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Subject: Letter from LB Heritage supporting City Council Item #13 (24-51760)
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Please distribute this letter to the City Council members in advance of the January 23 meeting when Item #13 (24-51760) , Application for Historic Landmark status (HLM2306-01) for former Fire Station #9, 3917 Long Beach Boulevard will be discussed. Thank you,

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TO: Long Beach City Council; cityclerk@longbeach.gov; maryanne.cronin@longbeach.gov

FROM: Long Beach Heritage; Louise Ivers, Vice President for Advocacy; livers@csudh.edu

SUBJECT: ITEM #15 (24-51760), APPLICATION #HLM2306-01, Former Fire Station #9, 3917 Long Beach Boulevard

Long Beach Heritage concurs with the Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association in their request to designate the former Fire Station #9 at 3917 Long Beach Boulevard as a Long Beach Historic Landmark. We believe that this Tudor Revival building, constructed in 1938-1939 by the federal Works Progress Administration and designed by noted local architect W. Horace Austin, is worthy of landmark designation. We believe that the fire station is eligible for this status because it was associated with events that made significant contributions to the broad patterns of city history, particularly because of the partnership between the city and the WPA. Austin designed the structure specifically to fit in with the Los Cerritos neighborhood.

On November 28, 2023 the Cultural Heritage Commission approved a motion to recommend that the exterior of Fire Station #9 become a Locally Designated Historic Landmark. The commissioners also requested that three significant interior elements should be preserved, if feasible, during the adaptive reuse of the building by the new owner. These are the fireplace and built-in cabinets in the reception room, the wooden truss ceiling in the engine room/garage, and the hose tower which projects above the second story. Long Beach Heritage agrees with the recommendation by the Cultural Heritage Commission to approve Application #HLM2306-01 for making the exterior of former Fire Station #9 a Historic Landmark and for preserving the three architecturally significant portions of the interior of the building.