



Date: February 13, 2017

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PL West*

From: *A Bodek* Amy J. Bodek, Director of Development Services

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Cultural Heritage Commission 2016 in Review**

Please see the attached copy of the Cultural Heritage Commission 2016 In Review, which showcases the efforts of the Cultural Heritage Commission on local historic preservation, adaptive reuse, landmark designation, and historic district projects and initiatives. Long Beach has a renewed commitment to maintaining its rich heritage and unique character, which is further enhanced by the actions and diligent efforts of the Cultural Heritage Commission, as reflected through a wide array of projects featured in this report.

The Cultural Heritage Commission acts as an advisor on planning policies as they relate to historical preservation, working closely with the Mayor and City Council, staff, and property owners of historic sites, advising on technical aspects of a project and encouraging the community's understanding and appreciation of the City's architectural and environmental history. Long Beach continues to build momentum for historic preservation with more flexible adaptive reuse guidelines, an updated Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program, the development of Historic District Design Guidelines, and more community outreach and engagement activities. These endeavors enhance neighborhood revitalization, promote a sustainable lifestyle, and contribute to the economic development of the City.

If you would like additional copies, or for further information regarding the Cultural Heritage Commission, please contact Amy Bodek at (562) 570-6428.

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