



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT CITY COUNCIL  
DESIGNATE AS A CITY LANDMARK  
RATTLESNAKE CANYON BRIDGE  
1819 LAS CANOAS ROAD, SKOFIELD PARK  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA  
APN 021-040-024**

**RESOLUTION 2016-10**

**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 2016-10 to hold a public hearing to consider a recommendation to City Council for designation of the Rattlesnake Canyon Bridge located at 1819 Las Canoas Road as a City Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Staff Report found the property meets four City Landmark criteria listed in section 22.22.040 of the Municipal Code and concluded that Rattlesnake Canyon Bridge, constructed in 1919 out of ashlar cut sandstone and designed by master engineer Owen Hugh O'Neill Jr., is significant for its historical and architectural influence on the heritage of the City; and

WHEREAS, the bridge has retained a high level of historical integrity as its location, setting, association, footprint, design, materials, and workmanship have not been altered so that it conveys its original 1919 appearance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed boundary of the City Landmark designation is the 1919 bridge itself and no other features in the Canyon or Skofield Park; 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 Rattlesnake Canyon Bridge 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 Rattlesnake Canyon Bridge at 1819 Las Canoas Road, Skofield Park, Assessor's Parcel No. 021-040-024, 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 and development 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 Rattlesnake Canyon Bridge located at 1819 Las Canoas Road, Skofield Park, Assessor's Parcel No. 021-040-024, 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:**