

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-**A RESOLUTION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF REGISTER LISTING #25-RL02, REVIEW OF A PROPOSAL TO ADD 611 WEST EIGHTH STREET, A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE, TO THE REGISTER OF STRUCTURES OF HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL MERIT OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT. APPLICANTS - DAVID MEDAK AND ELENA ESQUIBEL**

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2025, the applicants submitted a request, pursuant to Section 16.302.090 of the Claremont Municipal Code and the City Council-adopted Procedures for Adopting Additions to the Register of Structures of Historic Merit of the City of Claremont ("Register"), to add a single-family residence located at 611 West Eighth Street to the Register; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2025, a notice of public hearing regarding the Architectural and Preservation Commission review of the proposed addition to the Register was mailed to record owner(s), the occupants of the subject property, and to other persons who have requested to be notified of such matters or who staff determines may have an interest in the matter; and

WHEREAS, the Architectural and Preservation Commission held a public hearing on October 29, 2025, at which time all persons wishing to testify in connection with said proposal were heard and said proposal was fully studied.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CLAREMONT ARCHITECTURAL AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

SECTION 1. The Architectural and Preservation Commission has determined that the addition of 611 West Eighth Street to the Register is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because this action is not a project as defined by Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that the addition of the structure known as the Ordway House will not have a significant effect or result in physical change to the environment, given that the only consequence of this property's addition to the Register is the enforcement of a 90-day demolition delay should the structure be proposed to be demolished. Additionally, any changes to the structure and/or site are subject to review by the City to ensure compliance with the requirements of the municipal code and CEQA. Therefore, no further environmental review is necessary.

SECTION 2. The Architectural and Preservation Commission finds that 611 West Eighth meets several of the Register Criteria identified in Section 16.302.080 of the Procedures for Adopting Additions to the Register of Structures of Historical and Architectural Merit of the City of Claremont for the following reasons:

- A. The Ordway House, located at 611 W. 8th Street, meets the age requirement and satisfies Criteria 1, 2, 3, and 6 for designation as a Cultural Resource under the Claremont Municipal Code and City Council Resolution #98-104.

- B. Built during Claremont's post-World War II growth period, the residence is closely associated with Philip and Ruth Ordway, prominent civic leaders who played key roles in shaping the City's government and promoting civic participation.
- C. Architecturally, the home is a rare example of mid-century Ranch-style adobe construction, featuring handmade adobe bricks, palm trunk columns, and other distinctive materials that reflect local craftsmanship and community collaboration. The property's high level of integrity, including its original adobe garage and mature landscape, further enhances its historical and architectural significance.

SECTION 3. The Architectural and Preservation Commission finds that the addition of 611 West Eighth Street to the Register furthers the following General Plan goal and policy:

- A. *Retain and celebrate Claremont's rich history and heritage, as evidenced through its development patterns, buildings and building materials, landscaping, street treatments, parks and open space, and civic architecture (Goal 2-14);* in that the addition of 611 West Eighth to the Register provides additional protections for the structure should it be prepared to be demolished, and recognizes and celebrates the structure as one that is vital to the City's heritage.
- B. *Add to the Register of Structures of Historical and Architectural Merit of the City of Claremont sites and structures that have special historic or community value as historic resources and are worthy of preservation (Policy 2-14.6),* in that this approval directly results in the addition of a site and structure to the Register that meets the applicable eligibility criteria.

SECTION 4. The Architectural and Preservation Commission hereby recommends approval of Register Listing #25-RL02, review of a proposal to add to the Register the real property with address 611 West Eighth Street and Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 8310-014-002.

SECTION 5. The Architectural and Preservation Commission Chair shall sign this Resolution and the Commission Secretary shall attest and certify the passage and adoption thereof.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 29th day of October, 2025.

Architectural and Preservation Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Architectural and Preservation Commission Secretary