

MOTION

Section 22.171.10 of the Administrative Code provides that the City Council, the Cultural Heritage Commission, or the Director of Planning may initiate consideration of a proposed site, building, or structure as a Historic-Cultural Monument. The Cultural Heritage Commission, after reviewing and investigating any such Council initiated designation, shall approve or disapprove in whole or in part the proposed inclusion and submit a report upon such action to the City Council. In addition, Section 22.171.12 of the Administrative Code provides that there shall be a temporary stay of demolition, substantial alteration or removal of any such proposed location or structuring pending designation.

The property located at 8734 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90003 was developed as a theater and stores in 1932. The structure underwent several alterations, including an addition in 1944 that was designed by African American architect Paul R. Williams. The structure was converted to a church on or about January 20, 1958. It was at this church, New Temple Missionary Baptist Church, that in January 1972 Aretha Franklin recorded her live album "Amazing Grace".

The release of the documentary "Amazing Grace" has brought renewed focus on Los Angeles, and South Los Angeles in particular. The New Temple Missionary Baptist Church is a historic icon to be celebrated in African American and Los Angeles history and its association with two noteworthy figures in the arts and entertainment should be recognized.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council initiate consideration of the property located at 8734 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90003 as a City Historic-Cultural Monument under the procedures set forth in Section 22.170.10 of the Administrative Code, and instruct the Department of City Planning to prepare the Historic Cultural Monument application for review and consideration of the Cultural Heritage Commission.

I FURTHER MOVE that after reviewing the application, the Cultural Heritage Commission submit its report and recommendation to the Council regarding the inclusion of the property located at 8734 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90003, in the City's list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.



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