

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the inclusion of the First Baptist Church of Venice, located at 671-685 East Westminster Avenue and 686-688 East Westminster Avenue, in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DETERMINE 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. DETERMINE that the subject property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Section 22.171.7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.
3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) as the Findings of Council.
4. APPROVE the recommendations of the CHC relative to the First Baptist Church of Venice, located at 671-685 East Westminster Avenue and 686-688 East Westminster Avenue, in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Owners: 1036 North Highland Management LLC c/o Lee J. Polster, and 685 Westminster Holdings LLC c/o Jay Penske

Case No. CHC-2020-4034-HCM

Environmental No. ENV-2020-4050-CE

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the CHC. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a Special Meeting held on September 14, 2021, the PLUM Committee considered a CHC report relative to the inclusion of the First Baptist Church of Venice, located at 671-685 East Westminster Avenue and 686-688 East Westminster Avenue, in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments. DCP staff provided an overview of the matter. Councilmember Bonin provided background information regarding the First Baptist Church of Venice, and comments in support of its designation as a Historic-Cultural Monument. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the inclusion of the First Baptist Church of Venice in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
GEDILLO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RIDLEY-THOMAS:	YES
LEE:	YES

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