

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-27**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING SINGLE HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION REQUEST (SHISTORIC 010610-2018) TO DESIGNATE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 798 SAN FRANCISCO****THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2018, Dean Rudenauer submitted an application requesting Single Historic Landmark Designation (SHISTORIC 010610-2018) which has been identified with persons or events significant in local, state, or national history for the single-family residential property located at 798 San Francisco Avenue;

WHEREAS, the property located at 798 San Francisco Avenue is owned by Dean and Tassy Rudenauer;

WHEREAS, for designation of a single historic landmark, Section .5809-13.D of the Zoning Ordinance requires that the Historic Preservation Commission find that the structure is over fifty years old or of exceptional quality and meets at least one of ten criteria for designation:

WHEREAS, for designation of a single historic landmark, Section .5809-13.E of the Zoning Ordinance states that the application for designation shall contain sufficient documentation and information indicating how the building meets the criteria for designation;

WHEREAS, the application for single historic landmark designation submitted for the property provides photographs, statements, articles and other documents indicating that the subject structure is over fifty years old and clearly meets at least one of the criteria for designation;

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has, after giving notice thereof as required by law, held a public hearing on January 16, 2019, concerning the requested single historic landmark designation and approved a Resolution recommending City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has, subject to requirements of the Historic Preservation Ordinance placed the application on the March 4, 2019 City Council agenda, for the requested single historic landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has carefully considered any pertinent testimony and the staff report offered in the case presented at the City Council meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. The City Council determines that the approval of the single historic landmark designation request (SHISTORIC 010610-2018) for the single family residential property located at 798 San Francisco Avenue is not a project subject. Section 15378(a) defines a project as one that has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment. No physical change to the environment is anticipated with the Single Historic Landmark Designation. In addition to the exemption category recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission, City Council also believes that the project qualifies for an exemption pursuant to Section 15331 of the CEQA Guidelines, which states projects limited to maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings. As such, the City Council determine that the project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to both Section 15378(a) and 15331.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the application requesting Single Historic Landmark Designation (SHISTORIC 010610-2018) for the single-family residential property located at 798 San Francisco Avenue provides sufficient documentation and information indicating that the subject structure is over fifty years old and clearly meets the criteria as follows:

1. That the building was constructed in 1911 and is, therefore, more than fifty (50) years old.
2. That the structure meets the following criteria under Zoning Ordinance Section .5809-13D (Historic Preservation) for designation of the building as a Single Historic Landmark:
 - a. *The proposed historic landmark exemplifies special elements of the City of Pomona's cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, architectural, or natural history.*

Reginald L. Knox, identified as a resident at 798 San Francisco Avenue from 1937-1948, was a resident of Pomona for 53 years. He began his career with the Southern California Fruit Exchange in 1899, then managed the San Antonio Fruit Exchange from 1917 to 1932, and also served on its board. He then served as a Director of Sunkist (formerly known as California Fruit Grower Exchange) until 1957.

Knox was a leader in the citrus industry, which shaped Pomona's early cultural, social, and economic history.

- b. *The proposed historic landmark is identified with persons or events significant in local, state, or national history.*

Reginald L. Knox was a significant person in local history. Mr. Knox was the former resident of 798 San Francisco Avenue. He was actively involved in the community of Pomona as a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pomona, a member of the Pomona Masonic Lodge, a member of the Pomona Chapter 76 of Royal Arch., and also as a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Pomona.

Reginald L. Knox, and his wife, Kate Jordan, have four sons: Reginald Knox Jr., William Knox, James Knox, and Edgar Knox who all made a profound contribution to society. Reginald Knox Jr. worked 50 years as a water rights attorney. William Knox was a professor of physics at the University of California, Davis. James Knox was a pastor and volunteer chaplain for St. Elizabeth Hospice in Red Bluff. Edgar Knox was a professor and Chairman of the Department of Foreign Language at California State University, Chico.

Reginald L. Knox's name can be found in the Pomona City Directory in the year 1937-38, and 1948, and it is known that his sons, William, James, and Edgar were born in the City of Pomona.

- c. *The proposed historic landmark embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period, or method of construction, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship.*

The proposed landmark has been evaluated by Diana Marsh in September 1992 as a Craftsman Bungalow architectural styled home. Though the property is not located within a historic district, it is considered to be a contributing structure which adds to the historical integrity or architectural qualities of historic district. Diana Marsh further notes the structure to be a "good example of Craftsman Bungalow."

The property exhibits characteristics of Craftsman Bungalow with its low pitched, gabled roof, and wide overhanging eaves. It has exposed rafters under eaves with decorative, triangular knee brackets. There is a front porch under the roofline with tapered columns supporting the roof and porch. Original porch was made of brick.

- d. *The proposed historic landmark is similar to other distinctive properties, sites, areas, or objects based on a historic, cultural or architectural motif.*

The proposed landmark is similar to other distinctive Craftsman Bungalow properties in the Lincoln Heights Historic District. The property is located approximately .25 miles from the Historic District.

SECTION 3. Based on the above findings, the City Council hereby approves Single Historic Landmark Designation request (SHISTORIC 010610-2018) for the single-family residential property located at 798 San Francisco Avenue and directs the Development Services Department, Planning Division to add it to the Pomona Local Landmark List, with the following conditions:

1. Applicant must restore the three front windows of the home to its original Craftsman Bungalow style as depicted in the Historical Survey by Diane Marsh in September 1992.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and it shall become effective immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED AND PASSED THIS 4th DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

ATTEST:

CITY OF POMONA:

Rosalia A. Butler, MMC, City Clerk

Tim Sandoval, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christi Hogin, Interim City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CITY OF POMONA

I, ROSALIA A. BUTLER, MMC, CITY CLERK of the City of Pomona do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Pomona held on the 4th day of March 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Pomona, California, this 4th day of March 2019.

Rosalia A. Butler MMC, City Clerk

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 California Code of Civil Procedure 1094.6.