



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT CITY COUNCIL
DESIGNATE AS A CITY LANDMARK
THE GEORGE EDWARDS HOUSE
1721 SANTA BARBARA STREET
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
APN 027-111-005**

RESOLUTION 2016-12

OCTOBER 19, 2016

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 September 21, 2016, the Historic Landmarks Commission adopted Resolution of Intention 2016-12 to hold a public hearing to consider a recommendation to City Council for designation of the George Edwards House located at 1721 Santa Barbara Street as a City Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Staff Report found the property meets seven City Landmark criteria listed in section 22.22.040 of the Municipal Code and concluded that the George Edwards House, completed in 1887 for Mayor George Edwards by architect Thomas Nixon in the Victorian Queen Anne style with steeply pitched roof, asymmetrical façade, front-facing dormer, patterned shingles, cutaway bay windows, and ornate two-story decorative porch, is significant for its historical and architectural influence on the heritage of the City; and

WHEREAS, the house has retained a high level of historical integrity as its location, setting, association, footprint, design, materials, and workmanship have been restored to excellent condition that highlights its original 1887 appearance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed boundary of the City Landmark designation includes the entire parcel to allow adequate review of any changes to the parcel for compatibility; and

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 George Edwards House 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 George Edwards House at 1721 Santa Barbara Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 027-111-005, meets the following City Landmark criteria 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 or 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;
- E. Its exemplification of the best remaining architectural type in a Neighborhood;
- F. Its identification as the creation, design or work of a person or persons whose efforts has significantly influenced the heritage of the City, the State or the Nation;
- G. Its embodiment demonstrating outstanding attention to architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship; and
- 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 October 19, 2016, the Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of Santa Barbara hereby recommends to the City Council that it designate the George Edwards House located at 1721 Santa Barbara Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 027-111-005, 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: