CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER NEW CULTURAL RESOURCE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

The City Council of the City of Claremont will conduct a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Claremont Municipal Code that, if adopted, will rename the Architectural Commission to the Architectural and Preservation Commission and modify its duties; modify design review criteria and design review procedures, and add a new chapter titled "Cultural Resource Preservation (collectively referred to as the "Preservation Ordinance"). The proposed Preservation Ordinance would apply Citywide to all properties, structures, landscapes, and sites that are listed on the local, state, or National Register for historic or cultural resources, or those that qualify to be designated as Cultural Resources. It also codifies procedures for designating properties to the City's local historic register; as well as establish procedures for reviewing actions to alter, relocate, demolish, or otherwise impact historic and cultural resources in the City.

The City Council hearing will be held on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:30 PM** in the City Council Chamber, located at 225 West Second Street. All persons either favoring or opposing this proposal are invited to present their views at this hearing. It is requested that any written comments and supporting documents be submitted to the City Hall office or via email to cveirs@ci.claremont.ca.us by 3:00 PM on March 26, 2024. Instructions on how to provide verbal public comment will be detailed on the Agenda, which will be posted on the City Website five days prior to the meeting.

It can be seen with certainty that the proposed Preservation Ordinance has no possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. In the absence of a pending application for an action that might be subject to the proposed ordinance, any specific environmental effects would be speculative. Therefore, the adoption of the proposed Preservation Ordinance is not a project subject to the CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. In addition, adoption of the proposed ordinance would likely result in a series of actions to preserve, maintain, restore, repair, or reconstruct historic and cultural resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, which are activities that are categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15331 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Copies of the proposed Preservation Ordinance are posted to the City website, on file with the Planning Division, and can be emailed to interested parties to review. For more information on the proposal, please contact **Principal Planner, Chris Veirs at (909) 399-5486, cveirs@ci.claremont.ca.us**, or send written comments to P.O. Box 880, Claremont, CA 91711-0880.

Finally, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in a City meeting should contact the City Clerk at 909/399-5461 "VOICE" or 1-800/735-2929 "TT/TTY" at least three working days prior to the meeting, if possible.

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