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Los Angeles City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: PLUM Committee

Dear Honorable Members:

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE COMPANY EXCHANGE; 650-668 S. LA BREA AVENUE;
CHC-2025-781-HCM; ENV-2025-782-CE; CD-5**

At its meeting of **May 15, 2025**, the Cultural Heritage Commission took the actions below to include the Southern California Telephone Company Exchange in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments, subject to adoption by the City Council:

1. **Determined** that the proposed designation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article 19, Section 15308, Class 8 and Article 19, Section 15331, Class 31 of the State CEQA Guidelines;
2. **Determined** that the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Section 22.171.7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code;
3. **Recommended** that the City Council consider the Southern California Telephone Company Exchange for inclusion in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments; and
4. **Adopted** the attached Findings as the findings of the Commission.

The Commission vote was as follows:

Moved: Kennard
Seconded: Barron
Ayes: Buelna, Milofsky
Absent: Kanner

Vote: 4 – 0

Denise Otero

Denise Otero, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

The Cultural Heritage Commission would appreciate your inclusion of the subject property in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

Time for Council to Act: The Commission action is hereby transmitted to the City Council for consideration. Pursuant to Section 22.171.10(f) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, the Council may approve or disapprove in whole or in part an application or initiation for a proposed designation of a Monument. The Council shall act in 90-days of the public hearing held before the Commission on the proposed designation. The City Council may unilaterally extend the 90-day time limit to act for a maximum of 15 days for good cause. With written consent of the owner, the time for the City Council to act may be extended by up to an additional 60 days. If the Council does not act on the application or initiation within this specified time limit, the application or initiation to designate a Monument shall be deemed to have been denied.

Enclosures: Findings, Staff Report, Mailing List