

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-071

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS DESIRE TO SEE THE CORONA DEPOT BUILDING PRESERVED AND RECOGNIZED AS AN ASSET IN THE CITY'S HERITAGE INVENTORY.

WHEREAS, the Corona Depot building located at 150 Depot Drive was built in 1937 and was historically a train station for the Santa Fe Railroad ("Corona Depot Building"); and

WHEREAS, the Corona Depot Building has served as an important part of the city's history, symbolizing the development and growth of the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Corona Depot Building was placed on the City's Heritage Inventory, according to Section 17.63.090 of the Corona Municipal Code (CMC), and is ranked "high with rehabilitation" as a potential listing for a local landmark; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Corona have expressed strong support for the preservation of the Corona Depot Building; and

WHEREAS, although City Council expresses its desire to see the Corona Depot Building preserved and recognized, this desire will not automatically protect the Corona Depot Building from demolition by the current or a future property owner; and

WHEREAS, since the Corona Depot Building is not a registered local landmark, the City has limited ability to require the protection or preservation of the structure, but can encourage its preservation through a resolution; and

WHEREAS, with this Resolution, the City of Corona City Council intends to declare and affirm its desire to see the Corona Depot Building preserved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the above-stated recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. Building Preservation Declaration. The City of Corona herewith expresses its strong desire and commitment to see the Corona Depot Building preserved.

SECTION 3. CEQA. This action is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines, which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility

that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action only expresses the City Council's desire to see the Corona Depot Building preserved, and thus there is no possibility that adopting this resolution will significantly affect the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of July, 2024.

Mayor of the City of Corona, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Corona, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 3rd day of July, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this ____ day of _____, ____.

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

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