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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL LANDMARK DESIGNATION
PROJECT NO. PRJ2024-001033-(1)
CASE NO. RPPL2024001530
(FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The recommended actions are to find the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall (Hall) Landmark Designation exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and to designate the Hall, located at 1816 South Figueroa Street, on APN 5126-009-900 in City of Los Angeles, as a County of Los Angeles (County) Landmark.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD,

1. Find that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA for the reasons stated in this Board Letter and in the record; and
2. Adopt a resolution designating the subject property as a County Landmark.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to designate the Hall as a County Landmark, thereby preserving the County's distinctive history.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action supports the County's Strategic Plan North Star 2 (Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities). Designating Landmarks and Historic Districts preserves the unincorporated community's cultural heritage, thereby fostering community vibrancy.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact for this project.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Background

The 10-story County-owned Hall was constructed in 1926 to provide social and medical services to veterans and memorial to war veterans. Additionally, it served as a World War II military meeting space, veteran housing, and offices for the American Legion.

On June 5, 2024, the Board of Supervisors (Board) nominated the Hall as a County Landmark and directed the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs to nominate Hall for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NR). The property was listed on the NR on April 2, 2025.

Pursuant to County Code Section 22.124.070.A, the Hall is eligible to be designated a landmark because it meets the following designation criteria:

It is 50 years of age or older.

It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the history of the nation, State, and County.

It embodies the distinctive characteristics of Italian Renaissance Revival architectural style.

It has been formally determined eligible by the United States National Park Service for listing, in the NR and is listed on the California Register of Historical Resources.

Board Consideration

Pursuant to County Code Section 22.124.130.B, designation of County-owned property as a landmark may be by written resolution that establishes guidelines and standards for future proposed changes to the landmark.

Designation Effective Date

Pursuant to County Code Section 22.124.130.C, a landmark designation of a County-owned property shall be effective as of the date the resolution approving the designation is adopted by the Board.

Procedures Upon Approval

Pursuant to County Code Section 22.124.130.D, upon the effective date of the designation of the County-owned property as a landmark, the Landmarks Commission shall promptly enter the property into the County Register as a "Los Angeles County Landmark," and shall specify the effective date of the landmark designation.

Pursuant to County Code Section 22.124.130.E, the Director of the Department of Regional Planning (Director) shall cause a document titled "Notice of Landmark Designation" to be promptly recorded with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk upon the effective date of the designation of a County-owned property as a landmark.

Pursuant to County Code Section 22.124.130.F, County-owned property designated by the Board as a landmark shall be subject only to the guidelines, standards, restrictions, or regulations set forth in the designating resolution, or in any subsequent resolution adopted by the Board regarding the landmark designation and shall not otherwise be subject to this Chapter. The Director shall assist County departments or commissions to determine whether proposed work on or use of a County-owned landmark is consistent with its landmark designation, at the request of such departments or commissions.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

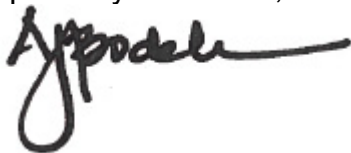
Pursuant to Section 15331 (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation—Class 31) of CEQA, a historic landmark designation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA because the designation will preserve a historical resource in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings* (1995).

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The proposed action will not impact current County services or projects.

For additional information regarding this item, please contact Dean Edwards at dedwards@planning.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Board Resolution

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Historical Landmarks and Records Commission