 5226 Maymount (own)	bldg lot 12, blk A, Tr 11596 (5226 Maymount)	[Exists]	
940-02-26	Richard A Brandow 13318 Galewood St, (own)	bldg lot 27, Tr 9631 (13318 Galewood St, Sherman Oaks)	[Exists]	
		\$7500 (City of Los Angeles building permit attached)		
1940-03-02	Arthur J and Martharose M Bode, 1510 Irving Ave, Glendale (own)	bldg lot 12, Tr 11167, Glendale (1510 Irving Ave, Glendale)	[Exists]	
940-06-19	Claude D and Evelyn W Coats, 2929 Valley Heart Dr, Burbank (own)	bldg lot 10, and pt of lot 9, Tr 4409, Burbank (2929 Valley Heart Dr, Burbank)	[Exists]	

#### CITY OF LOS ANGELES

#### DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY **BUILDING DIVISION**

## Application for the Erection of a Building CLASS "D"

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### CITY OF LOS ANGELES

### DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY BUILDING DIVISION

### Application for the Erection of a Building

CLASS "D"

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 exercise of the permit:

First That the permit does not grant any right or privilege to erect any building or other structure therein described, or any portion thereof, upon any street, alley or other public place or portion thereof,

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.

Taking: 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.

Approved by City Engineer Between what cross streets... USE INK OR INDELIBLE PENCIL Purpose of building. Owner's address .... State Certificated Architect..... Licensed Engineer. State 6. Contractor's address.... VALUATION OF PROPOSED WORK State how many buildings NOW } on lot and give use of each. one Size of new building...35 x.6./... No. Stories.... 2. Height to highest point 34. Size lot. 10. .....Foundation (Material) Conc. Depth in ground 12 Type of soil. 11. 12. Width of footing .. Material exterior wall. The Size of studs: (Exterior) 2x (Interior bearing) 2x (Exterior) Joist: First floor. 2x. Second floor. 2x./2Rafters...x. Material of roof. Chimney (Material)......Size Flue.......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 here-by 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... Plans, Specifications and other data must be filed if required. By FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY 7263 PERMIT NO Fire District Stamp here when Permit is issued 16341 JUL -1 1936

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#### CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY BUILDING DIVISION

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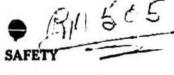
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### DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY BUILDING DIVISION



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### CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

### DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY BUILDING DIVISION

### Application for the Erection of a Building

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3. Owner's address 140 So Fuller.
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5. Licensed Engineer Geo To To Lucions No of Phone
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#### Notes

## Steven Luftman discussion with Daphne Myrick Ireland, granddaughter of Mabel Meyer, born 1936

#### July 24, 2015

On July 24, 2015, I had a telephone conversation with Daphne Myrick Ireland. These are my notes of that conversation.

Ms. Ireland said she is essentially Mabel Meyer's granddaughter by marriage, and thus is essentially Mendel Meyer's "step-granddaughter" by marriage.

Ms. Ireland was born in 1936 in Montecito, California. After her birth, her mother married Miles Gray, who was Mabel Meyer's son by a previous marriage, in 1947.

I started the conversation with Ms. Ireland by saying that I was working to save an apartment building built by Mendel and Mabel Meyer in Los Angeles.

She said, "Do you mean the courtyard building, near La Cienega?" I replied yes.

Ms. Ireland said that when she was a young girl and then a teenager, her family would visit the courtyard apartments occasionally to see Mendel and Mabel Meyer, whom she considered to be her grandparents. She said that Mendel and Mabel lived there for as long as she could remember, and continued living at the building through 1955, when they both died.

She also confirmed that her father, Miles Gray (who was Mendel Meyer's stepson) owned the California Hotel in Santa Barbara. When I told her that the *Los Angeles Times* reported in Mendel Meyer's 1955 obituary that Mr. Meyer had died in Santa Barbara and had lived in his son's hotel for the last few months of his life, she said that while this may have been true, she was sure that Mendel and Mabel Meyer essentially "never left the courtyard apartments" before their respective deaths in 1955.

-- Steve Luftman

#### CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION of MEYER & HOLLER A California Corporation

THE UNDERSIGNED do hereby certify that they are a majority, to wit, all of the directors of Meyer & Holler, a California Corporation, and they do further hereby certify:

- 1. That on the 9th day of April, 1941, said corporation filed with the Secretary of State of the State of California, and on the 14th day of April, 1941, filed with the County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, California, being the County in which the principal office of said corporation is located, a certificate giving notice that said corporation had duly elected to wind up and dissolve, a copy of which notice, duly certified by said County Clerk, is hereto attached, marked "Exhibit A", and made a part hereof.
- 2. That said corporation has been completely wound up, and all of its known debts and liabilities have been actually paid or adequately provided for and its known property distributed and any tax or penalty due under the Bank and Corporation Franchise Tax Act has been paid, and that said corporation is dissolved.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being all of the directors of said corporation, have executed this certificate this 14th day of April, 1941.

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In the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Collicania

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PAUL PERK, Secretary of

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All of the Directors of Meyer

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ss.

On this Adday of April, 1941, before me,
BEN F. GRAY, a notary public in and for said County and State,
residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally
appeared Mendel Meyer, Wesley C. Holler and Joseph W. Schaeppner,
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the
foregoing certificate, and acknowledged to me that they executed
the same.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL.

Notary Public in and County and State.

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I, PAUL PEEK, Secretary of State of the State of California, do hereby certify:

That I have compared the annexed transcript with the RECORD on file in my office, of which it purports to be a copy, and that the same is a full, true and correct copy thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of California this 9th day of April, 1941.

PAUL PEEK

Secretary of State

By Chas. J. Hagerty

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# CERTIFICATE GIVING NOTICE OF ELECTION OF

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FILED THE office of the Secretary of State of the State of California Apr.9, 1941.

PAUL PERK, Secretary of State By Edward H.Dickson Deputy

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The undersigned do further hereby direct the officers and directors of this corporation to take such further action as may be necessary or proper to terminate the business of this corporation, wind up its affairs, and to dissolve it.

IN SITHESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has hereunto signed his name and following his name the date of signing, and the number of shares of said corporation, entitled to vote, held by him of record on said date.

Nune	Date	No. of Shares
Mendel Meyer	3/31/41	515
Muly C Holler	3/31/41	515

That the original of such written consent has been filed with the secretary of said corporation;

3. That the total number of issued and outstanding shares of said corporation entitled to exercise voting power is 1030.

IN WITHESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this certificate this \_5# day of April, 1941.

Mindel Meyer & Holler

Wales & Holler

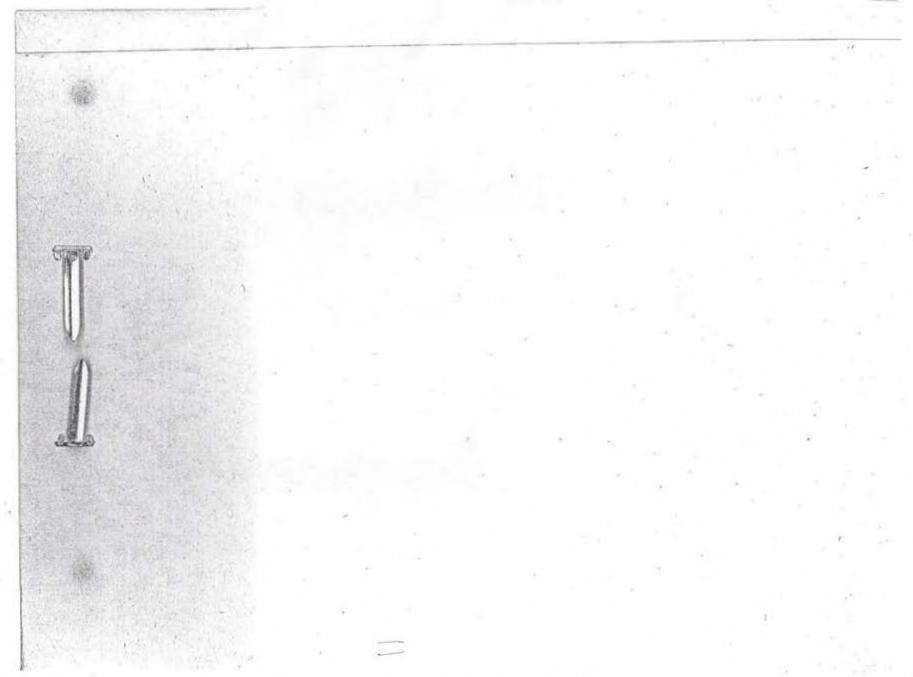
Secretary of Meyer & Holler.

County of Los Angeles

On this fine day of April, 1941, before me,
Ben M: Gray, a notary public in and for said County and State,
residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally
appeared Mendel Meyer and Menley C. Holler, known to me to be
the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing certificate, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.
WITHESE my head and official seal.

TOWN E. GRAY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA. Ss. County of Los Angeles	No. 58700
I, L. E. LAMPTON, County Clerk and e.	x-officio Clerk of the Superior Court within and for
CERTIFICATE GIVING NOTICE OF	ELECTION OF MEYER & HOLLER
on file and/or of record in my office, and that I	certified copy have carefully compared the same with the organization
IN WITNESS WHERE	OF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the
seal of the Superior C	ourt this 14th day of APTIL 19 41
	L. E. LAMPTON, County Clerk,  By Deputy.



#### MEYER & HOLLER

The year of 1908 was another turning point in the family history. In the fall Pop joined up with Mendel Meyer and another man to form a company called "Milwaukee Building Company." They started in building small houses and then into the designing and construction of some of the finest homes in Southern California. Gloria Swanson's home was one. design and construction of some of the early movie studios -MGM in Culver City, Hal Roach, famous for "Our Gang Comedies," Charlie Chaplin, United Artists, and some others in part. They started in design and construction of office buildings, hospitals, clubs, theatres, warehouses, etc. Their most famous was, of course, the Chinese Theatre of Hollywood - called Grauman's Chinese. This theatre was a follow-up of the Egyptian on Hollywood Boulevard. In the heyday of the movies, these two theatres were the scene of many of the great movie prologues and Oscar presentations.

Sid Grauman was a great practical joker and the one I am about to relate is the greatest. When the Chinese Theatre was under consideration, the Women's Club of Hollywood was greatly concerned. Their club building was at Hollywood Boulevard and La Brea, and they did not want a theatre west of Highland Avenue. They protested vigorously and campaigned against it in every way they could. Sid Grauman lived in the Alexandria Hotel on the corner of Fifth and Spring Streets. He had a suite of two regular rooms - this meant each room had a door to the hall. He had an archway cut between the two and used one as his bedroom and the other as a sitting room.

He had Madame Tussaud make him a number of wax figures of men and women which he dressed in various costumes and when the theatre was completed placed them in the foyer standing around in natural poses. He also had two beautiful Chinese girls which he mixed in with the wax figures and when the theatre patrons would look at them before - during - or after the show, the Chinese girls would move to some other place, then the patrons would not know which were wax and which were real. This added a great deal of interest as well as confusion. He had these before the start of the theatre and while the Club was trying to stop the building, he took the women wax figures and installed them in his sitting room in very natural poses on the couch and chairs and then placed a table in the archway and called Mr. Clune.

Fine formed 1906

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Mr. Clune was a member of the Garden Court Lee Corp., a group of Hollywood wealthy men headed by Charles Toberman. This group financed many of the early buildings of all kinds. Mr. Clune also owned several of the early movie houses.

Sid called Clune and said, "Hello, we've got a bunch of those club women up here and they mean business. They don't want the theatre or any part of it. You'll have to get a taxi and get up here quick - I can't do anything with them." Clune said, "I can't come up. I have an important meeting and I just can't break it - you'll have to do the best you can." "I don't give a damn what you're doing or going to do - get in a taxi and get up here. I'll meet you in the lobby." Grauman then went down to the lobby to wait. Finally Clune arrived. Grauman rushed him to the elevator and then down the hall to his bedroom, opened the door, and then to the table. Before Clune had a chance to say anything, Grauman said, "Ladies of the Women's Club of Hollywood, this is Mr. Clune, one of the men who is anxious to build the theatre. He will tell you what we intend to do and explain to you why there should be no reason to oppose it. Ladies, Mr. Clune."

Mr. Clune started to put all he had into it. At this point Grauman quietly slipped back and out of the door and out of the hotel, leaving Mr. Clune talking to the dummies.

Mr. Clune warmed up to his subject and finally felt there was something wrong - then it dawned on him that he had been hoaxed. He was so mad that he would have killed Grauman if he could have gotten his hands on him. It took Clune about two weeks to cool off and before he could see any humor in it.

Another interesting thing was the number of people who claimed they were the ones who thought of the idea of having footprints in the Forecourt cement. After the forecourt was poured, some children came by and put their footprints in the wet cement. From such lowly beginnings are some great ideas born.

In the early days the Company had an engineer who came up with the bright idea of using the principle of the desert refrigerator in buildings. When ice was unobtainable and before the advent of the electric refrigerator, it was common to take a frame with

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shelves and cover the exterior with several layers of burlap with a water box on top with small holes around so that water would slowly seep out keeping the burlap wet. Evaporation kept the interior cool. He designed the store building with hollow walls - burlap between - and water to cool. This store was in Van Nuys on the corner of Van Nuys Boulevard and Victory. The idea was fine but it did not work. It was the hottest building in town.

Mendel Meyer, President of Meyer & Holler (name was changed from Milwaukee Building Company), was a most unusual person. He started out in the hay and feed business. He was successful because horses would clean up his hay. That is, eat it all. He found some hay tasted good to a horse and some did not. By trial and error, he learned by taste what hay to buy. Therefore, he sold only hay a horse liked.

When we arrived in California, Meyer was in the candy business and lived near Aunt Lizzie. He took us down to the factory and there were bins and bins of hard candies. He said to Albert and me to help ourselves. Albert wore a waist which buttoned tight around the body at the bottom. This left a lot of space to fill. Albert filled it but on the way home in the streetcar the button flew off causing one of the greatest candy messes in history. Albert was not to be outdone. He held the waist together with one hand and stuffed the candy back in with the other. Crawling under the passenger seats and legs did not bother him.

At the time of the Long Beach earthquake, Meyer was driving an old second hand Pontiac. This was during the dark depression days of the thirties which changed the wealthy M & H to zero. On his way home he noticed his car ran much worse than usual. He could hardly keep it on the road. He passed a small pasture with a cow - her legs planted wide apart and an expression of fear on her face. Not until he got home did he find out that he had been driving through the worst quake Southern California had to offer.

He would carefully put notes in his hat band, then put on his hat, notes and all, and walk down the street and do nothing about them.

As noted, M & H started out as "The Milwaukee Building Company." The sign showed a Dutch windmill with a curved walk in front and on it a key. One day Mr. E. L. Doheney called up and asked about building Mrs. Doheney a Dutch windmill. The answer was yes even though no one knew anything about it. The windmill was built on their Hollywood hills ranch satisfactorily to Mrs. E. L. At the conclusion of the job, Mr. E. L. remarked to MM that he had been working on a layout for his ranch house for two years with an architect and had been unable to get a plan to suit him. MM said, "I can do it in two hours." This lit a fuse in Mr. Doheney. He said it was ridiculous to think of such a thing. MM said, "Well, Mr. Doheney, there is one thing you will have to admit." This further infuriated Mr. D. To have anyone say to him that he would have to admit anything was just not so, but he said, "Just what do I have to admit?" "You'll have to admit that it will take you just two hours to find out." This put a different complexion on it. "Yes," Mr. Doheney said, "he would have to and he would give him just two hours." Secretly, he would have enjoyed MM's failure. A time was set for MM to meet E L and his wife at their house.

MM was a natural architect. He could solve problems almost instantly. He could also draw upsidedown so the client could see the plan evolve right side up. At the appointed time MM showed up with drawing board, T square, etc., etc.

Mr. Doheney took him into the den and said, "We will work here on my desk. Mrs. D and I will be out in the garden and you can call us to come in when you wish." MM said, "That is not the agreement. You are to give me two hours and that means that both of you will sit across the desk from me while I draw." At the end of the two hours, the plan was completed to everyone's satisfaction. This was the start of a long relationship with the Doheneys. One result - the construction of his office building on Flower and Olympic in Los Angeles.

Miss Rose - I start off this way because she almost made Pop loose his sanity. It was one thing to get her signed up, but it was another thing to build her building and that is where Pop came in. He supervised the field work. Miss Rose intended to build a cafeteria on Hill Street, and it was to be called Colonial Cafeteria. Miss Rose signed the contract and in a happy mood left the office which was on the southwest corner of Hill and 4th Street. As she came out of the building, she ran into an

old friend of the family who was in the contracting business. She joyfully told him that she had signed up with M & H for her cafeteria building. "Why don't you know?" "Know what?" "What do you mean?" After the friend had carried this "Don't you know" along for several times, he told her that M & H was the highest priced company in the business and that he could build it for 25% less. This changed her into a very sad woman indeed. She returned to MM's office, sat down, and kept saying, "Oh, what have I done? What have I done?" MM said, "I don't know what have you done?" So she explained that she had met this man who had told her he could build it for 25% less and here she had signed a contract for so much more. MM - "But you haven't signed a contract." Miss Rose, "Yes I have. It's right there on your desk." "No, you haven't signed it because we would not want to build it when he will do it for so much less." "Oh, thank you Mr. Meyer, for doing this for me." "We are glad to do it, only you have to get his promise in writing so that we will be sure that he will do what he says." "I will have no trouble getting that, " she said. "Good. I will write the letter for you to take along." The letter recited that he would build the building according to the plans and specifications prepared by M & H for 25% less than M & H's contract price. Away she went in the best of spirits to get his signature. She returned to the office in about two hours in a most crestfallen manner and said, "Mr. Meyer, he would not sign it." "Miss Rose, I knew he would not because he could not, but if I had held you to the contract you signed you would always have believed that we cheated you. Now you know he was only trying to stir up trouble. So what do you say we get along with your cafeteria." This was the beginning of a long series of jobs for her, and she practically succeeded in driving Pop nuts during the process.

One of our jobs was for an attorney. The contract price was \$14,400. When the attorney came in to sign the contract, he said, "I will sign it for \$14,000." MM - "But the price is \$14,400." Attorney - "I see it is, but if you will not accept \$14,000., then the deal is off." MM - "But we cannot accept less." The attorney then started for the door. Just as he was about to walk out, MM said, "Come back." He did and said, "I knew you would call me back and take my price." MM, "Yes, we are going to accept your price, but we are going to take \$400. out of your house and you will never know from where we took it." The attorney pondered this for a little while and then said, "Allright, give me the contract."

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Several Christian Science Churches - the best known is the

one on Normandie Avenue north of Wilshire.

King Vidor Studio

King Vidor came to us and asked us to build him a studio as he intended to go into the movies. He did not have the funds to finance his building program. We made a deal with him to build his studio, and he was to pay a specific rental with an option to buy after a certain time at a set price. When the depression hit, and he could not pay his rent, he got an attorney and brought suit against Meyer & Holler charging that it was

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t actually a rental he was paying but interest which was urious. Meyer & Holler was not notified of the court tion and not being present the Federal Court levied a 0,000. cash fine against us. Our attorneys, Loeb & Loeb, outstanding firm, said this is impossible - nevertheless, is was the penalty set forth by Judge Gaven Craig, Judge the Superior Court. This action in the depths of the pression put us into bankruptcy. Gaven Craig was found ilty of criminal action - this and others - which resulted a prison term for him. Although this gave him his just if serts, it did not save us from going through the wringer. edless to say, we lost everything. Mendel Meyer and I we nesidential building with some commercial thrown in. Meyer and I carried on until the start of World War II - decided to retire so we closed out.

when we were thrown into insolvency, we had some outstanding wills. The largest was to the Hammond Lumber Company for bout \$5,000. The Hammond people came to us and said they and enjoyed hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of business that us - that we owed them nothing. When you want lumber wain, call us. We said - will you promise us not to sell anyone else at a lower price than us. They agreed to that. They sold many thousands of dollars to us until we closed shop.

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#### MARY FERRAR

Pop's second marriage was to a woman he had known in Indiana and was then living in Long Beach. She had a daughter named Gladys. We decided that Glad ass was not such a good name and that Happy Bottom was much better. This was shortened to Hap which stuck from then on.

Mary Ferrar was an accomplished china painter. She painted six beautiful china plates in flower designs for Edd and Maizie Holler. When the work was finished, there was the problem of packing them for shipment to Farmington, Missouri. It was decided that Albert would carry them out to the shop at 305 South Westlake where we would make a box and pack them. get to the shop it was necessary to come down stairs, go through the breakfast room, on to the rear porch and down a short flight of stairs to the cement walk. While she was instructing Albert to be very careful and especially on the outside steps which he assured her presented no hazard and nothing could possibly happen, I went down stairs and got three or four old plates and placed them on the breakfast room table. There was a porch above where you could look down in the back yard. She took up her post there and waited for Albert to appear with the plates. Albert walked through the breakfast room, changed plates, and did a wonderful job of stumbling on the upper step and falling down so that the old plates crashed on the cement. She just knew this was going to happen and she could hardly keep from crying, but of course it was an accident. Albert couldn't help it - she would just have to paint another set. He was forgiven until she went down and saw there on the breakfast room table her plates safe. That is when all Hell broke loose.

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Wilson Building - Northeast corner - Wilshire and LaBrea

Security First National Bank - Northeast corner - Hollywood and Highland

Quimby Building - Seventh and Grand

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Masonic Lodge - Third and Oxford

Gloria Swanson's home

King C. Gillette's home

Doheney's original ranch home

Several Christian Science Churches - the best known in the one on Normandie Avenue north of Wilshire. - Designed by Kennedy

King Vidor Studio

In 1929, Wesley C. Holler, Sr. joined with Mendel Meyer and started a new Meyer & Holler company. They designed and built residential and some commercial buildings until the start of World War II.

Information from Louise Hoster Craddock,
daughter of wedge Hoster.
From the biles of Jane Reiter

## **Exhibit H Interview with Louise Holler Craddock**

#### **Transcript**

Steven Luftman interview with Louise Holler Craddock, daughter of Wesley C. Holler, born 1929

August 20, 2015 at 3:11pm

**Luftman:** Did you live on Flores St?

**Craddock:** Flores St was the apartment that mom and dad owned. I lived at 420 N Las Palmas, near Beverly and Highland. There are two buildings with a little courtyard in front going between the building to the back. The two buildings, and the Meyers built the two just next to it.

Luftman: Had Mendel had retired in 1936?

Craddock: That isn't true, he didn't retire. They were still in operation up until World

War II.

Luftman: Did Mendel work full time?

Craddock: Well, I was a young girl. I could care less what he was doing. I was

interested in driving in a car and going out.

**Luftman:** Did you used to go to the office?

Craddock: Yes, but he went to the office until they closed the business down, WWII

started and they could no longer do any more building

Luftman: Where was the office?

Craddock: They ended up on Western Ave. It was upstairs over a restaurant. Now

that's where they ended up.

**Luftman:** A building permit says Vermont?

**Craddock:** Well, I don't remember that. They were never on Larchmont.

**Luftman:** Did your father ever take you to the building sites?

**Craddock:** They were building homes. What's the famous actress? (Gloria Swanson)

They built her home in Beverly Hills.

**Luftman:** Do you know what year that was?

**Craddock:** Oh I don't remember, I was a little girl—your life revolves around what you are doing tomorrow. In 1936 my father joined Meyer & Holler. Right around when they bombed Pearl Harbor the government shut down all building. There was no building allowed unless the government approved it. They were forced to shut down, because they couldn't get supplies.

**Luftman:** And Mendel worked up until that point?

Craddock: Yes, and that's when he retired. That's when they quit and closed the

office down.

**Luftman:** And your father worked for Shell?

**Craddock:** No, he worked for Signal Oil and Gas Co. Sam Mosher was one of his best friends. They went to college together at Cal. So he went to work for Sam Mosher at Signal Oil and Gas Co. They had a big building downtown near Robertson's Department Store, and it was called the Signal Building. And they had a bunch of gas stations.

**Luftman:** What did your father do for them?

**Craddock:** He ran the land department for the company.

**Luftman:** Do you remember when the Meyers moved to Santa Barbara? **Craddock:** Well I went to college from 1946 to 1950 and I married my husband in 1950. I went to College of the Pacific in Stockton. It was difficult for a girl to go to college. They wanted to give the spots to the boys returning from war.

**Luftman:** Jane (Reifer) told me you used to go to the office and pretend to type.

Craddock: Yeah.

**Luftman:** How old were you? **Craddock:** Oh, 10 or 11 years old.

**Luftman:** That would make it in the late '30s, you were born in...?

Craddock: Yeah, I was born in 1929.

**Luftman:** You don't have any pictures of the Meyers?

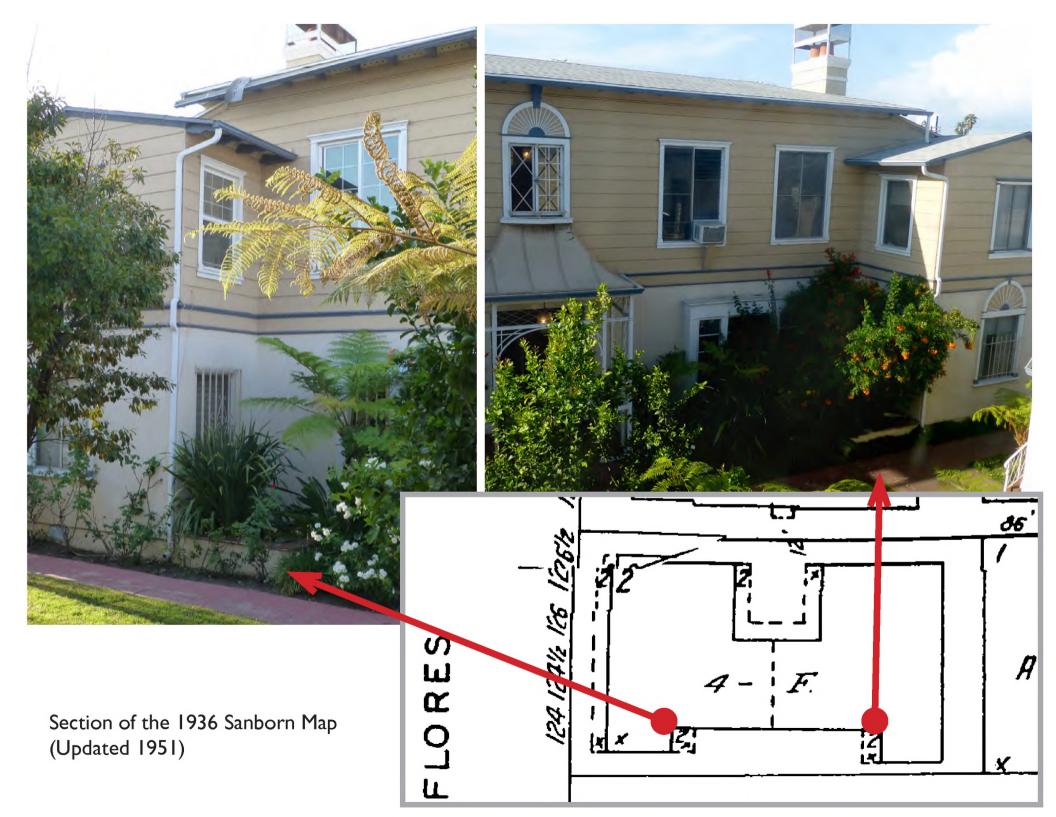
Craddock: No.

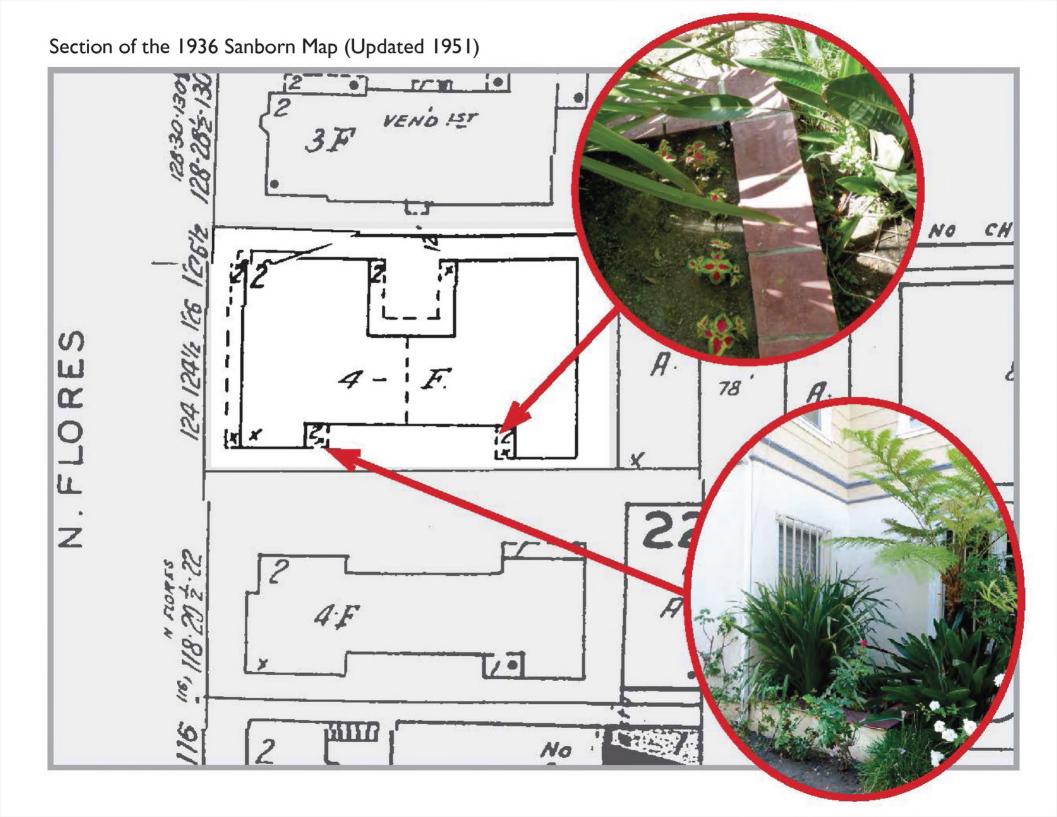
Luftman: They did so many famous buildings. You would think there would be

pictures.

**Craddock:** They didn't think they were famous.







Section of the 1936 Sanborn Map (Updated 1951) Second Floor Balcony 118½ N Flores St.

