

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 Historical-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 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 structure pending designation.

The property located at 3911 West Adams Boulevard, a 10-room house completed in 1924, was designed by Architect Edwin C. Thorne and originally commissioned by F. Irwin Herron, president of the Mercereau Bridge & Construction Company, which notably built the Colorado Street Bridge in Pasadena.

While serving as the Herron family residence, it was the location for significant life events, including Mrs. Herron's mother's funeral in 1928 and the weddings of the Herron daughters in 1929 and 1933.

The property's use shifted in 1936 when the Herrons moved and began renting it out as a small boarding school, initiating a long and continuous history of educational use. Since then, the location has housed multiple institutions, starting with the Manser Travelogue School for the Farm. This was followed by the Leona School (1941-1958), which was regularly advertised in Los Angeles newspapers, and then the Mary Clay School (1959-1971+).

After St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church bought the house in 1998 and opened a preschool, it became the current home of the World City Center School, which offers dual-language learning. The Lutheran Church bought the house in 1998 and opened a preschool, and it became the current home of the World City Center School, which offers dual-language learning.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council initiate consideration of the property located at 3911 West Adams Boulevard, 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 City Council regarding the inclusion of the property located at 3911 West Adams Boulevard, in the City list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

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SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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