WURFL COURT 1450-1456 North Echo Park Avenue; 1461-1465 North Fairbanks Place CHC-2017-4762-HCM ENV-2017-4763-CE

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Los Angeles Department of City Planning RECOMMENDATION REPORT

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION		CASE NO.: CHC-2017-4762-HCM ENV-2017-4763-CE		
HEARING DATE: TIME: PLACE: EXPIRATION DATE:	March 2, 2017 10:00 AM City Hall, Room 1010 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 April 4, 2017	Location: 1450-1456 North Echo Park Avenue; 1461-1465 North Fairbanks Place Council District: 13 Community Plan Area: Silver Lake-Echo Park- Elysian Valley Area Planning Commission: East Los Angeles Neighborhood Council: Greater Echo Park Elysian Legal Description: Tract TR 3875, Lots 9-10		
PROJECT:	Historic-Cultural Monu WURFL COURT	ment Application for the		
REQUEST:	Declare the property a	Historic-Cultural Monument		
OWNER(S):	Bixel House LLC c/o S 250 N. Robertson Blvd Beverly Hills, CA 9021	I., Ste. 511		
	Bixel House LLC 1055 Wilshire Blvd., St Los Angeles, CA 9001			
APPLICANT:	Lena Kouyoumdjian 1452 ½ Echo Park Ave Los Angeles, CA 9002			
RECOMMENDATION	I That the Cultural Her	itage Commission:		

- 1. **Declare the subject 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.

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Attachments: Committee/ Staff Site Inspection Photos Historic-Cultural Monument Application

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FINDINGS

• Wurfl Court "embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural-type specimen, inherently valuable for study of a period, style or method of construction" as an example of the bungalow court multi-family housing type in Echo Park.

CRITERIA

The criterion is the Cultural Heritage Ordinance which defines a historical or cultural monument as any site (including significant trees or other plant life located thereon) building or structure of particular historic or cultural significance to the City of Los Angeles, such as historic structures or sites in which the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, State or community is reflected or exemplified, or which are identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history or which embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction, or a notable work of a master builder, designer or architect whose individual genius influenced his age.

SUMMARY

Built for Louis Wurfl in 1922, Wurfl Court is a Mediterranean Revival style bungalow court located at 1450 Echo Park Avenue in the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles.

The subject property is comprised of seven detached one-story 750-square-foot units surrounding a communal courtyard in a U-shaped configuration with seven garages located at the rear of the property. Each unit has a rectangular floor plan, covered stoop front entrance, and a secondary rear entrance leading to a private backyard. The property features stucco siding, red-tile roofs, arches, original carriage-style garage doors, and decorative reliefs.

Louis Wurfl grew up in the Echo Park area and worked in the steel industry, through which he contributed to several prominent projects throughout the city that included the cross on Echo Park's historic Angelus Temple. Wurfl also worked in the film industry as a prop master for MGM studios and constructed sets for movies such as *The Wizard of Oz*.

Over the years there appear to have been only minor alterations to the property that include window replacement on some of the units. Also, one of the complex's garages was repaired following fire damage in 1953.

DISCUSSION

Wurfl Court successfully meets one of the Historic-Cultural Monument criteria: it "embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural-type specimen, inherently valuable for study of a period, style, or method of construction" as an example of bungalow court multi-family housing in Los Angeles. While the applicant argues that the subject property also "reflects the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, state, or community" for its association with the rapid development of Los Angeles and its surrounding areas in the early 1920s, the information provided does not support meeting this criterion.

Bungalow court apartments are one of four multi-family housing types that became popular during California's population boom after World War I. Bungalow courts are distinguished by several different types, but most commonly they appear as one-story detached bungalows in a U-shaped configuration with a central courtyard. Most units are entered through private porches or stoops from the courtyard and exhibit similar features of single-family dwellings, but on a more modest scale.

Wurfl Court is a good example of bungalow court housing, as it includes the following characterdefining elements of the housing type: a U-shaped configuration; detached single-story bungalows; private entrances; central open space; garages at the rear; interior features characteristic of a single-family house; and rectangular interior floor plans. Wurfl Court has a unique U-parti layout with individual units stepped up along a slightly sloping central courtyard and garages at the rear of the property facing a back street. The footprint of the subject property has remained the same since 1922 and retains integrity in its site plan, orientation, and interior configurations. Minor cosmetic changes to the property include alterations to windows, kitchens, and bathrooms. Despite these alterations, the overall plan is unchanged and the subject property continues to reflect its bungalow court building type.

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 Wurfl Court as an Historic-Cultural Monument in accordance with Chapter 9, Article 1, of The City of Los Angeles Administrative Code ("LAAC") will ensure that future construction activities involving the subject property are regulated in accordance with Section 22.171.14 of the LAAC. The purpose of the designation is to prevent significant impacts to a Historic-Cultural Monument through the application of the standards set forth in the LAAC. Without the regulation imposed by way of the pending designation, the historic significance and integrity of the subject property could be lost through incompatible alterations and new construction and the demolition of 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 property.

The use of Categorical Exemption Class 8 in connection with the proposed designation is consistent with the goals of maintaining, restoring, enhancing, and protecting the environment through the imposition of regulations designed to prevent the degradation of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

The use of Categorical Exemption Class 31 in connection with the proposed designation is consistent with the goals relating to the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and reconstruction

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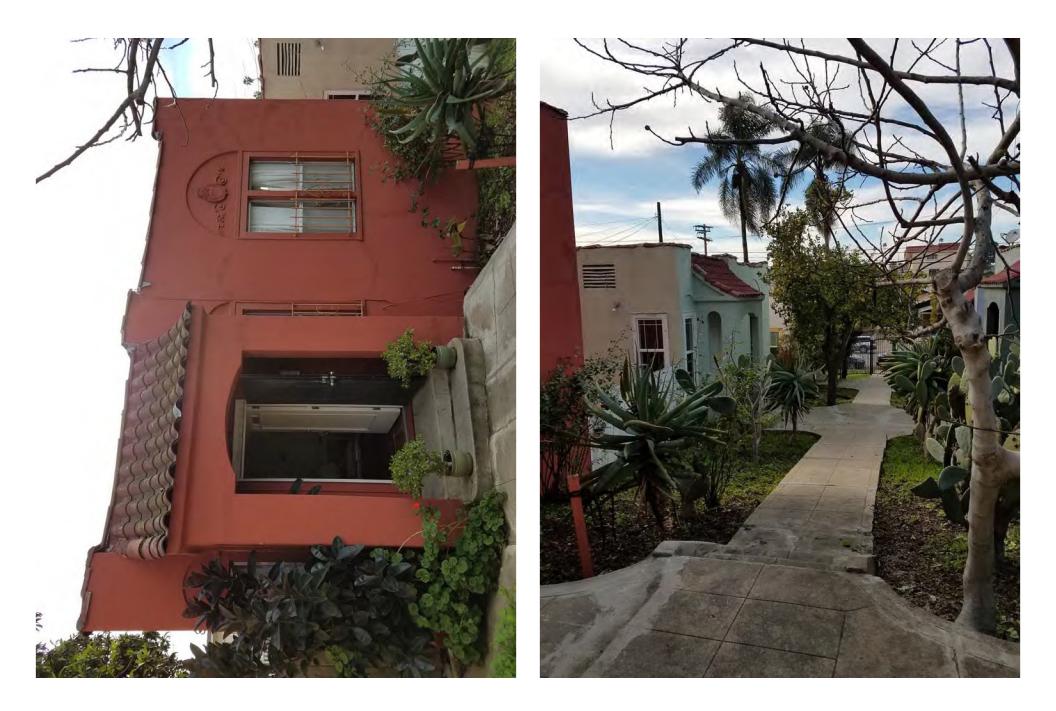
Categorical Exemption ENV-2017-4763-CE was prepared on February 10, 2017.

BACKGROUND

On January 19, 2017 the Cultural Heritage Commission voted to take the property under consideration. On February 9, a subcommittee of the Commission consisting of Commissioner Kennard visited the property, accompanied by staff members from the Office of Historic Resources.

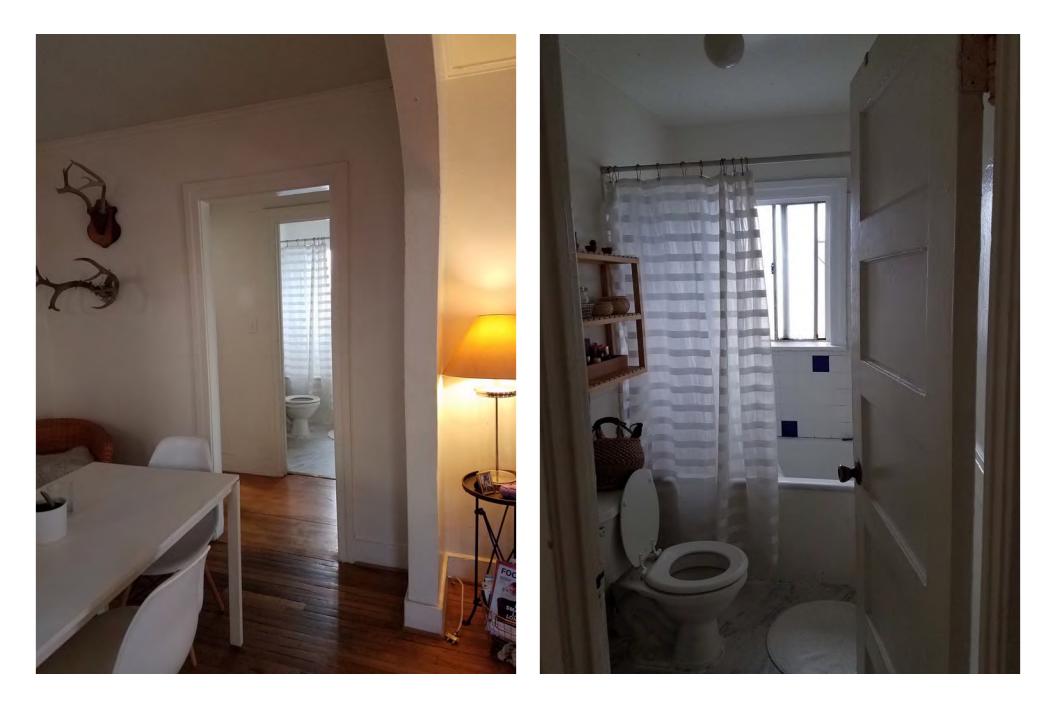
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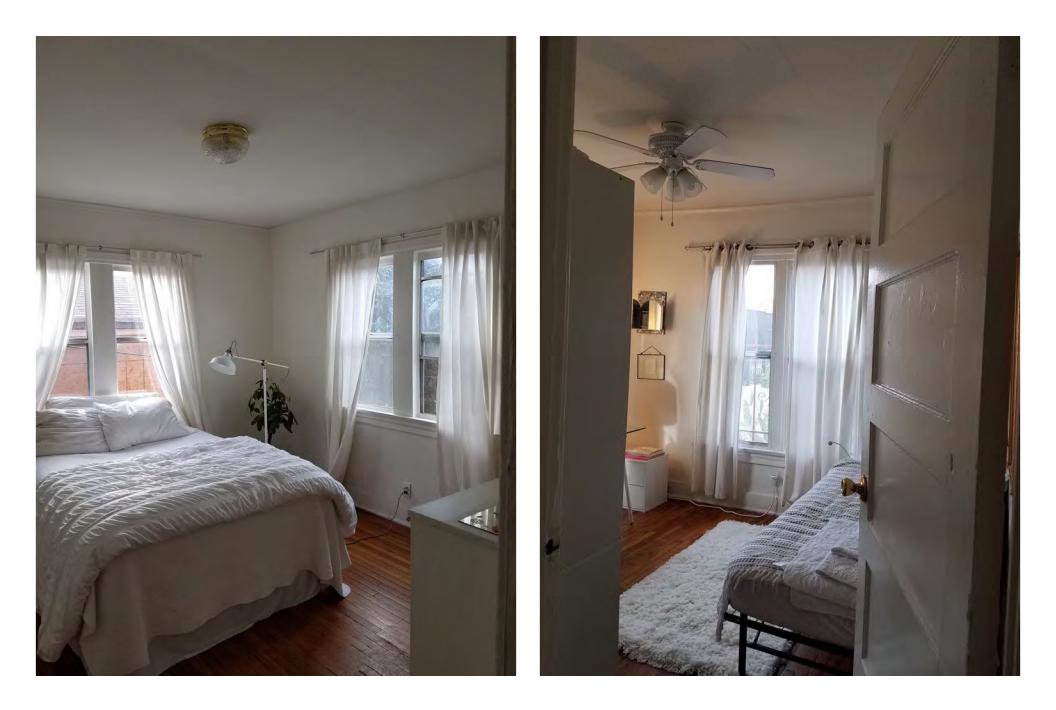
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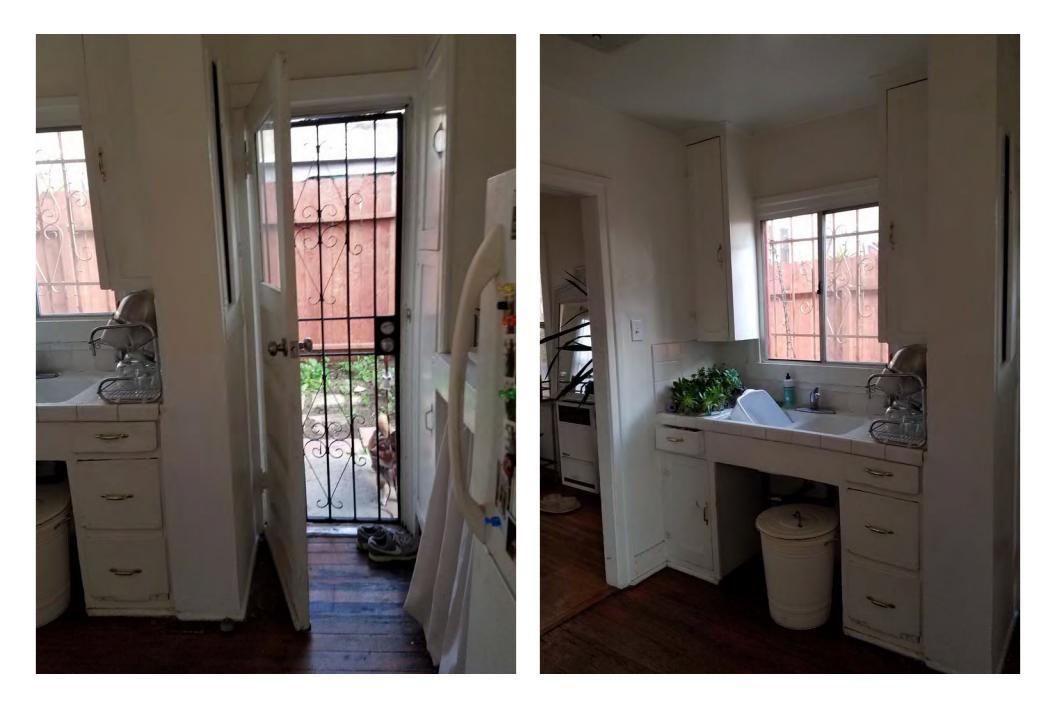
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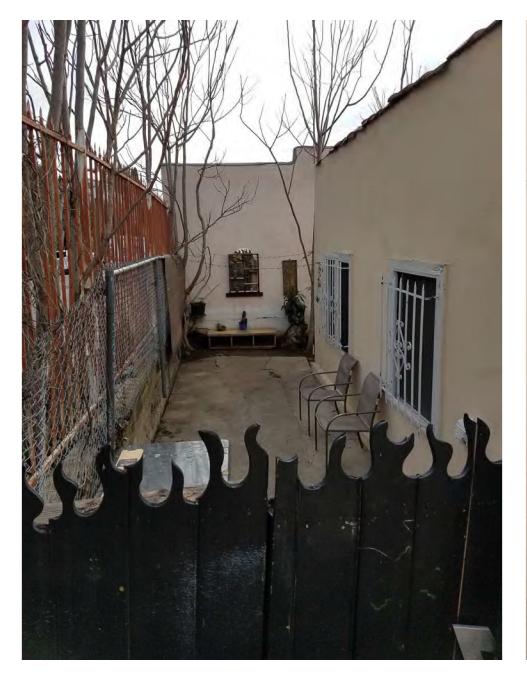






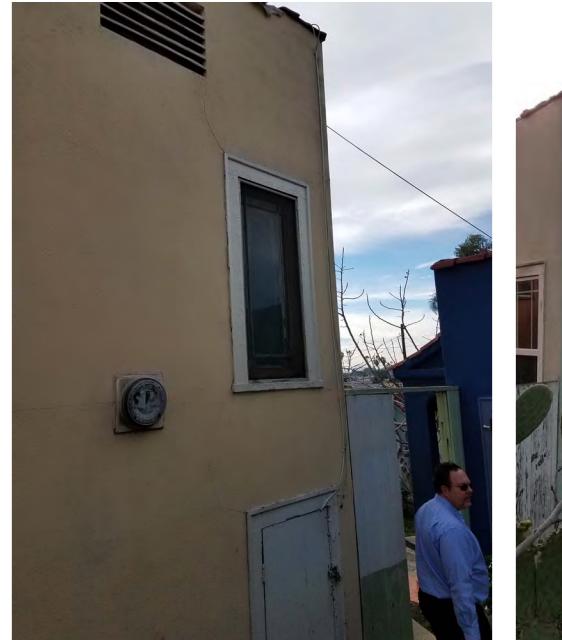


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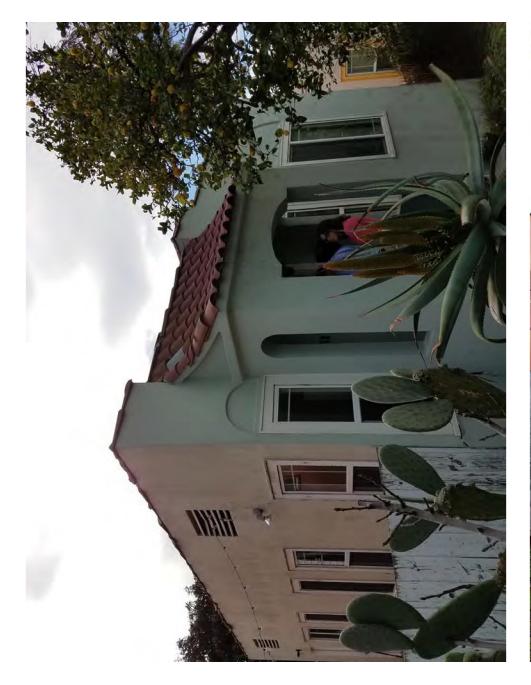




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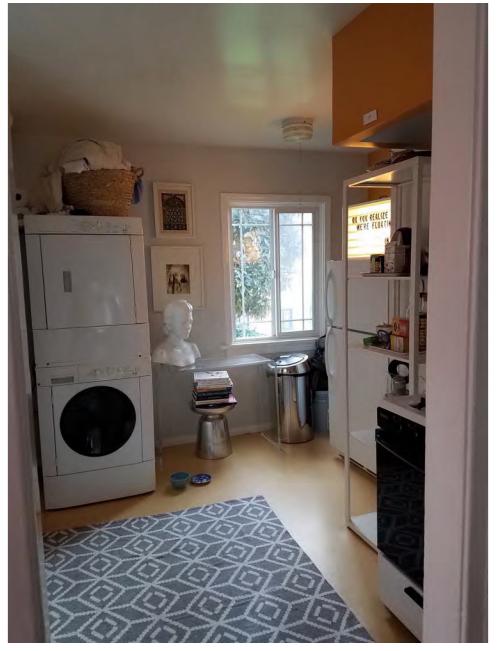




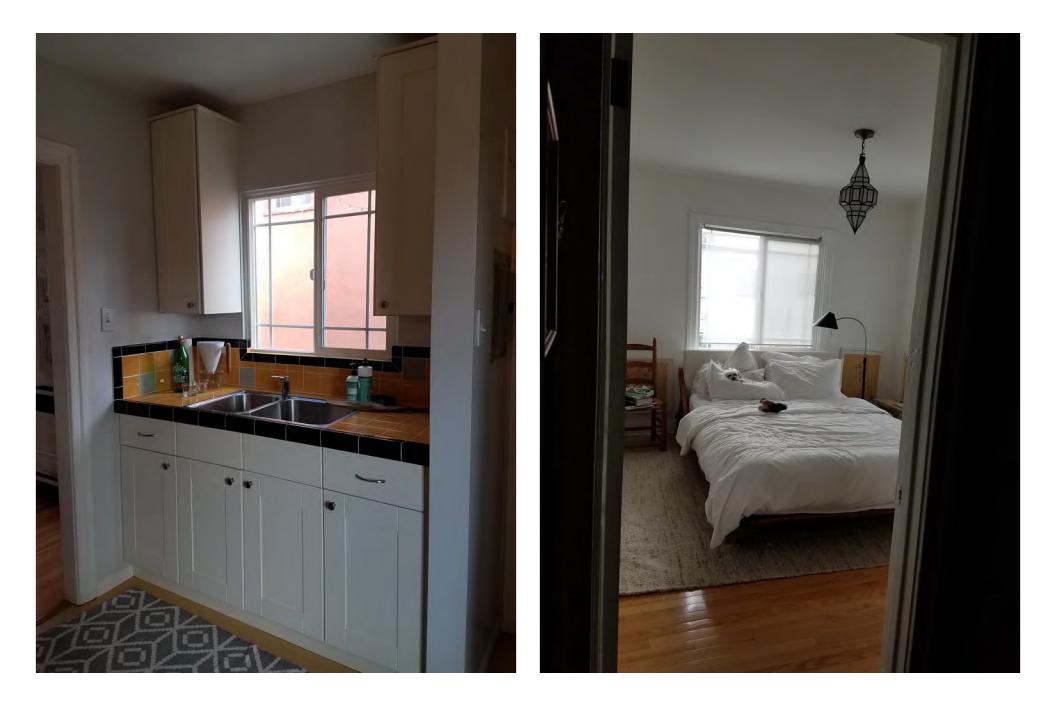


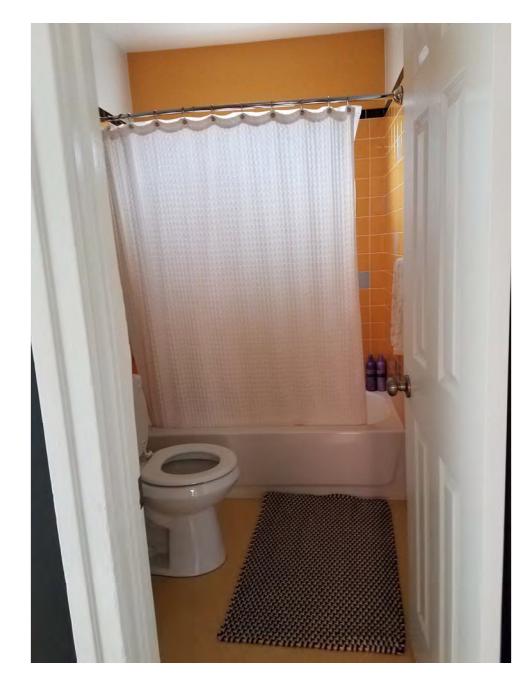
















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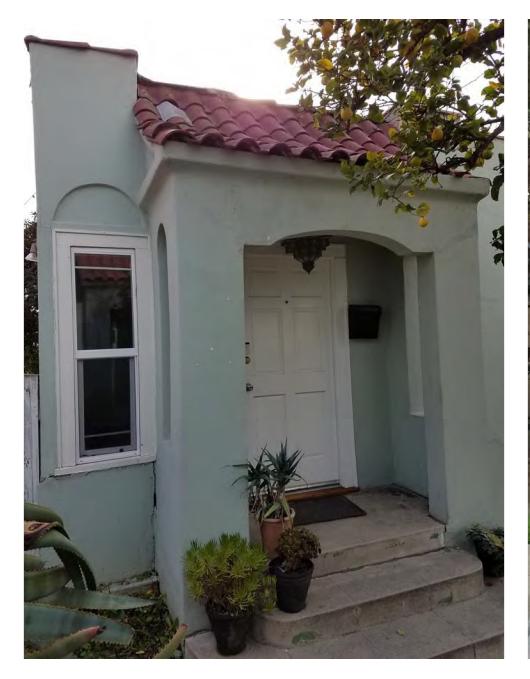
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JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: Article 19, Section 15308, Class 8 of the State's Guidelines applies to where project's consists of "actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment." Class 31 applies "to maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Buildings." Designation of the Wurfl Court as an Historic-Cultural Monument will assure the protection of the environment by the enactment of project review regulations based on the Secretary of Interior's Standards to maintain and preserve the historic site.				
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Los Angeles Department of City Planning RECOMMENDATION REPORT

CULTURAL HERITA	GE COMMISSION	CASE NO.: CHC-2017-4762-HCM ENV-2017-4763-CE
HEARING DATE: TIME: PLACE:	January 19, 2017 10:00 AM City Hall, Room 1010 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012	Location: 1450-1456 North Echo Park Avenue; 1461-1465 North Fairbanks Place Council District: 13 Community Plan Area: Silver Lake-Echo Park- Elysian Valley Area Planning Commission: East Los Angeles Neighborhood Council: Greater Echo Park Elysian Legal Description: Tract TR 3875, Lots 9-10
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APPLICANT:	Lena Kouyoumdjian 1452 ½ Echo Park Ave Los Angeles, CA 9002	

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> 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.
- 2. Adopt the report findings.

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Attachment: Historic-Cultural Monument Application

SUMMARY

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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.

SISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT

NOMINATION FORM

1. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Proposed Monument Name: Wurfl Court			First Owner/Tenant		
Other Associated Names:					
Street Address: 1450 Echo Park Ave		Zip:	90026	Council [District: 13
Range of Addresses on Property: 1450 - 1	456	Com	nmunity Name:		
Assessor Parcel Number: 5419024008 Tract: TR 3875			Block:	L	.ot: 9
Identification cont'd:					
Proposed Monument Property Type: Building	g Structure	Object	Site/Open	Space	Natura Feature
Describe any additional resources located on t	he property to be included in t	he nomination, l	here:		

2. CONSTRUCTION HISTORY & CURRENT STATUS

Year built: 1922 • Factor	ual Estimated	Threatened? Private Develo	opment	
Architect/Designer:		Contractor: J.M. Close		
Original Use: Residential		Present Use: Residential		
Is the Proposed Monument on its Original	Site? • Yes	No (explain in section 7)	Unknown (explain in section 7)	

3. STYLE & MATERIALS

Architectural Style: Bungalow Court			Stories: 1	Plan Shape: U-shaped
FEATURE	PRIMARY	SECONDARY		SECONDARY
CONSTRUCTION	Type: Unknown	Type: Unknown		1
CLADDING	Material: Stucco, smooth	Material: Stucco, smooth		, smooth
ROOF	Type: Flat	Type: Select		
	Material: Clay tile, rounded	Material: Select		
WINDOWS	Type: Unknown	Type: Select		
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ENTRY	Style: Centered	Style: Select		
DOOR	Type: Paneled, unglazed	Туре	Select	

NOMINATION FORM



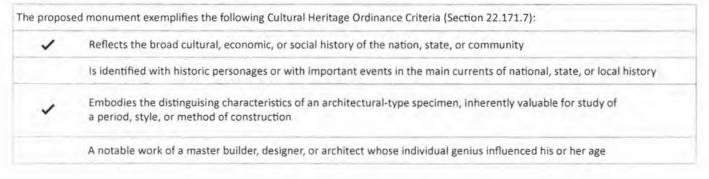
4. ALTERATION HISTORY

	No alterations/additions.
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5. EXISTING HISTORIC RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION (if known)

isted in the California Register of Historical Resources	
ormally determined eligible for the National and/or Californi	a Registers
ocated in an Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ)	Contributing feature Non-contributing feature
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6. APPLICABLE HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT CRITERIA



CITY OF LOS ANGELES Office of Historic Resources/Cultural Heritage Commission



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: Lena Kouyour	ndjian	Company:	
Street Address: 1452	2 1/2 Echo Park Ave	City: Los Angeles	State: CA
Zip:	Phone Number: 5105085941	Email: lena.christine	e.k@gmail.com

Property Owner Is the owner in		support of the nomination? Yes	No 🔍 Unknown
Name:		Company: Bixel House LLC	
Street Address:	1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 15	City: Los Angeles	State: CA
Zip: 90017	Phone Number: (213) 221-1220	Email: twarren@hollandr	esidential.com

Nomination Preparer/Applicant's Representative

Name:		Company:		
Street Address:		City:		State:
Zip:	Phone Number:		Email:	

WIGHT ALTAURAL 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	5.	Copies of Primary/Secondary Documentation
2.	Written Statements A and B	6.	Copies of Building Permits for Major Alterations (include first construction permits)
3.	Bibliography	7.	Additional, Contemporary Photos
4.	Two Primary Photos of Exterior/Main Facade		Additional, contemporary rifetos
	(8x10, the main photo of the proposed monument. Also email a digitial copy of the main photo to:	8.	Historical Photos
	planning.ohr@lacity.org)	9.	Zimas Parcel Report for all Nominated Parcels (including map)

10. RELEASE

Please read each statement and check the corresponding boxes to indicate that you agree with the statement, then sign below in the provided space. Either the applicant or preparer may sign.

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.

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.

I acknowledge that I have the right to submit or have obtained the appropriate permission to submit all information contained in this application.

Kouyoundjian Name: Signature: Date:

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

Written Statement

There is no housing structure more quintessentially Los Angeles than the bungalow court. The court rose to popularity because it offered the Los Angeles dream--sunshine and space--at an affordable price. Per *Courtyard Housing In Los Angeles*, "The [courts] that remain continue to embody all that is quintessentially Angeleno: the promise of a sublime existence in a sun-drenched Garden of Eden filled with orange blossoms and palm trees; the mythology of Los Angeles's Spanish origins, expressed in place names and building forms; the ephemeral flamboyance of Hollywood and the imagery of lie as some kind of transitional stage set; the freedom implied in the canonization of the automobile; and the appeal of an undelified speculative frontier capable of bringing instant wealth and well-being within everyone's reach."

Proposed Monument Description

Built in 1922, 1450 Echo Park Avenue is a Mediterranean Revival style Bungalow Court comprised of seven individual free-standing 750 square foot units surrounding a communal courtyard in a U-parti shape. Six of the units face inwards, and one faces Echo Park Ave. Each unit has a front entrance facing the courtyard, and a back entrance off of the kitchen into the backyard, leading to access paths stretching from Echo Park Ave to Fairbanks Place.

The bungalows feature Mediterranean Revival architectural elements, including stucco, red-tiled roofs, arches, and covered front stoops. The units blend indoor and outdoor space with private areas and public space, and open seamlessly onto the street.

Built on a sloping 0.3443 acre lot, each bungalow receives ample natural light due to the rise in elevation from Echo Park Ave. to Fairbanks Place. The property is the last remaining court in Echo Park that features substantial individual private yards for each unit, in addition to the communal public space. The yards of five of the units measure 8.5 by 30 feet, and two of the units have double yards. The property contains five mature fruit trees: Meyer lemon, fig, and loguat.

The bungalow court as a housing type was designed with pragmatism in mind, and the 1450 court is an excellent example of the intention to seamlessly blend the automobile into a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere, with seven Mediterranean Revival style garages at the back of the property on Fairbanks Place. The garages have red tiled roofs and flat garage doors. 1450 Echo Park Ave. is also the last remaining bungalow court with the traditional front "public" entrance and back "service" entrance. Per the Sanborn Maps, Fairbanks Place, the alley running behind the property that is now a street, was created with the building of the complex.

In summary, character defining aspects of the courtyard include, but are not limited to:

- · U-parti courtyard shape of detached, free-standing bungalows
- Individual private yards
- Concrete pathways through the courtyard with plant areas and garden space

- Mediterranean Revival style architectural elements, including red-tiled roof, stucco, and arches.
- Mature cacti and fruit trees
- Discreet incorporation of vehicle storage
- Front "public" entrance and back "service" entrance with the creation of Fairbanks Place
- Inward facing front entrances and secondary back entrances
- High ceilings, natural light, large windows
- Interior features of a single-family house
- Arched, covered stoop entrances
- Rectangular floor-plan

Statement of Significance

Building History

1450 Echo Park Ave was built in 1922 by Louis Wurfl. Born to German immigrants, Louis grew up in Echo Park and eventually began working in the family business: steel. He worked on many prominent steel projects in the Los Angeles area, including the cross on Echo Park's historic Angelus Temple and several neon signs throughout the city..

The growth of Los Angeles housing has always been intertwined with the city's film industry, and 1450 Echo Park Ave. is a prime example of that. Like many people who built housing complexes in the 20's, Louis worked in the film industry as a prop master for MGM, building pieces for movies including the Wizard of Oz's Tin Man, as well as several properties in Los Angeles.

Architectural Significance:

The 1450 Echo Park Ave. court "embodies the characteristics of an architectural-type specimen inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, or method of construction." It is an excellent and well-maintained example of both Mediterranean Revival architecture and the Bungalow Court.

From Edinburgh Court findings document: "Bungalow court apartments are one of four multi-family housing types that became popular during California's population boom after World War I. Bungalow courts are distinguished by their U-shaped plan of one-story detached bungalows with a central courtyard. Most units are entered through private porches or stoops from the courtyard and implement similar features of single-family dwellings but on a more modest scale."

1450 Echo Park Ave. is an excellent example of bungalow court housing. 1450 Echo Park Ave includes the following character-defining elements: a U-parti layout; detached bungalows; private entrances; central open space; garages at rear; interior features of a single-family house; arched entrance; rectangular interior floor plans. The footprint of the property has

retained its integrity since its construction in 1922. Minor changes have made as necessary repairs for upkeep have been made, mainly in the kitchens and bathrooms, but the overall bungalow court has remained unchanged.

Cultural Significance

The 1450 Echo Park Ave court "reflects the broad cultural, political, economic, or social history of the nation, State, or community" for its association with the rapid expansion of Hollywood and its surrounding areas in the early teens and 1920s.

From Edinburgh Court findings document: "With the boom of the film industry came new jobs and an influx of people employed to support all aspects of film production. The increase in population lead to an increased need for housing and the bungalow court became a popular alternative to single-family houses. As such, bungalow courts were once prevalent throughout Echo Park and are associated with its early expansion." As one of the dwindling number of remaining courts, 1450 Echo Park Ave is an example of early Echo Park development, and represents the rapid growth of Echo Park and Los Angeles in the early part of the twentieth century and "reflects the economic changes occurring in the community at the time."

Summary

1450 Echo Park Ave faces possible demolition in the coming months to be replaced by a high density townhouse complex. We lose nothing by preventing the building of another townhouse complex, but the loss of this bungalow court would mean losing a huge piece of Echo Park and Los Angeles history as well. As the number of courts like this one has dwindled, the fabric of the city has changed. While we do need more high density housing to accommodate the housing shortage, we need to be smart about how we do it, focusing on areas that should become more urbanized while maintaining the city's character--after all, that's what drew people here in the first place.

There are currently fewer than 18 bungalow courts left in Echo Park, most of which are not detached like 1450 Echo Park Ave, or with yards as substantial. It is imperative that we take action to protect the courts that remain.

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Sanborn Maps

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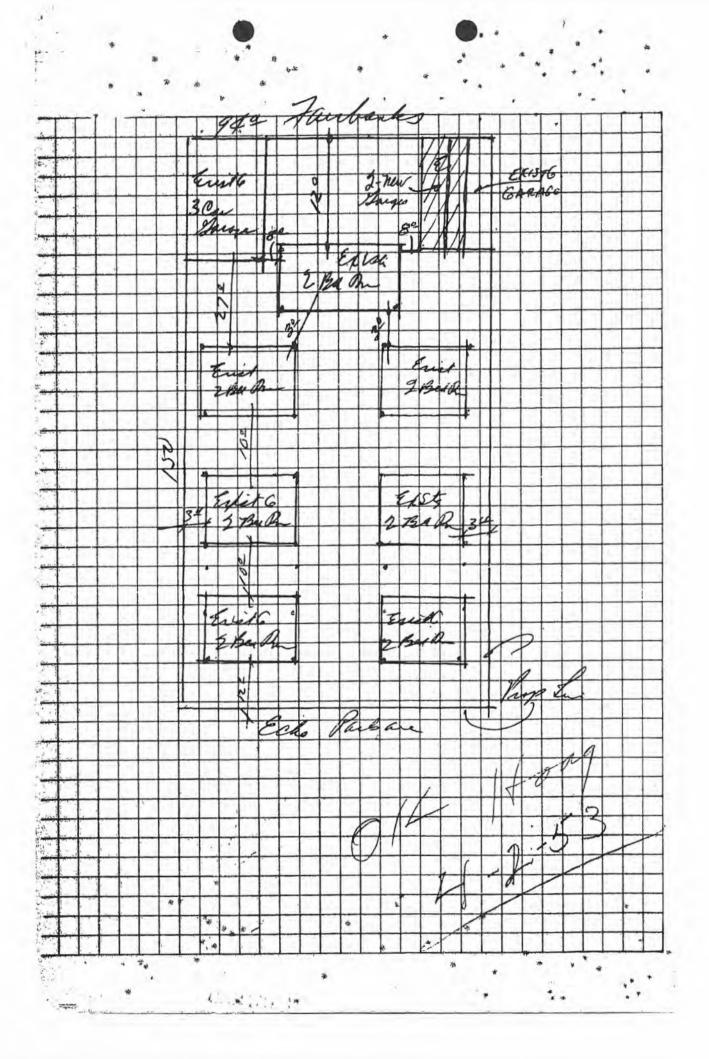
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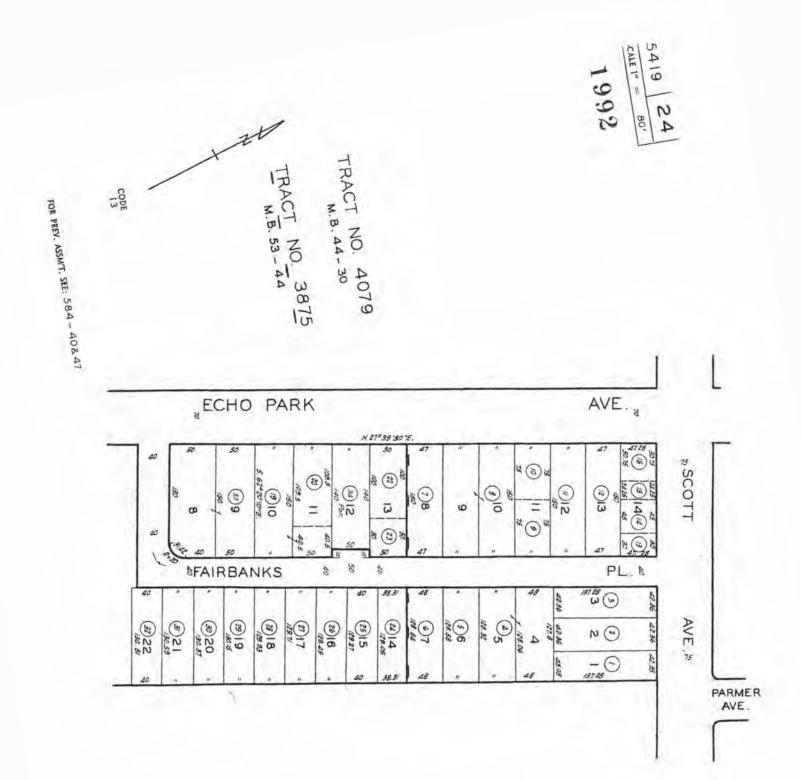
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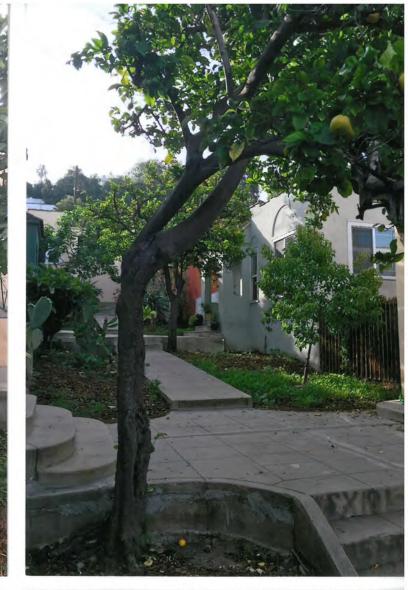










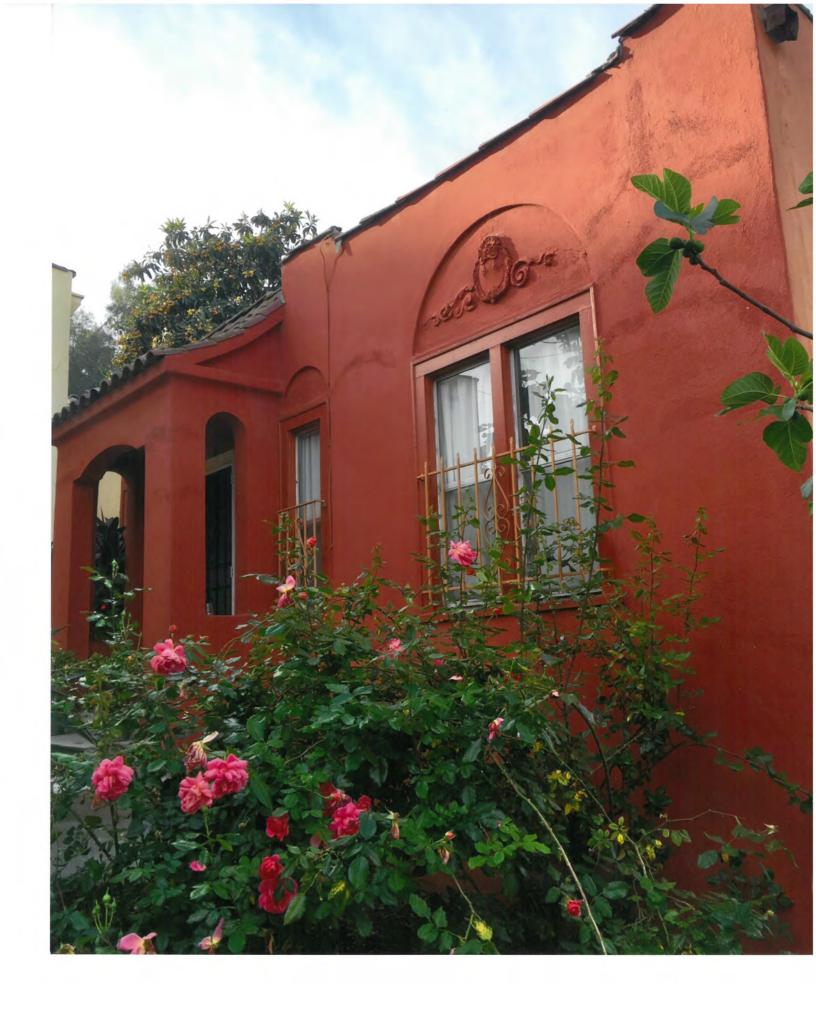


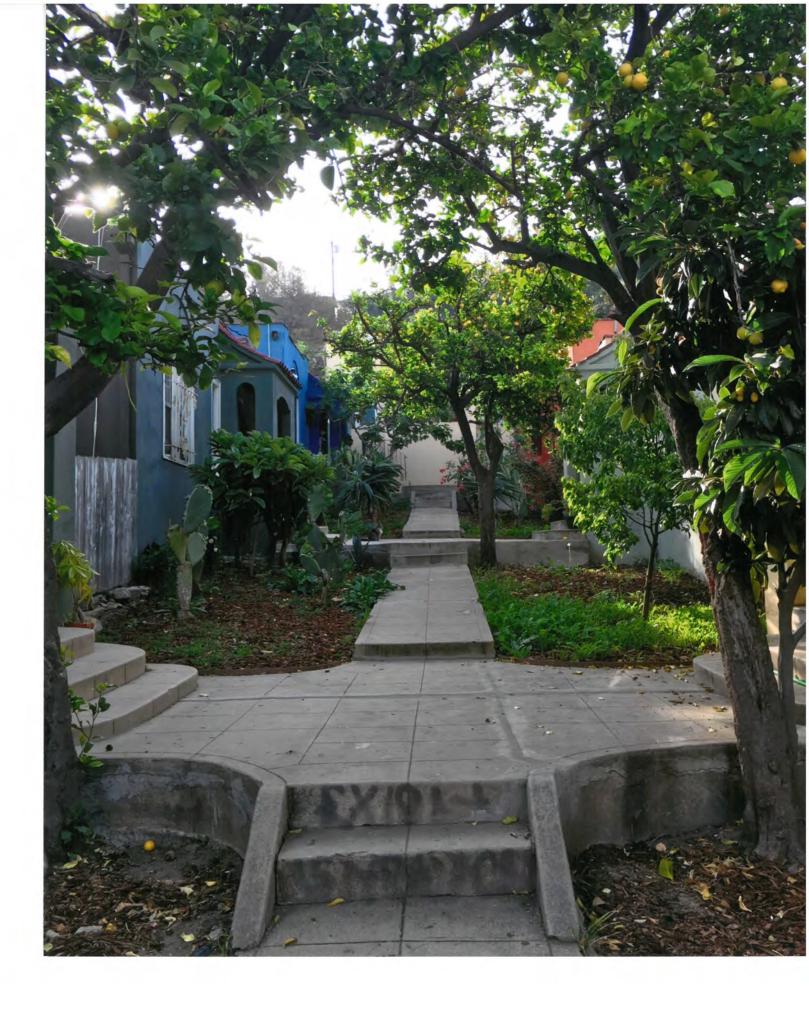














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12/13/2016 PARCEL PROFILE REPORT

PROPERTY ADDRESSES	Address/Legal Information	
1452 N ECHO PARK AVE	PIN Number	141A209 428
1450 N ECHO PARK AVE	Lot/Parcel Area (Calculated)	7,048.0 (sq ft)
1452 1/2 N ECHO PARK AVE	Thomas Brothers Grid	PAGE 594 - GRID E7
1461 N FAIRBANKS PL	Assessor Parcel No. (APN)	5419024008
	Tract	TR 3875
ZIP CODES	Map Reference	M B 53-44
90026	Block	None
	Lot	9
RECENT ACTIVITY	Arb (Lot Cut Reference)	None
VTT-74664-SL	Map Sheet	141A209
CHC-2017-4762-HCM	Jurisdictional Information	
ENV-2017-4763-CE	Community Plan Area	Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley
ENV-2016-4527-EAF	Area Planning Commission	East Los Angeles
	Neighborhood Council	Greater Echo Park Elysian
CASE NUMBERS	Council District	CD 13 - Mitch O'Farrell
CPC-1986-255	Census Tract #	1973.00
ORD-165167-SA4000		Los Angeles Metro
ORD-129279	Planning and Zoning Information	Los Angeles Metro
010-129279	Special Notes	None
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	Zoning	
	Zoning Information (ZI)	ZI-2452 Transit Priority Area in the City of Los Angeles
	General Plan Land Use	Medium Residential
	General Plan Footnote(s)	Yes
	Hillside Area (Zoning Code)	Yes
	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
	NSO - Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay	No
	Sign District	No
	Streetscape	No
	Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area	None
	Ellis Act Property	No
	Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO)	Yes
	CRA - Community Redevelopment Agency	None
	Central City Parking	No
	Downtown Parking	No
	Building Line	None

500 Ft School Zone	Active: Gabriella Charter School Active: Logan Elementary School
500 Ft Park Zone	No
Assessor Information	
Assessor Parcel No. (APN)	5419024008
Ownership (Assessor)	
Owner1	BIXEL HOUSE LLC C/O C/O SAM MARK
Address	250 N ROBERTSON BLVD STE 511 BEVERLY HILLS CA 90211
Ownership (Bureau of Engineering, Land Records)	
Owner	BIXEL HOUSE LLC C/O SAM MARK
Address	215 N ROBERTSON BLVD # 511 BEVERLY HILLS CA 90211
APN Area (Co. Public Works)*	0.324 (ac)
Use Code	0500 - 5 or more units (4 stories or less)
Assessed Land Val.	\$1,275,000
Assessed Improvement Val.	\$637,500
Last Owner Change	10/26/15
Last Sale Amount	\$1,875,018
Tax Rate Area	13
Deed Ref No. (City Clerk)	85101
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Building 1	
Year Built	1922
Building Class	D45A
Number of Units	7
Number of Bedrooms	14
Number of Bathrooms	7
Building Square Footage	5,208.0 (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	
Farmland	None 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	None
High Wind Velocity Areas Special Grading Area (BOE Basic Grid Map A- 13372)	No Yes
Oil Wells	None
Seismic Hazards	

Nearest Fault (Distance in km)	Within Fault Zone
Nearest Fault (Name)	Upper Elysian Park
Region	Los Angeles Blind Thrusts
Fault Type	В
Slip Rate (mm/year)	1.3000000
Slip Geometry	Reverse
Slip Type	Poorly Constrained
Down Dip Width (km)	13.0000000
Rupture Top	3.0000000
Rupture Bottom	13.0000000
Dip Angle (degrees)	50.0000000
Maximum Magnitude	6.4000000
Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone	No
Landslide	No
Liquefaction	Yes
Preliminary Fault Rupture Study Area	No
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	Central
Division / Station	Northeast
Reporting District	1184
Fire Information	
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District / Fire Station	20
Red Flag Restricted Parking	No

CASE SUMMARIES

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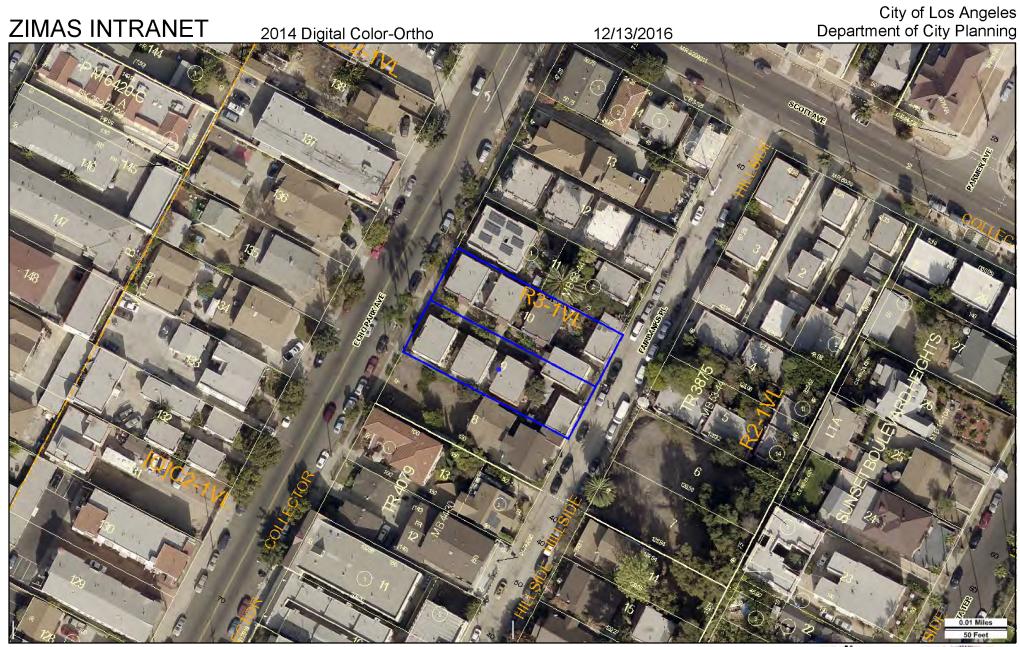
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 Project Descriptions(s):
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Address: 1450 N ECHO PARK AVE APN: 5419024008 PIN #: 141A209 428 Tract: TR 3875 Block: None Lot: 9 Arb: None Zoning: R3-1VL General Plan: Medium Residential





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December 23, 2016

VIA EMAIL

Cultural Heritage Commission 200 N. Spring Street, Room 532 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Attn: melissa.jones@lacity.org

Re: Case No. CHC-2017-4762-HCM – Bungalow Court at 1450 Echo Park Ave

Dear President Barron and Commissioners:

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC) writes to express its full support for designating the Bungalow Court at 1450-1456 Echo Park Ave as a historic-cultural monument.

The bungalow court is the quintessential Los Angeles building, and the Echo Park Ave bungalows are a prime example. As set forth in detail in the nomination application, the bungalows are of historical, architectural and cultural significance.

Historically, the Bungalow Court is connected with the film industry and the rapid expansion associated with it in the 1920's and 30's. Built in 1922 by Louis Wurfl, who worked in the film industry himself as well as on steel projects throughout the City, these bungalows represented a popular alternative to the single family home to accommodate the influx of population due to the film industry boom.

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Architecturally, the Bungalow Court is a wonderful example of the Mediterranean Revival style, with its stucco, red tile roofs, arches and covered stoops. In addition, it features the classic bungalow court design, built in a U shape, with detached buildings all facing a communal shared courtyard fronting the street, and separate private yards, with garages incorporated at the rear.

Culturally, the Bungalow Court represents the cultural and economic changes occurring in Los Angeles in the early 20th century, including the population growth and film industry boom mentioned above. While these bungalows are disappearing across Los Angeles in the face of new development pressures, they represent an important time of development that must be maintained; in particular, the unique combination they provided to residents of parks and shared spaces for communal interaction within a dense urban setting.

In Echo Park, one of Los Angeles' oldest neighborhoods, the bungalow courts are disappearing; there are now only 18 left. It is important to note, this particular Bungalow Court is the only one left in Echo Park with the traditional front public entrance and back service entrance. It is on a well-traveled street blocks from a major intersection in the heart of Echo Park, and helps set the tone of the entire area. Designating this property as a historic-cultural monument will also address needs of affordability and community now, just as the bungalow courts did when they were first built.

In a time of rapid flux, such as what Echo Park is now undergoing, it is vital to retain pieces of history that make the community so attractive to those very forces of change, to provide continuity and maintain the foundation of the neighborhood. The Echo Park Ave Bungalow Court is one such piece that deserves recognition.

On December 20, 2016, at a Brown Act noticed meeting, the EPNC Board of Governors voted 12 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions to support the designation of the Bungalow Court at 1450-1456 Echo Park Ave as a historic-cultural monument and to submit this letter of support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Tad Yenawine Chair, Echo Park Neighborhood Council

cc: Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell