

RESOLUTION NO. 1232

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, AFFIRMING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD AND DESIGNATING 8439 SUNSET BOULEVARD (PIAZZA DEL SOL) AS A LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Staff of the Community Development Department filed an application for the nomination of the property located at 8439 Sunset Boulevard (Piazza del Sol) as a local cultural resource. The property owner and the occupants thereof were notified of the filing of the nomination application, and on April 15, 1993 were notified that review of the application had been scheduled for hearing before the Cultural Heritage Advisory Board on April 26, 1993. Notice of the hearing was published in the Los Angeles Independent, Hollywood Edition, on April 14, 1993.

Section 2. On April 26, 1993, the Cultural Heritage Advisory Board held a duly noticed public hearing regarding the nomination application. The Board reviewed the staff report and written evidence, and took testimony from interested parties. Based upon the written and oral evidence submitted, the Board makes the following findings of fact:

- a. The former apartment building located at 8439 Sunset Boulevard (Piazza del Sol) is constructed in the Italian Renaissance Revival style. The building is constructed as a five level, U-shaped building currently used as an office building (four levels of office over parking). The surface material is stucco and the building is capped by a low hipped red clay tile roof with widely overhanging eaves and decorative rafters. A double sided stairway leads from the sidewalk to a raised terrace in the center of the U-shape. The main entrance, off the terrace, is contained within a centered, circular arched opening surrounded by heavy molding. The stair and terrace feature a stone balustraded rail. A pair of flat arched openings lead to the garage on the eastern end of the street facade. A molded string course separates the first level from the upper levels. Additionally, the first level is quoined on the corners. The fifth floor is separated by a string course and building corners are delineated with wide pilasters. Fenestrations include circular arched multi-pane windows with heavy molding and wrought iron

balconettes. Smaller casement windows fill the remaining floors with the fifth floor marked rounded pilasters and iron balconies. Large, decorative medallions mark the fifth floor.

- b. Constructed in 1927, the building was originally a residential apartment building, where several lesser know Hollywood personalities resided.
- c. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in December 1983.
- d. An easement for facade of the Piazza del Sol was granted to the Los Angeles Conservancy in December 1983.

Section 3. Based upon the foregoing facts and pursuant to Section 9458 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code (Cultural Heritage Preservation), the Cultural Heritage Advisory Board found that:


- a. The structure located at 8439 Sunset Boulevard (Piazza del Sol) reflects special elements of the City's economic, aesthetic and architectural history and possesses an integrity of location, design, feeling and association because:
 - i. It is a prime, intact example of Italian Renaissance Revival style architecture. The building is in excellent condition and demonstrates the details of this particular style of architecture. The U-shaped building has a second level landing creating a strong entrance to the building. The building is capped by a low hipped red clay tile roof with overhanging eaves and decorative rafters. A double-sided stairway leads from the sidewalk to a raised terrace in the center of the U-shape. The main entrance is contained within a centered, circular arched opening surrounded by heavy molding. Fenestrations include circular arched multi-pane windows with heavy molding and wrought iron balconettes. Details include: large decorative medallions marking the fifth floor, molded string course separating the first level from the upper levels, quined corners and corners delineated with wide pilasters.

- ii. The building embodies elements of architectural design, detail, materials and craftsmanship that represents a significant structural or architectural achievement or innovation. It is the only example of this style of architecture within the City of West Hollywood.
- b. The Piazza del Sol was originally designed as an apartment building by Charles Sherman Cobb and was a prominent residential address along Sunset Boulevard in the 1920's through the 1940's.
- c. The Piazza del Sol is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; designated in December of 1983.

Section 4. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Cultural Heritage Advisory Board adopted Resolution No. CHAB 93-03 on April 26, 1993, recommending to the City Council, designation of 8439 Sunset Boulevard (Piazza del Sol) as a local cultural resource of the City of West Hollywood.

Section 5. Based upon the above findings , the City Council hereby affirms the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Advisory Board and designates the exterior of the structure at 8439 Sunset Boulevard as a local cultural resource of the City of West Hollywood, California.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1993.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD)

I, VIVIAN M. LOVE, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 1232 was duly and regularly introduced, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting of said Council held at the regular meeting place thereof on the 6th day of December, 1993, by the following vote:


AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: HEILMAN, KORETZ, LAND, LANG AND MAYOR GUARRIELLO.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1993.


VIVIAN M. LOVE, CITY CLERK