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

The *Wallace Neff House* located at 11100 Chalon Road in Bel Air in Council District 5 is a prime candidate for preservation because it has not been modified since it was built for the original owners in 1963. The Neff House was designed as in the Country French Style, and it is worthy of historic-cultural preservation because of its unique large size consisting of more than 6,000 square feet, and the generous proportions of its rooms.

Wallace Neff (1895-1982) was an architect based in Southern California who was largely responsible for developing the region's distinct architectural style referred to as "California" style" and was a master architect who designed *Pickfair*, the 18-acre Douglas Fairbanks-Mary Pickford estate in Beverly Hills.

Neighbors of the house and residents throughout Bel Air are concerned at the impending loss of this architecturally and historically important asset in the community, inasmuch as the house is under threat of demolition.

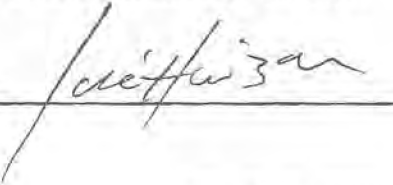
It is imperative that the City's historic-cultural resources are celebrated and its historic architecture preserved for future generations. The *Wallace Neff House* is an architectural treasure that exemplifies the work of Master Architect Wallace Neff, and one of Neff's last houses, and the design is part of his notable French architectural style.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council determine, as provided in Section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to **Rule 23** of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's Council meeting.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council initiate consideration of the *Wallace Neff House* located at 11100 Chalon Road, Los Angeles, CA 90049, as a City Historic-Cultural Monument under the procedures of Section 22.171.10 of the Administrative Code, and instruct the Planning Department to prepare the Historic-Cultural Monument application for review and consideration by the Cultural Heritage Commission.

I FURTHER MOVE that after reviewing the application, the Cultural Heritage Commission submit its report and recommendations to the Council regarding the inclusion of the *Wallace Neff House* located at 11100 Chalon Road, Los Angeles, CA 90049, in the City's list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

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SECONDED BY: 

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