



Agenda Report

April 12, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Planning & Development Department
**SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF 841 EAST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD
(WASHINGTON THEATER) AS A LANDMARK**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Acknowledge that the designation of a historic resource is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines §15308: Class 8 - Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment);
2. Find that the property at 841 East Washington Boulevard is significant under Criterion "A" for designation as a landmark (P.M.C. §17.62.040) in the areas of social history and entertainment/recreation due to its influence in the development of the North Lake-Washington area in the 1920s and its combination of theater, commercial/office and residential uses—and under Criterion "C" because it embodies the characteristics of the Spanish Colonial Revival style in a theater and as a work of architect Clarence L. Jay;
3. Approve the designation of the property at 841 East Washington Boulevard as a landmark;
4. Adopt the attached resolution approving a Declaration of Landmark Designation for 841 East Washington Boulevard, Pasadena, California;
5. Authorize the Mayor to execute the attached Declaration of Landmark Designation for 841 East Washington Boulevard, Pasadena, California; and
6. Direct the City Clerk to record the declaration with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

On Tuesday, February 15, 2010, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the City Council approve the designation of 841 East Washington Boulevard as a landmark under both criterion A and C of PMC §17.62.040.

BACKGROUND:

On November 24, 2009, Pasadena Heritage and Dale Trader filed an application for designation of 841 E. Washington Boulevard (also known as 839-853 E. Washington

