



MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Historic Resources Evaluation of 4101 Long Beach Boulevard for the City of Long Beach Fire Station No. 9 Project (LSA Project No. CLB1904.26)

LSA is under contract to the City of Long Beach to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and technical analyses for the proposed City of Long Beach Fire Station No. 9 Project (project). The project is located at 4101 Long Beach Boulevard (Assessor's Identification Number 7139-015-900) in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. The property is currently developed with a commercial building that was constructed in 1951. Because the building is 50 years of age or older, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), it is required to be evaluated for historical significance as part of the environmental review process for the project.

In order to complete the required evaluation, an LSA architectural historian conducted archival research to determine the dates of construction and later alterations, identify persons and businesses associated with the property during the historic period (pre-1972), and develop appropriate historic contexts within which to evaluate the property. An intensive-level, pedestrian survey was conducted, during which the building was photographed and notes were made regarding its architectural style, construction materials, condition, and integrity. A brief reconnaissance-level (windshield) survey of the immediate vicinity was also completed to determine whether the property is within a potential historic district. Finally, the property was documented on Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) 523 forms and evaluated using the criteria for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (California Register) and City of Long Beach Landmark designation.

As a result of the research and field survey, it was determined that the building at 4101 Long Beach Boulevard has sustained at least three large additions and an exterior remodel. These modifications have impaired the building's integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, and association to the degree that it no longer conveys an association with its period of significance (1951). Furthermore, no evidence was found that it is associated with any historically significant people or is the work of a master (see the attached DPR forms for more detail).

For the reasons discussed above, the building is not eligible for listing in the California Register or for designation as a local Landmark. It is not a historical resource for the purposes of CEQA.

Attachment: DPR 523 forms