

HPC RESOLUTION NO. xx-xxxx

A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMONA DENYING A MAJOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (MAJCOA 2780-2015) TO REMOVE OF ONE (1) CEDAR DEODAR TREE ON AN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 366 WEST ALVARADO STREET WITHIN THE WILTON HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT.

THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMONA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the subject tree is located within the Wilton Heights Historic District, which was designated as a historic district by the Pomona City Council on June 16, 1999;

WHEREAS, the applicant, Christian Irias, has submitted a Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA 6988-2017) to allow the removal of one (1) Cedar Deodar tree at an existing single family property located at 366 West Alvarado Street;

WHEREAS, the subject Cedar Deodar tree had a trunk greater than 10-inches in diameter at breast height and, therefore, meets the definition of *character-defining landscaping*, pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 2000-72—Pomona Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program;

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program on May 1, 2000;

WHEREAS, the removal of character-defining landscaping requires the approval of a Major Certificate of Appropriateness by the Historic Preservation Commission;

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Pomona, after giving notice thereof as required by law, held a public hearing on May 3, 2017, concerning the requested Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA 6988-2017); and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has carefully considered all pertinent testimony and the staff report offered in the case presented at the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. The Historic Preservation Commission exercising independent judgment has determined, pursuant to the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the proposed tree removals are Categorically Exempt per Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land.

SECTION 2. Section .5809-13.F.6 of the Zoning Ordinance requires the Historic Preservation Commission to make findings for approval of a Major Certificate of Appropriateness. The Historic Preservation Commission hereby makes the following findings:

1. *The proposed change will not adversely affect any significant historical, cultural, architectural, or aesthetic features of the concerned property or the historic district in which it is located.*

The removal of one (1) Cedar Deodar tree from the front yard of the property will adversely affect the historical, cultural, architectural, or aesthetic features of the Wilton Heights Historic District. The tree is a large established iconic tree in the neighborhood that adds an aesthetic value to the overall neighborhood.

2. *The proposed change is compatible in architectural style with existing adjacent contributing structures in an historic district.*

The proposal involves the removal of one (1) tree and will adversely change the architectural style of existing contributing structures within the Wilton Heights Historic District as the homes will not benefit from a large tree that has existed in the neighborhood context for many decades.

3. *The proposed change is consistent with the architectural style of the building as specified in the Design Review Subsection 5 of the Ordinance.*

The removal of the tree located in the front yard of the subject single family residential property will not alter or detract from the existing buildings on the site or the surrounding neighborhood. One new tree is required to be planted at an appropriate location on the property. The remaining landscaping on the property will not be degraded by the loss of the tree.

4. *The scale, massing, proportions, materials, textures, fenestration, decorative features, and details proposed are consistent with the period and/or compatible with adjacent structures.*

Removal of the tree will impact the architectural features of historical structures on the subject property or within the surrounding neighborhood as the tree itself is of a size and scale that helps define a large urban forest within the context of a historic neighborhood.

SECTION 3. The Historic Preservation Commission hereby denies Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA 6988-2017) to permit the removal of one (1) Cedar Deodar tree at a residential property located at 366 West Alvarado Street.

SECTION 4. The Secretary shall certify to the approval of this Resolution and forward the original to the City Clerk.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of May 2017.

JIM GALLIVAN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

BRAD JOHNSON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SECRETARY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF POMONA)

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Pursuant to Resolution No. 76-258 of the City of Pomona the time in which judicial review of this action must be sought is governed by Sec. 1094.6 C.C.P.