

# MOTION

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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 Council.

The properties located at 412-420 and 424-430 N. Norton Ave. (APN: 5522-022-008, Tract No. 2635) epitomize garden courtyard style bungalow apartment complexes, with distinguishing architectural characteristics of the Spanish Colonial Revival Style. At 412-420 N. Norton the three building, twelve-unit apartment complex, was designed by the architect Leonard Lymon Jones and was built in 1926. While 424-430 N. Norton, built in 1924, is a five building, ten-unit bungalow court. Both bungalow apartments have been noted for their architecture in Survey L.A., being described as "an excellent example of an intact 1920s bungalow court in the Wilshire CPA. Once a common residential property type in Los Angeles, bungalow courts that remain intact are increasingly rare." Both apartments are noted as two of the few remaining examples in the area that retain original site plans, landscape and hardscape elements, and architectural features."

The Bungalow Courts are also notable as representative of the melting pot and ethnic enclave that Los Angeles became in the mid twentieth century and as a refuge to the growing Eastern European immigrant population following both World Wars. It is also important as the home of and the long-time ownership (1964-2015) by Polish Jews who had survived the Holocaust who came to the United States as refugees and made new lives as U. S. citizens

The application for historic designation for these Bungalow Court apartments was submitted to the Cultural Heritage Commission in August of 2016. Due to the Commission's work load and individual Commission absences this application has not been heard and is scheduled for the February 2, 2016, CHC hearing. The last tenant for these apartments was 'Ellised' on January 6th. The property faces imminent demolition and the City risks losing yet another apartment complex, noted in Survey LA, with a current application scheduled to be heard before the Cultural Heritage Commission on February 2, 2017.

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 Bungalow Court Apartments, located at 412-420 and 424-430 N. Norton Ave. Los Angeles, CA, 90004, 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 412-420 N. Norton Ave. and 424-430 N. Norton Ave in the City's list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

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