



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT CITY COUNCIL
DESIGNATE AS A CITY LANDMARK
SANTA BARBARA NEWS-PRESS BUILDING
715 ANACAPA STREET
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
037-092-036
RESOLUTION 2015-2**

July 15, 2015

WHEREAS, Section 22.22.050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Santa Barbara grants the Historic Landmarks Commission the authority to initiate a designation process to recommend to the City Council the designation as a City Landmark of any structure, natural feature, site or area having historic, architectural, archaeological, cultural or aesthetic significance; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2015, the Historic Landmarks Commission adopted Resolution of Intention 2015-2 to hold a public hearing to consider a recommendation to City Council for designation of the News-Press Building located at 715 Anacapa Street as a City Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Staff Report concluded that the building at 715 Anacapa Street designed by the noted architect, George Washington Smith in 1922, in the Spanish Colonial Revival, is significant for its historical and architectural influence on the heritage of the City; and

WHEREAS, the elevation facing Plaza de la Guerra has retained a high level of historical integrity as its location, setting, association, footprint, design, materials, and workmanship have not been diminished by the 1951 addition and the main building conveys its original 1922 appearance; and

WHEREAS, the east elevation facing Anacapa Street is recognized as having non-historic elements including a functional loading dock area that is necessary to be maintained for newspaper delivery operations. The City acknowledges that future exterior alterations to the East Elevation may be deemed necessary to assure continued uses, maintain or improve accessibility or to comply with code requirements. It is further agreed that such alterations shall not trigger mandatory restoration work but also not radically change, obscure, or destroy character-defining spaces, materials, features, or finishes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed boundary of the City Landmark designation is the 1922 building and tower and The proposed boundary of the City Landmark designation is the 1922 building and 1951 tower and does not include and the landscaping as it is out of the property line or the building fronting Ortega Street.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article 19, Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and the City List of Activities Determined to Qualify for a Categorical Exemption (City council Resolution Dated November 10, 1998), staff has determined that designation of the News-Press Building as a City Landmark is eligible for a Categorical Exemption; and

WHEREAS, Section 22.22.050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Santa Barbara states that the City Council may designate as a Landmark any structure, natural feature, site or area having historic, architectural, archeological, cultural, or aesthetic significance by adopting a resolution of designation within 90 days following receipt of a recommendation from the Historic Landmarks Commission, and;

WHEREAS, in summary, the Historic Landmarks Commission finds that the News-Press Building at 715 Anacapa Street Assessor's Parcel No. 037-092-036, meets the following City Landmark criteria (A through K) listed in section 22.22.040 of the Municipal Code:

- A. Its character, interest or value as a significant part of the heritage of the City, the State or the Nation;
- C. Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the City, the State or the Nation;
- D. Its exemplification of a particular architectural style or way of life important to the City, the State, or the Nation;
- F. Its identification as the creation, design, or work of a person or persons whose effort significantly influenced the heritage of the City, the State, or the Nation;
- G. Its embodiment of elements demonstrating outstanding attention to architectural design, detail, materials and craftsmanship;
- I. Its unique location or singular physical characteristic representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on June 17, 2015, the Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of Santa Barbara hereby recommends to the City Council that it designate the News-Press Building located at 715 Anacapa Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 037-092-036, as a City Landmark and makes findings based on the historic and cultural significance of facts presented in the Staff Report.

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Adopted: