

MOTION

The San Fernando Valley has a rich and storied past that includes Indigenous groups, Spanish missions, Aerospace, and Agriculture. All of these groups and industries have helped to shape the character of the San Fernando Valley we know today. It is imperative that the City's historic-cultural treasures be celebrated, and foremost, that its historical sites be preserved for future generations.

The *Bothwell Ranch* was purchased in 1926 by Lindley Bothwell. At that time, the citrus orchard was about six years old and covered 100 acres. The period of significance for the ranch begins in 1926, the date of its initial purchase by the Bothwell family for commercial ranching purposes. Ann Bothwell continued to operate the ranch until she passed away in 2016. Lindley Bothwell, who received a degree in agriculture from Oregon State University in 1926, came to own or manage over 30 ranches across southern California. He also started a business that provided technical assistance to other growers, but research did not reveal the name of this company.


The property located at 5300 N. Oakdale Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 91364, *Bothwell Ranch*, is an intact 13-acre citrus orchard straddling the neighborhoods of Tarzana and Woodland Hills, and is the last large commercial citrus orchards in the San Fernando Valley. *Bothwell Ranch* is significant as representing the once vast agriculture nature of the San Fernando Valley. Other ranches were driven out of the area by rising land value during the housing boom after World War II. The importance of this site has previously been identified by Survey LA, the City's Historic Resources Survey.

Section 22.171.10 of the Administrative Code provides that the City Council, the Cultural Heritage Commission, or the Director of Planning, may initiate consideration of a proposed site, building, or structure as a Historical-Cultural Monument. The Cultural Heritage Commission, after reviewing and investigating any such Council-initiated designation, shall approve or disapprove in whole or in part the proposed inclusion and submit a report upon such action to the Council. In addition, Section 22.171.12 of the Administrative Code provides that there shall be a temporary stay of demolition, substantial alteration or removal of any such proposed location or structure pending designation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council initiate consideration of the property located at 5300 N. Oakdale Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 91364, *Bothwell Ranch*, 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.

I FURTHER MOVE that after reviewing the application, the Cultural Heritage Commission submit its report and recommendation to the Council regarding the inclusion of the property located at 5300 N. Oakdale Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 91364, in the City's list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

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