



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT CITY COUNCIL  
DESIGNATE AS A CITY LANDMARK  
ALHECAMA THEATRE  
215 A, EAST SANTA BARBARA STREET  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA  
APN 029-292-031**

**RESOLUTION 2018-58**

**JULY 25, 2018**

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;

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2017, the Historic Landmarks Commission adopted Resolution of Intention 2018-10 to hold a public hearing to consider a recommendation to City Council for designation of the Alhecama Theatre located at 215 A East Santa Barbara Street as a City Landmark;

WHEREAS, the Staff Report found the property meets five City Landmark criteria listed in section 22.22.040 of the Municipal Code and concluded that the Alhecama Theatre, designed as an integral part of the Santa Barbara School of the Arts campus in 1925 by the noted architectural firm Soule, Murphy and Hastings, is significant for its historical and architectural influence on the heritage of the City;

WHEREAS, the building has retained a high level of historical integrity as its location, design, materials, setting, feeling, association, and workmanship have been restored so that it conveys its original 1925 appearance;

WHEREAS, the proposed boundary of the City Landmark designation includes only the building and not the other buildings on the parcel;

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 Alhecama Theatre as a City Landmark is eligible for a Categorical Exemption;

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, archaeological, 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 Alhecama Theatre at 215 A, East Canon Perdido Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 029-292-031, meets the following City Landmark five 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;
- F. Its identification as the creation, design or work of a person or persons whose effort 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 July 25, 2018, the Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of Santa Barbara hereby recommends to the City Council that it designate the Alhecama Theatre located at 215 A, East Canon Perdido Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 029-292-031, 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:**