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Summary: The San Fernando Valley has had a rich history as the pastoral and agricultural heart of Los Angeles. Although growth and urbanization has transformed the Valley into a melting pot of suburban Los Angeles, the trees that were planted by the early pioneers and ranchers remain to tell the story of the past. The City of Los Angeles has taken significant steps to preserve this history, especially in Council District 12, as seen with the Historic Cultural Monument designation of the Lassen Street olive trees (HCM No.49) in Chatsworth and the "E.T." deodar trees (HCM No. 41) along White Oak Avenue in Granada Hills. These trees and others across Los Angeles help define the character and culture of their neighborhoods. This is especially the case in West Hills, where the palm trees that line March Avenue between Ingomar and Justice Streets are cherished for their beauty and historic significance. Leading up to the original entrance to Rancho Sombra del Roble, the rural retreat of Union Oil Company geologist William W. Orcutt that is currently known as Orcutt Ranch Horticulture Center, these trees also have appeared in numerous movies television shows, including the 1976 film Bad News Bears. The West Hills Neighborhood Council therefore asks the City Council to initiate consideration of the palm trees on March Avenue between Ingomar and Justice Streets as a City Historic-Cultural Monument under the procedures of Section 22.171.10 of the Administrative Code, and instruct the Planning Department to prepare the Historic-Cultural Monument Application for review and consideration by the Cultural Heritage Commission.