

RESOLUTION NO. PC-2025-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 621 NORTH RICHMAN AVENUE (HISTORIC LANDMARK NO. HL-109) A LOCAL LANDMARK AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A GENERAL PLAN REVISION TO MAKE CORRESPONDING AMENDMENTS TO THE FULLERTON PLAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT, TABLE 6 – CITY OF FULLERTON LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES AND EXHIBIT 3 – MAP OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES – NATIONAL AND LOCAL

PRJ2024-00015: ZON-2024-0150 AND LRP-2024-0015

APPLICANT: FULLERTON HERITAGE

PROPERTY OWNER: RAYMOND G. SLY

RECITALS

WHEREAS, an application was filed for Local Landmark Designation of property located at 621 North Richman Avenue, described as:

Orange County Assessor's Parcel No. 032-051-10

WHEREAS, the Landmarks/Planning Commission of the City of Fullerton, California, in compliance with noticing requirements of Fullerton Municipal Code (FMC) Section 15.76.040, held a duly noticed public hearing on said application; and

WHEREAS, the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15331 - Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation, which allows for the preservation and conservation of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FOUND AND DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Landmarks Commission of the City of Fullerton as follows:

1. In all respects as set forth in the Recitals of this Resolution.
2. The Landmarks Commission, pursuant to FMC Chapter 15.48, makes the following findings regarding the Landmark designation for the subject property:
  - a. Finding: The property located at 621 North Richman Avenue is eligible for a Historical Landmark designation in accordance with the criteria identified in FMC Section 15.48.060.

Fact: The property meets eligibility Criterion 3, because of its association with notable mortician and longtime Fullerton businessman, Harry N. Suters (1886-1955), a thirty-year resident of Fullerton. When Suters formed a partnership with mortuary owner Angus McAulay in 1924, McAulay had been in business for a decade. The two men successfully

expanded the mortuary, establishing it as one of the most reputable and respected businesses in Fullerton. McAulay passed away in 1941, but Suters continued the business with McAulay's son, overseeing the move of the funeral home to its current quarters at 902 North Harbor Boulevard. Established in 1914, the mortuary is now the oldest continuously operating business in Fullerton. Mr. Suters was dedicated to his work and quickly established himself and the company as one of the most trusted in the city.

- b. Finding: Designation of this property as a Historical (Local) Landmark is consistent with the goals and policies contained in The Fullerton Plan.

Fact: The Historic Landmark Designation of this property supports The Fullerton Plan, Policy 4.2 Awareness of Historic Resources which supports programs and policies to raise the awareness of the value of historic resources in strengthening communities, conserving resources, fostering economic development, and enriching lives.


Fact: The Historic Landmark designation of the subject property supports The Fullerton Plan, Policy 4.4 Historic Character and Sense of Place which supports actions to reinforce the character and sense of place of established neighborhoods.

- c. Finding: Property owner consent for the Historical Landmark designation has been granted pursuant to FMC 15.48.050.

Fact: The property owner has given written consent for the filing of the application for landmark designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Landmarks Commission does hereby APPROVE ZON-2024-0150 and LRP-2024-0015, designating property at 621 North Richman Avenue as Historical Landmark HL-109 and recommends the City Council amend The Fullerton Plan Historic Preservation Element Table 6 – City of Fullerton Local Register of Historical Resources to add the property addressed 621 North Richman Avenue as a Local Landmark and Exhibit 3 – Historical Resources Map – National and Local.

ADOPTED BY THE FULLERTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION ON MARCH 26, 2025.

  
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Arnel Dino, Chairman

City of Fullerton  
RESOLUTION CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE    ) SS  
CITY OF FULLERTON     )

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I, Janet Ragland, Recording Clerk of the Landmarks Commission of the City of Fullerton, California, hereby certify that the whole number of the members of the Landmarks Commission of the City of Fullerton is five; and that the above and foregoing Resolution No. PC-2025-04 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Landmarks Commission held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, by the following vote:

LANDMARKS COMMISSIONER AYES:           Valadez, Wehn, Fleenor, Tutor, Dino

LANDMARKS COMMISSIONER NOES:         None

LANDMARKS COMMISSIONER ABSTAINED:   None

LANDMARKS COMMISSIONER ABSENT:       None

  
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Janet Ragland, Recording Clerk