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We were asked to evaluate relocation as a potential project alternative to be studied as part of the environmental review for the proposed demolition of the Barry Building at 11973 San Vicente Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. The Barry Building is designated Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) #887 and is therefore considered an historical resource as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

This alternative would entail relocating the Barry Building to a new property and rehabilitating it in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Given the size and configuration of the building, it is expected that the building could not be moved intact, but would need to be at least partially disassembled for transport to a new site.

The National Park Service (NPS) provides guidance for evaluating historic buildings that have been relocated. A property removed from its original or historically significant location can be eligible if it is significant primarily for architectural value or it is the surviving property most importantly associated with a historic person or event. A moved property significant for its architectural value must retain enough historic features to convey its architectural values and retain integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. In addition, the moved property must still have an orientation, setting, and general environment that are comparable to those of the historic location and that are compatible with the property's significance.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *National Register Bulletin 15: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*, "Criteria Consideration B: Moved Properties" (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, 1990, revised for Internet 1995), 29-30.

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The Barry Building is significant as an excellent example of Mid-century Modern commercial architecture. If the building were to be relocated in compliance with NPS guidance it would remain eligible for continued designation as an historical resource. This would require that the disassembly and relocation of the building do not damage or destroy character-defining features and materials; that the building is reassembled on its new site and rehabilitated in conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation; and that the new site meets the NPS guidance. The new site would have to be located on a similar commercial thoroughfare and have a similar flat topography. The building would have to be located in the same general orientation to the street, facing generally south, with similar setbacks, hardscape and landscape.

As long as the new site is located within the City of Los Angeles, so that the building remains eligible for designation as a Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument, there is no limit to the distance from the old site to the new, other than those limits imposed by physical and economic feasibility.

If the Barry Building is relocated according to NPS guidance, it would likely retain eligibility for historic designation and avoid a significant impact under CEQA.

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