

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CULTRUAL RESOURCE PRESERVATON ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Chapter 16.315 of the Municipal Code of the City of Claremont, Sections 65853 through 65857 of the California Government Code, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Architectural Commission of the City of Claremont will conduct a hearing to consider an amendment to the Claremont Municipal Code that, if adopted, will: modify Section 2.42 to rename the Architectural Commission to be the Architectural and Preservation Commission and modify its duties, modify Chapters 16.300 titled “ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW” and 16.301 titled “BUILDING CONSERVATION/DEMOLITION”; add Chapter 16.302 titled “CULTURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION”; and modify Chapter 16.321 titled “APPEALS AND COUNCIL REVIEW”; (collectively referred to as the “Preservation Ordinance”).

The proposed Preservation Ordinance would apply City wide 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/listed as Cultural Resources and codifies procedures for designating properties to the City’s local historic register as well as establishes procedures for reviewing actions to alter, relocate, demolish or otherwise impact historic and cultural resources in the City.

The Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 225 Second Street and may also be viewed live via Zoom. All persons either favoring or opposing this proposal are invited to present their views at this hearing. It is requested that any written response and all supporting documents be submitted to the City Hall office or via email to cveirs@ci.claremont.ca.us by 3:00 p.m. on February 14, 2024. If you challenge the action taken on this proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk’s Office by the end of the public hearing. Instructions on how to provide verbal or written public comment will be detailed on the Agenda, which will be posted on the City Website six days prior to the meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that 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 any pending application for any 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, if adopted the likely result of the proposed ordinance is 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, or will be, 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 Christopher Veirs at (909) 399-5486, or via email at 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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