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The Powder Magazine located at 1003 N. Eubank Avenue, Wilmington, is a 20' x 20' brick and stone structure which was used to store gun powder during the Civil War. It was originally part of Camp Drum, a facility built at the outbreak of the American Civil War to address concerns about the loyalty and security of the Los Angeles area. The Powder Magazine sits at the south east boundary of the original Camp Drum. It also has graffiti from the 1860s and 1870s left by Civil War Soldiers.




This is the only structure of its kind in the western United States, as there are currently only three standing powder magazines. The powder magazine in Wilmington being the only known structure of its kind made of stone.

While currently privately owned, this lot has much in the realm of cultural significance to the history of Los Angeles, and its role in America's history. As such, the City should explore the feasibility of acquiring the property as an expansion of the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be directed to report in 30 days on the feasibility of acquiring the Powder Magazine located at 1003 N. Eubank Avenue, Wilmington, for the purpose of expanding the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, including: taking all steps necessary to complete an appraisal of the property to establish market value, as expeditiously as possible; determining the best course of action to take to acquire this property; and identifying possible funding sources for this transaction.

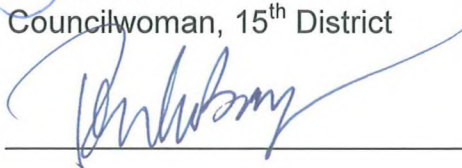
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