

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2015, the City Council, under Council File No. 14-0656, adopted Ordinance No. 183496 as an urgency measure pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 183496 establishes a moratorium on the issuance of building and demolition permits for properties within the following five proposed Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZs):

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| 1. Sunset Square | Council District 4 |
| 2. Carthay Square | Council District 5 |
| 3. Holmby-Westwood | Council District 5 |
| 4. Oxford Square | Council District 10 |
| 5. El Sereno-Berkshire Craftsman District | Council District 14 |

WHEREAS, current trends to renovate or replace historic homes with large-scale, out-of-character new construction have led to the substantial alteration or demolition of important historic structures, irreversibly impairing their historical significance and the character of the surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Department of City Planning is contemplating proposed HPOZs in the above-listed neighborhoods, but will not have staff in place to begin establishing the HPOZs until later this year; and

WHEREAS, the substantial alteration and demolition of historic homes continues to pose a current and immediate threat to the public welfare, including loss of historically important resources, degradation of neighborhood character, and negative impacts to aesthetics and generally quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 183496 expires on May 9, 2015, unless extended by the City Council by a vote of not less than four-fifths of all of its members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City Council hereby extends the provisions of Ordinance No. 183496 prohibiting the issuance of building and demolition permits for properties within the following five proposed Historic Preservation Overlay Zones: Sunset Square; Carthay Square; Holmby-Westwood; Oxford Square; El Sereno-Berkshire Craftsman District, for a period of 22 months and 15 days, inasmuch as demolitions of or alterations to historically significant resources continues to pose a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety or welfare, or upon the adoption of permanent regulations, whichever occurs first, inasmuch as the City Planning Department is actively working towards the creation of appropriate regulatory measures to address this issue.