

HPC RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF POMONA APPROVING A MAJOR CERTIFICATE OF
APPROPRIATENESS (MAJCOA 7490-2017) FOR THE DEMOLITION OF
BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 148 N. HUNTINGTON STREET.**

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

WHEREAS, the subject property at 148 N. Huntington Street contains buildings constructed prior to 1945;

WHEREAS, proposed demolition of structures built prior to 1945 requires the Historic Preservation Commission to approve a Major Certificate of Appropriateness;

WHEREAS, there has been initiated by the applicant, the City of Pomona, a proposed Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA 7490-2017) to allow the demolition of several structures on the subject property;

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission must determine as described in Section .5809-13.F.8 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance whether the structures proposed to be demolished would likely meet the criteria in historic landmark designation to deem one or more of the structures of historical significance;

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Pomona, has, after giving notice thereof as required by law, held a public hearing on August 2, 2017 concerning the requested Major Certificate of Appropriateness; 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. Pursuant to the Guidelines for Implementation of the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study and a Mitigated Negative Declaration were prepared consistent with CEQA Section 15070 to assess the potential effects of this project on the environment. The study determined that all potential environmental effects could be reduced to less than significant levels with appropriate mitigation measures.

SECTION 2. . In accordance with Section .5809-13 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Historic Preservation Commission hereby makes the following findings:

- a. 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 City of Pomona Historic Resources Survey does not list the subject structures as contributing to the historic streetscape. The subject were constructed between 1906 (storage warehouse) and 1972 (vehicle storage shed). The cultural resources study prepared for the project found that the buildings had no special characteristics that distinguish them. The structures also do not exemplify any special elements of the City's history.

- b. The structures are not identified with persons or events significant in local, state, or national history.*

The cultural resources study prepared for the project found that the buildings were not identified with persons or events significant in local, state or national history.

- c. The structures do not embody distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period or method of construction, nor are they valuable examples of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship.*

The yard buildings do not have distinctive characteristics of the style, type, or period. The architectural style of the buildings is not identified by the City of Pomona's Historic Resources Inventory survey. There are no indications of a distinctive method of construction used on the structures, or of any indigenous materials or craftsmanship used in the construction.

- d. The structures do not contribute to the significance of an historic area, being a geographically definable area possessing a concentration of historic or scenic properties or thematically related grouping of properties that contribute to each other and are unified aesthetically by plan or physical development.*

The structures do not contribute to an historic district nor does the site constitute an historic district.

- e. The structures are not the work of a notable builder, designer, landscape designer, or architect.*

The cultural resources study failed to reveal the names of any specific builders, designers or architects associated with the buildings on the site

- f. The structures do not have a unique location or singular physical characteristics nor is it a view or vista representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community, or the City of Pomona.*

The site does not have a unique location, nor does it offer a view or vista that is an established feature of the community. The site is located in an area of mixed residential and industrial development and is not located in an area that is easily seen

by the community. The site is located behind walls and gates and does not offer itself for public viewing.

- g. *The structures do not embody elements of architectural design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship that represent a significant structural or architectural achievement or innovation.*

As described in the cultural resources study, nearly all the buildings on the site are prefabricated, industrial buildings. They are a ubiquitous resource type and do not embody elements of architectural design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship. The only building that could qualify under this criterion is Building 7 used for the administrative offices and vehicle storage. However, that building has been substantially altered and no longer retains integrity of its original design.

- h. *The structures are not similar to other distinctive properties, sites, areas, or objects based on a historic, cultural, or architectural motif.*

The subject structures have not been found to be similar to distinctive properties, sites, or areas in the City, based on an historic, cultural, or architectural motif.

- i. *It does not reflect significant geographical patterns, including those associated with different eras of settlement and growth, particular transportation modes, or distinctive example of park or community planning.*

The subject structures do not reflect significant geographic patterns of settlement and growth. Numerous industrial properties including citrus packing houses, manufacturing companies, and mills were established along the railroad tracks in Pomona during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. While the site appears to be one of the earlier industrial properties to have appeared along the railroad in that portion of the City, it is no longer recognizable to that era, and does not convey the history of industrial development that peaked during the early- to mid-part of the 20th century.

- j. *The site is not one of the few remaining examples of the City of Pomona, region, state, or nation possessing distinguishing characteristics of an architectural or historical type of specimen.*

The site is not a rare or significant example of a gas plant site. Many similar sites were erected all over Southern California during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Further, the plant in Pomona is not a particularly good example, as all of the associated plant equipment has been removed, thereby eliminating important connections to the site's former function. Further the site does not possess distinguishing architectural characteristic that distinguishes it from others of its kind.

Section 4. As a result of this analysis, the demolitions are not eligible for protection under the provisions of Section .5809-13 of the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 5. The Historic Preservation Commission hereby approves Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA 7490-2017) to allow the demolition of structures on the property located at 148 N. Huntington Street.

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and forward the original to the City Clerk.

APPROVED AND PASSED THIS 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 2017

JIM GALLIVAN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

BRAD JOHNSON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
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."