# Los Angeles Department of City Planning RECOMMENDATION REPORT

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION CASE NO.: CHC-2016-3644-HCM

ENV-2016-3645-CE

**HEARING DATE:** October 20, 2016

**TIME:** 10:00 AM

PLACE: City Hall, Room 1010

200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 Location: 640 South Main Street; 630-632 South

Main Street; 636-644 South Main Street

Council District: 14

Community Plan Area: Central City Area Planning Commission: Central

Neighborhood Council: Downtown Los Angeles Legal Description: Hellman-Wolfskill Lots, Lot A;

Kerckhoff Tract, Lot FR 7

**PROJECT:** Historic-Cultural Monument Application for the

HOTEL CECIL

**REQUEST:** Declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument

**OWNER(S):** Richard Born, 248 Haynes North Associates, LLC

640 S. Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90014

**APPLICANT:** Matthew M. Baron, Simon Baron Development

757 Third Avenue, 17th Floor

New York, NY 10017

**PREPARER:** Tara J. Hamacher, Historic Consultants

256 S. Robertson Street Beverly Hills, CA 90211

**RECOMMENDATION** That the Cultural Heritage Commission:

 Take the property under consideration as a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.10 because the application and accompanying photo documentation suggest the submittal warrants further investigation.

2. Adopt the report findings.

VINCENT P. BERTONI, AICP Director of Planning

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Ken Bernstein, AICP, Manager Lambert M. Giessinger, Preservation Architect

Office of Historic Resources Office of Historic Resources

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Attachment: Historic-Cultural Monument Application

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### **SUMMARY**

The 1924 Hotel Cecil is located at 640 South Main Street, between Sixth and Seventh Streets in Downtown Los Angeles. Originally slated to be named the "Metropolitan Hotel," the building was designed by noted Los Angeles architect Loy Lester Smith (1885-1956) and constructed by the Weymouth Crowell Company for owner, W. W. Paden and Associates, and operator, William Hanner. Because the Hotel Cecil was conveniently located near railway lines along Main Street, it catered to both businessmen traveling to the Spring Street Financial District, as well as theater patrons and others associated with the Broadway Theater and Commercial District.

The Hotel Cecil is a 14-story Beaux Arts style reinforced concrete building with a characteristic Classical tripartite division that is enhanced by terra cotta and cast stone ornamentation that includes quoins, cornices, decorative window and door surrounds, and ornate columns and pilasters. It has a unique "E"-shaped plan that provides for natural light and air circulation. The roofline is marked by a projecting, denticulated cornice and the fenestration pattern is horizontally and vertically aligned with irregular spacing. The building's main, western-facing facade features a recessed entry with a set of double doors and an arched transom; a balcony at the third story; and an ornamental, curved balconette at the fourth story. There are also two original, 70-foot tall blade signs on the northwest and southwest corners reading "Hotel Cecil." The brick walls at the south, east, and north facades have been painted white and there is currently an on-site advertisement for the hotel. On the interior, the building features a high-volume, T-shaped lobby; two art-glass skylights; wrought iron decorative detailing; and extensive use of marble and terrazzo flooring.

Loy Lester Smith (1885-1956) was a local architect who designed several commercial and government buildings in Los Angeles that include the Lane Mortgage Company Building (1922); the City Club Building (1924); and the City of Los Angeles Fire Department Engine Company #54, Station #1 (1924).

Alterations to Hotel Cecil include the replacement of double-hung sash wood windows with aluminum single-sash windows; replacement of doors leading to Main Street; installation of glazing within the open full-height arched entrance; and the addition of a marquee. Further, at some point, faux-painted columns were placed in front of the storefronts facing Main Street.

The Hotel Cecil was identified in the City's historic resources survey, SurveyLA, as individually eligible for listing at the local and state levels as an excellent example of Beaux Arts commercial architecture in Downtown Los Angeles and a work of noted Los Angeles architect Loy L. Smith.

## **CRITERIA**

The criterion is the Cultural Heritage Ordinance which defines a historical or cultural monument as any site (including significant trees or other plant life located thereon) building or structure of particular historic or cultural significance to the City of Los Angeles, such as historic structures or sites in which the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, State or community is reflected or exemplified, or which are identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history or which embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction, or a notable work of a master builder, designer or architect whose individual genius influenced his age.

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# **FINDINGS**

Based on the facts set forth in the summary and application, the Commission determines that the application is complete and that the property may be significant enough to warrant further investigation as a potential Historic-Cultural Monument.

# HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT



# NOMINATION FORM

## 1. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Proposed Monument Name: Hotel Cecil			Ci	urrent name of p	operty
Other Associated Names: Metropolitan Ho	otel, Cecil Hotel				
Street Address: 640 S. Main Street, Los	Angeles		Zip: 900	014 Co	uncil District: 14
Range of Addresses on Property: 636-644 S	. Main		Commun	nity Name: Dow	ntown
Assessor Parcel Number: 5148-021-010	Tract: Hellman-Wo	lfskill Lots		Block:	Lot: A
Identification cont'd:					
Proposed Monument Property Type:  Building	Structure	Objec		Site/Open Space	e Natura Feature
Describe any additional resources located on the	property to be included in	the nominati	on, here:	none	

# 2. CONSTRUCTION HISTORY & CURRENT STATUS

Year built: 1924	Threatened? None
Architect/Designer: Loy L. Smith	Contractor:
Original Use: Hotel	Present Use: Apartments
Is the Proposed Monument on its Original Site?	No (explain in section 7) Unknown (explain in section

## 3. STYLE & MATERIALS

Architectural Style: Rennaisance Revival			Stories: 14	Plan Shape: Rectangular
FEATURE	PRIMARY		S	ECONDARY
CONSTRUCTION	Type: Concrete poured/precast	Туре	: Brick	
CLADDING	Material: Brick	Mate	erial: Terra cot	ta
ROOF	Type: Flat	Type: Select		
	Material: Rolled asphalt	Material: Select		
WINDOWS	Type: Sliding	Туре	:	
	Material: Aluminum	Material: Select		
ENTRY	Style: Centered	Style:		
DOOR	Type: Glass	Туре:	Select	

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#### 4. ALTERATION HISTORY

<ul> <li>July 15, 1930, Original marquee installed. (removed, per below)</li> <li>Nov. 21, 2005 New marquee, (replacing original), and new signage on facade.</li> <li>Sept. 12, 2012 Interior remodel of Guest Rooms to larger units, 5th and 6th floors.</li> </ul>		46860
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	ors.	11016

# 5. EXISTING HISTORIC RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION (if known)

Listed in the California Register of Historical Resources	
Formally determined eligible for the National and/or California Re	gisters
Located in an Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ)	Contributing feature  Non-contributing feature
Determined eligible for national, state, or local landmark status by an historic resources survey(s)	Survey Name(s):

## 6. APPLICABLE HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT CRITERIA

~	Reflects the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, state, or community
	Is identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, state, or local history
~	Embodies the distinguising characteristics of an architectural-type specimen, inherently valuable for study of a period, style, or method of construction
	A notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual genius influenced his or her age

Office of Historic Resources/Cultural Heritage Commission

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### 7. WRITTEN STATEMENTS

This section allows you to discuss at length the significance of the proposed monument and why it should be designated an Historic-Cultural Monument. Type your response on separate documents and attech them to this form.

**A. Proposed Monument Description** - Describe the proposed monument's physical characteristics and relationship to its surrounding environment. Expand on sections 2 and 3 with a more detailed description of the site. Expand on section 4 and discuss the construction/alteration history in detail if that is necessary to explain the proposed monument's current form. Identify and describe any character-defining elements, structures, interior spaces, or landscape features.

**B. Statement of Significance** - Address the proposed monument's historic, cultural, and/or architectural significance by discussing how it satisfies the HCM criteria you selected in Section 6. You must support your argument with substantial evidence and analysis. The Statement of Significance is your main argument for designation so it is important to substantiate any claims you make with supporting documentation and research.

#### 8. CONTACT INFORMATION

#### Applicant

Name: Matthew M.	Baron	Company: Simon Baron Development	
Street Address: 757 Third Avenue, 17th Floor		City: New York	State: NY
Zip: 10017	Phone Number: 212-953-7777	Email: m	baron@simonbaron.com

Property Owner	Is th	e owner in support of the nomination?   • Yes	No Unknown
Name: Richard Born		Company: 248 Haynes North Associat	ties, LLC
Street Address: 640	S. Main Street	City: Los Angeles	State: CA
Zip: 90014-2004	Phone Number: 917-640-218	2 Email: richard@dbhotels	.com

# Nomination Preparer/Applicant's Representative

Name: Tara J. Hamad	ther	Company: Historic Consultants		
Street Address: 256 S. Robertson Street		City: Beverly Hills		State: CA
Zip: 90211 Phone Number: 213-379-1040			Email: tara@historicco	onsultants.com

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#### 9. SUBMITTAL

When you have completed preparing your nomination, compile all materials in the order specified below. Although the entire packet must not exceed 100 pages, you may send additional material on a CD or flash drive.

#### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Nomination Form
- 2. Written Statements A and B
- 3. Bibliography
- Two Primary Photos of Exterior/Main Facade
   (8x10, the main photo of the proposed monument. Also email a digitial copy of the main photo to: planning.ohr@lacity.org)
- 5. Copies of Primary/Secondary Documentation
- Copies of Building Permits for Major Alterations (include first construction permits)
- Additional, Contemporary Photos
- 8. Historical Photos
- Zimas Parcel Report for all Nominated Parcels (including map)

#### 10. RELEASE

Please read each statement and check the corresponding boxes to indicate that you agree with the statement, then sign below in the provided space. Either the applicant or preparer may sign.

- I acknowledge that all documents submitted will become public records under the California Public Records Act, and understand that the documents will be made available upon request to members of the public for inspection and copying.
- I acknowledge that all photographs and images submitted as part of this application will become the property of the City of Los Angeles, and understand that permission is granted for use of the photographs and images by the City without any expectation of compensation.
  - I acknowledge that I have the right to submit or have obtained the appropriate permission to submit all information contained in this application.

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Signa

Mail your Historic-Cultural Monument Submittal to the Office of Historic Resources.

Office of Historic Resources
Department of City Planning
200 N. Spring Street, Room 620
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Phone: 213-978-1200 Website: preservation.lacity.org

#### ITEM 7A: PROPOSED MONUMENT DESCRIPTION

The Hotel Cecil is located on the east side of Main Street between 6th and 7th Streets in downtown Los Angeles, set amongst low-and-high-rise buildings at the eastern edge of the city's central business district and downtown core. It is located one block east of the Spring Street Historic District, and two blocks east of the Broadway Theater and Entertainment District, both of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Hotel Cecil is a 14-story Renaissance Revival style building constructed in 1924. The building's stylistic character is derived from its principal elevation on Main Street (west elevation) which features a Classical tripartite composition conveyed by a horizontal division of base, shaft, and cornice. The building has a unique E-Shaped plan which provides for natural light and air circulation to the hotel rooms.

Historic photographs and original architectural drawings for the property disclose that the Hotel Cecil is constructed of reinforced concrete with rusticated terra cotta from the base to the 3rd floor, and red brick from the 3rd floor to the cornice. A denticulated cornice separates the base from the shaft and reinforces the horizontal division between the street level and the upper facade. The original fenestration pattern is horizontally and vertically aligned, although with irregular spacing. The spandrel width at windows between bays 1 through 4 is wider; the spandrel width at windows between bays 4 through 8 is narrower. Bay 8, at the right side of the facade, features paired windows of unequal width, concealed by a fire escape rising from Floors 3-14. The window openings now contain sliding aluminum windows, but within the original opening, so while the original wood sash is missing, the integrity of the overall fenestration of the façade remains.

Terra cotta pilasters are located at the northwest and southwest corners at the base of the Main Street elevation. The ornamentation extends up the facade in the form of staggered quoins which rise the full height of the building. The roofline is marked by a projecting pressed-metal cornice featuring paired brackets.

On November 22, 1924 the City of Los Angeles issued Building Permit #48680 which authorized installation of two large blade signs at the building. Reading "HOTEL CECIL" the signs measure approximately 70' tall, spanning between floors 4-10, installed at each of the principal corners (northwest and southwest) and prominently visible from both directions along Main Street.

The building's central entrance features a set of double doors with an arched transom. The entry is recessed from the front facade and accented with terra cotta ornamentation. Double-height engaged columns flank the main entrance, supporting an arched opening at the front facade. An ornate two-bay-wide terra cotta facing continues up to an ornamental balcony at the 3rd floor, which is surmounted by an ornamental curved balconette at the 4th floor.

The building interior includes a high volume, T-shaped lobby that spans nearly the length of the building and terminates at the clerk's counter (at the east end of the building). At the west end of the lobby there is a double-height ceiling, two art-glass skylights, wrought iron lamps with hand-decorated parchment shades (1). The lobby features extensive use of marble and has terrazzo flooring running down the center. The lobby is flanked by retail/commercial space along the north and south sides. Above the check-in counter, there is a mezzanine level with substantial terra cotta balustrades delineating the edge. Both the lobby and mezzanine level feature plastered walls and columns.

Floors 3 through 14 are residential, and very uniform in character. There are guest rooms and bathrooms lining the three double-loaded corridors that comprise the "E" shape. Moldings and ornamentation are wood and plaster. The elevator lobbies have large console brackets to highlight this space. The guest rooms are uniformly modest, with simple trim. Some rooms feature full baths, although most rooms contained only a single sink. Communal bathrooms are located at several corridor locations on each floor.

The brick walls at the south, east and north facades have been painted white. Four voids on the south facade are visible on the western-most tower block at approximately Floors 10, 11, 12, and 13, interrupting a painted on-site advertisement that reads, "Hotel Cecil Low Daily Weekly Rates 700 Rooms" in white text on a maroon background. Evidence of painted on-site advertisements on the south, east and north facades can be seen in historic photographic and illustrated postcards.

#### Modifications:

At the front elevation the original fenestration is intact with storefronts at their historic locations framed by Classical pilasters. Non-historic, faux-painted columns have been placed in front of the storefronts. These columns could be removed without any material impairment to the historic building. The original arched entrance is intact, however glazing has been installed within the open full-height arch. Two prominent cornices are still in place and the principal cornice at the roof line with its unaltered terra cotta and metal elements.

Today, the cornice on the east (rear) elevation is painted maroon with "Hotel Cecil" in white lettering. A band of maroon paint with "Daily Weekly Rates" in white lettering is situated between the fenestration of Floors 13 and 14. A maroon, painted band reading "Precios Muy Economicos" in white lettering is situated between Floors 5-6. A similar band reading "Hotel Cecil" is situated between Floors 4-5. One additional band reading "Low Daily Weekly Rates" is situated between Floors 3-4. Mechanical units on the roof are non-original; however, the penthouse, stair and steel-sash skylights are original.

Comparative analysis of historic views of the building reveals that the existing marquee at the building entrance is non-historic. Changes were made to the marquee in 2005 per City of Los Angeles Building Permit #05016-10000-21586. A second, subordinate metal blade sign reading "CH" on either side hangs centered on the brick facade between Floors 5-7. This smaller sign does not appear in a postcard showing other alterations completed in 1951, and is likely of more recent vintage

#### Endnotes

1. "Barker Brothers advertisement," Los Angeles Times, December 20, 1924.

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hotel Cecil is significant for embodying the distinctive characteristics of the Renaissance Revival style architecture, designed by noted Los Angeles architect Loy L. Smith. The Hotel Cecil is also significant as a lodging facility that supported and contributed to the global film and entertainment industry and the West Coast financial industry centered in Los Angeles. Hotel Cecil was constructed in 1924, toward the end of the American hotel industry's formative era. Located at 640 South Main Street in the downtown core, Hotel Cecil stands in close proximity to the Broadway Theater and Commercial District and the Spring Street Financial District. Both districts are listed on the National Register of Historic Places for their association with entertainment and finance in Los Angeles.

### Significant Work of Renaissance Revival Architecture Period of Significance: 1924

The Hotel Cecil is a significant work of Renaissance Revival commercial architecture which contributes to the urban skyline of Los Angeles, and reflects the work of an architect who is associated with several other buildings in southern California. Loy L. Smith designed the building, originally to be called the Metropolitan Hotel, in 1923. Smith, a graduate of Pomona College in Claremont, California, had previously designed the Lane Mortgage Company Building (1922), the City Club Building (1924), and the City of Los Angeles Fire Department Engine Co. #54 Station #1 (1924), all in Los Angeles. Construction was completed on the 14-story Hotel Cecil by the Weymouth Crowell Company in December of 1924. At the time of its opening, the building was owned by W.W. Paden and Associates and was operated by William Hanner, who also served as president.

Identified by Smith as the "Metropolitan Hotel" project, the Hotel Cecil was designed in the typical form of the early twentieth century American skyscraper, based on the Renaissance period palazzo and classical Beaux Arts ideology. Character-defining features of the Beaux Arts and Renaissance Revival style evident on the building include:

- · a rusticated masonry base;
- · belt coursing at multiple levels;
- · decorative exterior wall surfaces;
- · symmetry:
- · quoins at the building corners;
- · principal windows with arcaded surrounds.

The Hotel Cecil was designed to be in compliance with the city's maximum allowable height limit of 150 feet established for the downtown core and codified in the city charter in 1911. With its Renaissance Revival aesthetic characterized by a classical tripartite division applied to skyscrapers, and enhanced with terra cotta and cast stone ornamentation including quoins, multiple cornices, decorative window and door surrounds and ornate columns and pilasters, the Hotel Cecil Building embodies the Renaissance Revival, and is stylistically consistent with most of the other buildings of the early-twentieth century in downtown Los Angeles.

### Association with the Hotel Business, and Correlation to the Entertainment Industry. Period of Significance, 1924-

Hotel Cecil is significant as a representative example of the American hotel industry in the early twentieth century. The Hotel Cecil was designed and built in line with the most up-to-date standards for hotels of its class. Hotel Cecil offered a location, layout, and amenities consistent with a property developed in the years immediately following the end of a "century-long developmental arc of American hotels."(1) Within that one-hundred-year span, American hotels gradually transitioned from serving primarily business travelers during the antebellum years to serving a broader, albeit still somewhat more affluent market in the post-Civil War decades. The late-nineteenth century marked a rise in leisure travel, leading many hotels to embrace the mass-market guest trade.

The evolution of the Broadway theatrical district early in the 20th century began with the construction of the Mason Opera House (now demolished) and continued through the construction of the Roxie Theater (1931). Historian Tom Sitton in the National Register nomination for the Broadway theater district, states that the importance of the [Broadway] theater district in the home of the motion picture industry is clearly evident. The theaters provided drama, comedy, and vaudeville presentations until full-length motion pictures became popular. Thomas Tally, Sid Grauman, Oliver Morosco, and others vied for the honor of city impresario as the theaters along Broadway became larger and more numerous. Theater

architecture was more flamboyant than commercial styles and the influx of theatrical structures helped to provide variety for the Broadway streetscape. In all, theater development along Broadway provided a major source of revenue and a location for premieres for the movie industry...and a variety of architectural designs which gave a unique character to Broadway. The zenith of the Broadway theater district was in the 1920's. Los Angeles's downtown theatrical district was the global center of the film and entertainment industry until just prior to the Second World War, when major theater chains started a trend of establishing the Hollywood and Century City neighborhoods of Los Angeles as the center for motion picture theaters.

In addition to housing theater-related guests, the Hotel Cecil's prime placement near the Spring Street Financial District and the grand space of the interior lobby also appealed to business travelers traveling to the 'Wall Street of the West.' At the turn of the century, economic investment in the Spring Street corridor as the financial center of Los Angeles had begun with the construction of two bank and office buildings: the Continental Building (first known as the Braly Building) and the Herman Hellman Building (now Banco Popular). Over the next two decades, the construction of additional financial structures, such as the Security Building, the Pacific Southwest Bank (the Los Angeles Trust and Savings Bank), the Crocker Bank (Citizen's National Bank) and Barclay's Bank (built as the Los Angeles Stock Exchange), further contributed to the designation of the Spring Street district as the financial epicenter of Los Angeles. When the existing lodging within the Spring Street Financial District—the Alexandria and Hayward Hotel and the El Dorado (Stowell Hotel)—proved insufficient, financiers, bankers and clients looked to the adjacent neighborhood to provide lodging. Hotel Cecil, along with similar hotels like the Milner Hotel, the Clark Hotel, Rosslyn Hotel and Hotel Figueroa, filled the gap, complementing and supporting the growth of the financial district. The Hotel Cecil was uniquely and fortuitously situated on Main Street, just two blocks east of Broadway, lined with theaters, retail and office, and one street east of Spring, lined with banks, offices, and other financial institutions.

In contrast to the idyllic rural resorts of the wealthy, hotels of this period stood in close proximity to downtowns, allowing traveling businessmen access to economic centers. As such, "hotels functioned as headquarters and outposts for an urbanizing commercial system. Hotels located near rail hubs and city centers continued to be favored by tourists, business travelers and tradesmen alike well into the first decades of the twentieth-century. The Cecil, with its location in the thriving business and theatre district, was initially advertised as being "convenient to railway and steamship terminals."

Standing fourteen stories high and advertising 700 guest rooms, the Hotel Cecil also fell in line with prevailing industry preferences for building verticality and an increasing number of rentable units per property. Construction of the Hotel Cecil and numerous other commercial properties prompted the Los Angeles Times to publish a collage of significant buildings erected in 1924, proclaiming, "Well might [L.A.] be termed the City of the Jumping Skyline!," and pronouncing the metropolis "a cosmopolitan city to which the whole world's eyes are turning." (2) In addition to standing on par with industry competitors, the \$1 million Hotel Cecil, reported to be "the largest hotel constructed in the city in 1924, also operated in a manner partially patterned on the model developed by industry innovator E. M. Statler, (3)

Statler, a New York hotelier noted for his streamlined operational strategies, reshaped his field's business model by emphasizing cost efficiencies and mass market accessibility. The 1908 Buffalo Statler in upstate New York provided "a commercial hotel for traveling salesmen and for families" that "[offered] service and comfort and privacy beyond anything before ever offered." (4). The Hotel Cecil was touted as "most modern in every detail of plan, construction, equipment and furnishing and as having, "guest rooms... equipped with every convenience for comfort and luxury" (5). Indeed, the hotel's walnut furniture was "Spanish in design, covered with specially selected red leather" and "specially made" for the property by Barker Brothers. The firm won "exclusive charge of the equipment and interior decoration of the new hostelry," supplying it "with exclusively California-made furniture," making it "the first large hostelry... to be furnished throughout with Los Angeles-made furniture."(6)

Newspaper articles with headlines announcing "Truck Train of Local Furniture for Hotel Cecil" and "Half Mile of Dressers Used" included descriptions of "specially designed and made" carpets, "lamps of specially wrought iron... with hand decorated parchment shades," (7) and other locally-crafted items. Combined with the lobby and guest room furnishings, it was claimed that the pieces would "[give] unstinted comfort and content to the guests who [were] to sojourn there." (8). The careful attention to design and furniture quality was on par with Statler-driven industry trends stressing quality pieces purchased at bulk rates. In addition, the focus on furnishings coincided with a mid-1920s recognition that more women traveling necessitated moving away from the atmosphere of traditionally male-centric lodging houses that were sparsely furnished and featured few amenities.

However, despite claims of being "most modern in every detail of plan," the Hotel Cecil did not deliver all of the most up-to-date in-room amenities available, including private bathrooms. Whereas Statler's Buffalo property included private bathrooms in each room, the Hotel Cecil advertised full bath facilities in just 200 rooms. Of the remaining advertised 500 rooms, 300 were without bathrooms entirely while 200 were said to be equipped with toilets but lacked bathing fixtures. This quickly-outmoded, tiered system required a staggered pricing model, as opposed to the uniformity of Statler's "bed and a bath for a dollar and a half." (9) Unfortunately, this competitive trend negatively impacted the Hotel Cecil, and the very factors that prompted its initial success would ultimately lead to the erosion of the Hotel Cecil in the competitive marketplace for downtown lodging.

More troubling for the Hotel Cecil, the automobile would also have an impact on downtown Los Angeles, impacting the theater and financial districts, and the demand for hotel accommodations. Auto travel would transform the twentieth-century just as drastically as the advent of rail travel had impacted the previous century. Though initially affordable to only the wealthy, the motorcar quickly became accessible to the middle class. No longer bound to fixed rail lines, Americans traveling by car spurred tourism in non-rail side communities and large cities alike, and affected travelers' preferences. In place of visiting San Francisco by rail, an experience akin to touring Eastern urban centers, car-bound tourists often opted for the "lower density and fabled Garden-of-Eden abundance" of Los Angeles, where "urban sprawl that was already developing in Los Angeles by 1925 set a pattern to be followed by all of America in the future." (10)

Growth of the outlying centers diluted the influence of the nucleus, as did the increasing emphasis on auto travel. The fifteen year economic aberration of the Great Depression and World War II compounded the challenges faced by traditional hotels such as the Hotel Cecil. Leisure travelers avoided high room charges by migrating to roadside auto camps that were much more casual, and a totally different experience. Even businessmen began abandoning downtown hotels as their clientele dispersed and the Depression brought reductions in expense account spending. In the 1930s, tourist travel dropped by more than fifty percent, causing eighty percent of traditional hotels nationwide to enter into receivership. (11) The Hotel Cecil, a property planned and erected in conjunction with the emergence of downtown, represents the heyday of the grand and opulent hotels in Los Angeles.

## Integrity

The Hotel Cecil building maintains a high level of integrity, located on its original site at 640 S Main Street in downtown Los Angeles. The overall design of the building remains intact, including much of the original ornamentation and materials consistent with Renaissance Revival-style architecture. The fact that the building has maintained its original function as a hotel/residence hotel has helped keep alterations to the original design at a minimum.

General maintenance and updating has not substantially altered the hotel's appearance. The replacement of the original windows from double-hung sash windows to sliding sash windows is the most significant alteration to the building's character. The front facade, including balconies, terra cotta ornamentation and quoins, and cornices remains intact. The windows and doors leading to Main Street have been replaced or altered several times since 1924, although their current appearance is sympathetic to the building's original design.

The lobby and mezzanine are particularly notable and intact. The lobby retains its original art glass skylights, terra cotta and wrought iron decorative detailing, front desk station with original key shelving, mezzanine balustrade and original staircases. Alterations to the less significant spaces of the interior are mostly related to fixtures in the storefronts, previously used as barber shops, cafes and restaurants.

The setting of Hotel Cecil in Los Angeles's historic downtown still reflects the era of the building's construction. The blocks immediately surrounding Hotel Cecil include early 20th century low-rise to mid-rise structures. Two National Register Historic Districts, the Broadway Theatre and Commercial Historic District and the Spring Street Financial District, are located within two blocks of the Hotel Cecil. Vegetation, including trees planted along the curb, have matured, giving the building a more pronounced sense of history and place. (Appendix B.2, Figure 17; Photograph 92)

A high level of workmanship was employed to construct the Hotel Cecil and this high standard is still evident in much of the building. Observed examples include the balustrade of the mezzanine level, detailed terra cotta ornamentation on the front facade and the delicate construction of the art glass skylights in the lobby. These extant details, combined with the intact setting of the building within the downtown business district and the continued use of the building as a hotel, helps the Hotel Cecil Building retain its integrity of feeling. (Appendix B.2, Figure 18)

#### End Notes/Works Cited

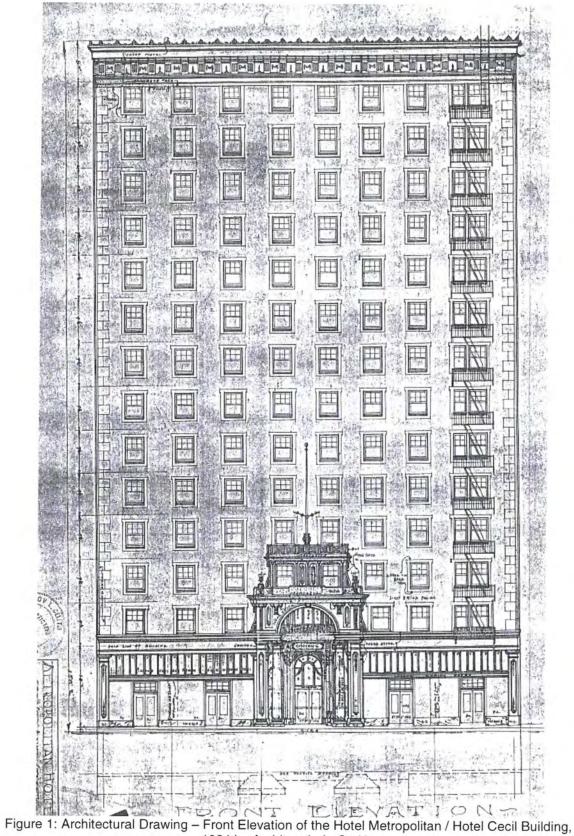
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS



1924 by Architect L. L. Smith.

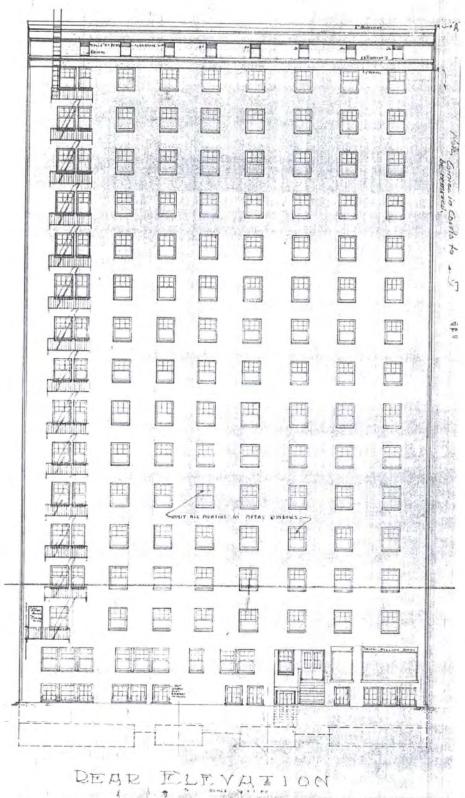


Figure 2: Architectural Drawing – Rear Elevation of the Hotel Metropolitan / Hotel Cecil Building, 1924 by Architect L. L. Smith.

Figure 3: Architectural Drawing - Lobby (1st Floor) Plan of the Hotel Metropolitan / Hotel Cecil Building, 1924 by Architect L. L. Smith.

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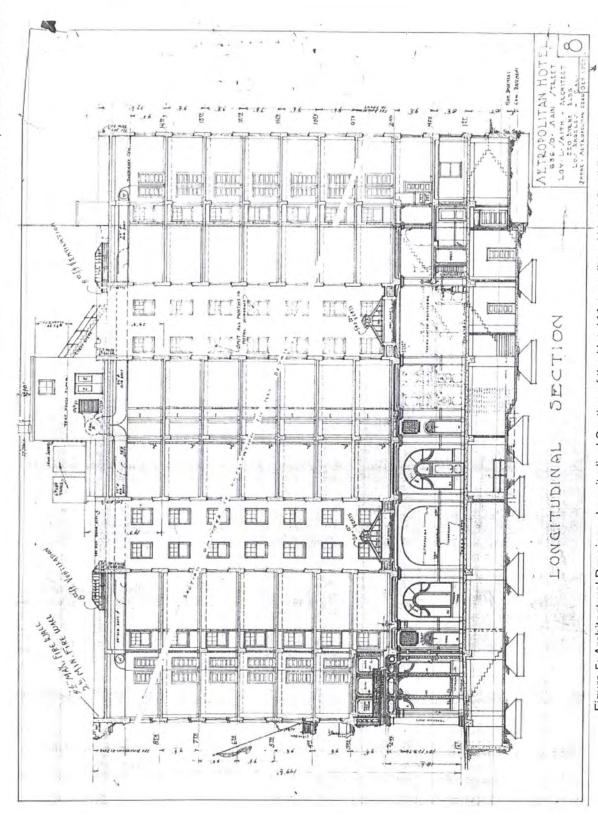


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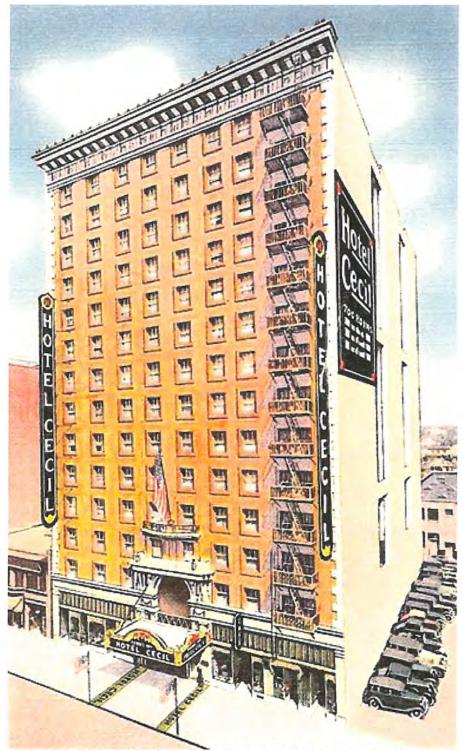


Figure 6: Undated color postcard showing west (S Main Street) and south elevations of the Hotel Cecil. The prominent blade signs were not indicated on L.L. Smith's original plans, although City of Los Angeles Building Permit #46860 indicates they were installed at the time of construction in 1924.

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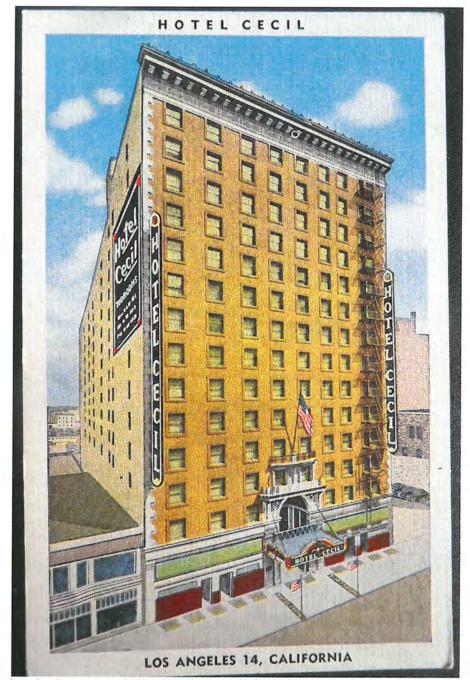


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Figure 8: Undated black and white photograph showing the front (S Main St) and south elevations of Hotel Cecil. The advertisement painted on the south elevation of the building indicates Hotel Cecil as having 700 rooms, a fact that is discredited by early occupancy permits and the historic architectural drawings.

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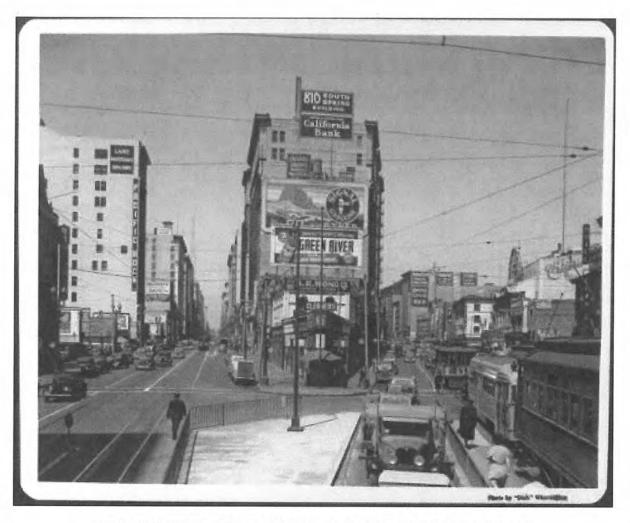


Figure 10: South elevation of Hotel Cecil appears in the right rear of image. Note the use of painted wall signage used for off-site advertising.



Photo by "Dick" Whittington

Figure 11 Looking at south elevation of Hotel Cecil, showing historic usage of painted wall signage for off-site advertising, and the original blade sign also appears to the left edge of photo.



Figure 12 View looking North along South Main Street, with the prevalence of painted wall signage advertising the hotel and off-site advertising.



Figure 13: Looking North on South Main Street. Hotel Cecil blade sign, and painted wall signage appear at right.

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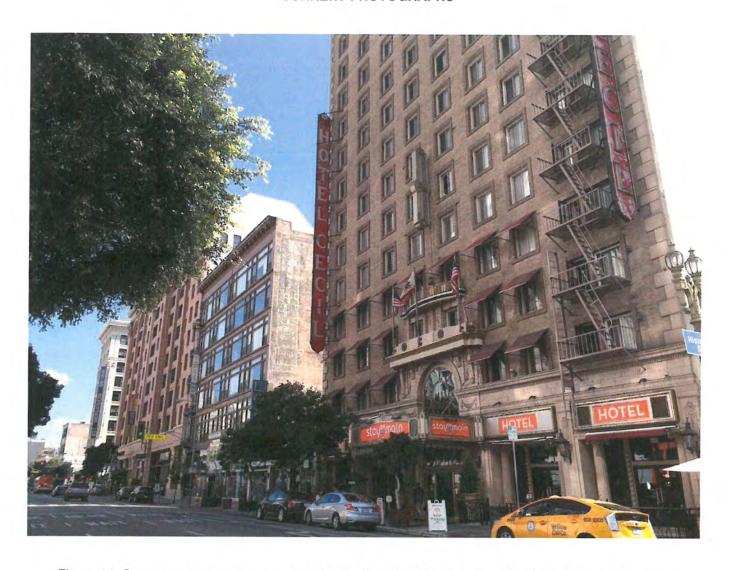


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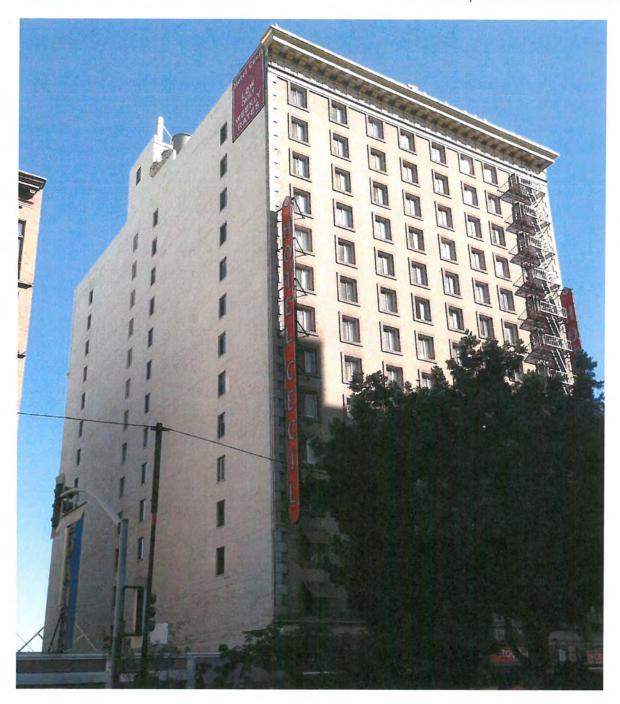


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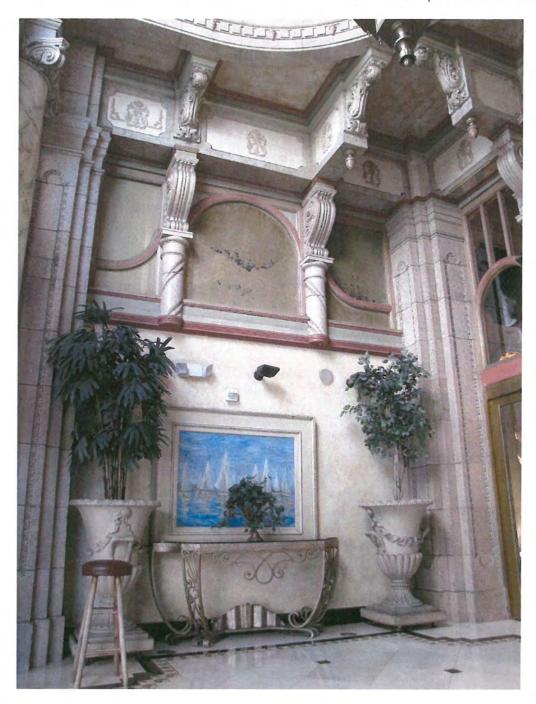


Figure 17: View NE of the terra cotta detailing inside the loggia.



Figure 18: View of the ceiling and interior detailing inside the loggia of the Hotel Cecil.



Figure 19: View east into the T-shaped lobby with the grand clerk's counter at the far-east end. Original art-glass skylights can also be seen.



Figure 20: Detailed view of the clerk's counter (looking east). The original mezzanine balustrade can be see above the clerk's counter.



Figure 21: View south down Corridor D (east corridor) of a typical guest room floor.

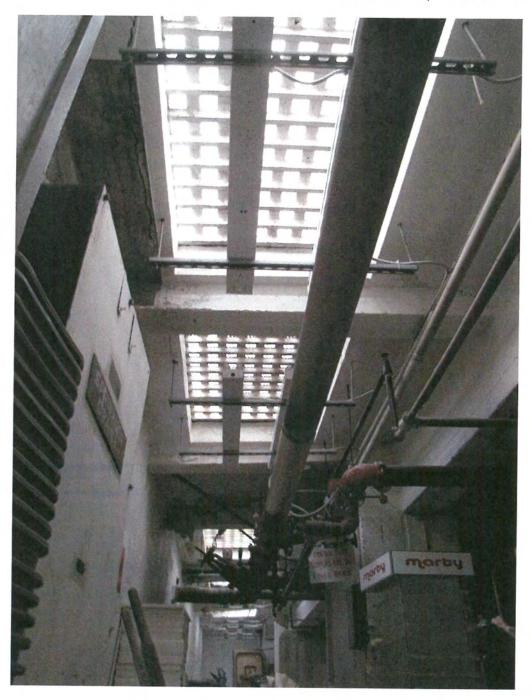


Figure 22. View looking up at the vault lights along the western wall of the basement level.

### POLICE SEEK DRIVERS WHO REFUSE AID

#### LARGE CANDY CONCERN TO START PLANT HERE

PAGE & SHAW OF BOSTON WILL ESTABLISH BRANCH PACTORY

Page & Show, Inc., Beston candy manufacturers with stores throughout the United States and Canada and in the larger cities of England and France. will open a branch factory in Los Angeles during the coming year, secording to E. S. Braun, manager of the Los Angeles store at Seventh and Broadway. Mr. Brann also thates that retail stores will be opened in Hollywood and San Diego during the year. Samething of the Importance of the Page & Shaw company in the candy manufacturing field is indicated by an anionnecement in the Boston News Burrain of the 10th inst, that the company's Cambridge factory is new terning out 15,000 counds of candy each say and that sales for the year should exceed the \$6.000,000 mack recorded a Story and. Brann manager of the Los Angeles

#### SALARY BILL URGED

Increase in Federal Judges' Pay Indursed by Chamber

An appeal to Congress to support the Senere bill introduced by Senator Reed of Pennsylvania to of the United States, including the

of the United States, including the justices of the Supreme Court and judges of circuit and district courts, was made pesterday by the Lus Angelea Chamber of Commerce.

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One Victim Near Death; Another Has Broken Leg and Scalp Cuts

Police started a search yeater-day for the drivers of two auto-mobiles who failed to stop to rea-der aid after they had struck down and possibly fatally hurt one man and seriously injured anoth-

down and possibly injured another.

C. H. Murray, 72 years of age, or 2501 Houlder street, is at the Cisra Barton Hospital suffering from a basal skull fracture, a broken leg, and severe scalp legerations as the result of boing struck down by an automobile a Macy and Cinra streets. He was picked up by a passing motoris and taken to the Breetlying Hospital for emergency treatment. He was then transferred to the Ciar Burton Hospital.

Charles Morris, 62 years of age suffered a broken leg and sover scalp lacerations when he was hip an auto in the 3100 block of San Fernando Road. He was alequicen to the Receiving Hospital Morris resides at 2100 San Fernando Itania.

### Formal Upening of Hotel Cecil Planned Today

Formal opening of the Hotel eril, a fourteen-story structure in

feril, a fourteen-story structure in south Main street between Sixth and Soventh streets, took place esterday.

The hotel, which contains 10th rooms, is operated by the Cecil Hotel Company, Inc. of which W. B. Hamner is president; R. H. Schops, is vice-president, and Charles L. Dix, secretary-treasurer.

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### STUDIO CLUB TO BUILD ITS HOME

Carlos-Avenue Ground Sold to Episcopal Church

New Edifice Will Care for Many Women Workers

To Provide Dormitory and Recreation Features

With the sale of property at 6129 Carlos avonue, Hollywood, to St. Stephens Episcopal Church, the Studio Club announced that now it will be possible to build its longcontemplated \$120,000 structure on property acquired from Seward Cole at Lexington avenue and Lodi Pince. Construction will start in March.

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Several years ago the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association, aided by Will Hays, raised \$120,000 to previde adequate quarters for feminine players and workers in motion-picture studios. Because of the heavy investment on Carles are the purchaser, acquired the northeast corner of Vine street and Yucca as a church site. A rectory and a parish house has been built thereon. However, Vine street has become a business thoroughfare and due to the intrinsent construction of several large blocks it was decided that the land was too valuable for church purposes. The present Studio Club will be moved and a beautiful Gothic church will be built thereon. Rev. Phillip Easely is rector of St. Stephens. The church building committee includes Mesars. F. C. Miller, George C. Bradley.

Those okeying the deal for the Studio Club included Mrs. A. S. Heneman, chairman: Mrs. J. S. Sanders, Mrs. Cecil B. De Mille, building chairtuni Mrs. Ella King Adons, Mrs. W. F. Callender, Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks (Mary Pickford:) Mrs. Jesse L. Lasky and Miss Cora Tatam. Miss Marjorle Williams is executive secretary.

The sale was handled by G. R. Fiebeb, president of the Hollywood Corporation.

The club will house eighty girls and in adultion to modern dormitory arrangements will provide a variety of recreation opportunities as variety of recreation opportunities as variety of recreation opportunities.

#### FIG CANNING PLANT PROSPECTS BRIGHTER

(LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE) TERRA BELLA, Dec. 13 .- Considerable interest is being displayed In prospects for a fix canning and processing plant at Terra Bella next senson. Experiments made this year by W. S. and E. A. this year by W. S. and E. A. Reaves with Kedota figs grown locally were satisfactory. Jam, paste, pickles and preserves were packed and all found's ready sale. E. A. Reaves declared a market could be found for aventy times as much of the fig products. A. F. Potter of San Francisco, recently conferred with Reaves brothers, and they later accommanied Potter to ferred with Hoeves prothers, and they later accompanied Potter to Freeno where he has eighty acres in Swe-year-eld fg trees. Potter is enhusiastic about fig possibilities of this section, declaring it offers indicated in California.

### AZUSA HAS NEW PLANT SCHEDULED

Pasadena Maker of Food Beverage Decides on New Location

MONROVIA, Dec. 13 .- Through negotiations between the Bartlett Nu Products Corpleration of Paradena and the Chamber of Comdena and the Chamber of Com-merce of Arusa, the corporation's plant is to be moved to a site of twenty-four acres on Foothill Boulevard in Arusa. G. M. Bartlett, president, said that within ninety days two tomporary buildings of steel construction will be erected at a cost of \$30,000 with an addi-tional expenditure of \$150,000 for specialized automatic mechiner. The company manufactures a food beverage.

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Mr. Bartlett said that with the completion of the two temperary buildings the corporation will employ twenty-five or thirty men at the outset. The corporation is capitalized at \$5.00.000, and fully financed. The first permanent building of its proposed plant, which with equipment, will cost \$5.00.000 and employ 700 men, will be completed within two years. The plant has outgrown its quarters in Passdena, which made it necessary for a new site. sary for a new site.

### Hotel Opening is Planned for Next Thursday

The opening date for the new Hotel Cecil now being rapidly completed on South Main street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, ly ween Sixth and Seventh streets, by next Thursday. The height-limit structure was designed by L. L. Smith and enected by the Weymouth Crowell Company. It was financed and supervised by W. W. Paden and associates.

The site is a necty-two feet by 145 feet, while the structure contains 200 rooms with 50 per cent baths, a spacious jobby and metaling the structure contains 200 rooms with 50 per cent baths, a spacious jobby and metaling the structure contains to the seventh of the structure of the st

well-stiriled plan, according to the architects.

Its emistruction is of rainforced concrete, the front exterior of terra coff a to the third floor and rung brick from the third floor in the cornice. Terra cotta quelns enhance the shaft and the paralet of classical design, making an interesting sixting.

The entrance arch of terra cotts extending to the fourth floor in beautiful and imposing and is a distinguishing feature of the building.

### Construction is Started on New Avalon School

Construction has started on a ing at Avalon. Catolina Island, according to Webber, Staunton &

cording to Webber, Staunton & Spaulding.

The new building is attracting attention because of its Tuecan style of architecture. The Tuecan style is in harmony with the canyon size of the building.

The structure is firegroof with hollow concrete constructed walls and red filed roof. It will contain twelve classrooms, manual the inless chore, demestic science and art rooms.

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## BUILDERS BUSILY ENGAGED

#### Associated General Contractors Report New Buildings Under Way in Los Angeles and Vicinity

ties in the building industry, capecially in commercial and office buildings, according to the Southorn California chapter, Associated General Contractors of America. Some of the activities of the members of the association follow:

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Contracts awarded during the be two stories in height, of brick last week indicate increased activialterium.

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The contract to finance and erect a thirteen-story building and base-ment. Class A store and left building on the northeast corner of Seventh and Los Angeles streets, has been awarded to Meyer & Holling and base-ment. Class A store and left building on the northeast corner of the seventh and Los Angeles streets. The building will be of removed to the western at thirteen-story building and base-ment. Class A store and left building on the northeast corner of Seventh and Los Angeles streets. The building of the northeast corner of the seventh and Los Angeles streets. The building on the northeast corner of the seventh and Los Angeles streets. The building on the northeast corner of the seventh and Los Angeles streets. The building of the northeast corner of the seventh and Los Angeles streets. The building of the northeast corner of the seventh and Los Angeles streets. The building of the northeast corner of the seventh and Los Angeles streets. The building of the northeast corner of the seventh and Los Angeles streets. The building of the northeast corner of the seventh and Los Angeles streets. The building of the northeast corner of the seventh and Los Angeles streets. The building of the northeast corner of the seventh and Los Angeles streets. The building of the northeast corner of the seventh and Los Angeles streets. The building of the northeast corner of the seventh and Los Angeles and the seventh an

The Storled Engineering-Construction Company will build a one-story concrete shed at 1855 industrial street for the Western Improvement Company. The Medical Street Construction in 17x113 feet, and will ost 17x113 feet, and will ost 17x113 feet, and will ost including to be erected by the North Pacific Construction Company at Glendale for the Holy. Family Parish. The building will street and Broadway, according tree and Broadway, according to the Construction Company. The Wommouth Crowolf Company andounces that with the exception of a few minor details, all work on the new fourteen-story. Class A Ceth Hotel Building on South Main street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, has been completed.

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Contract to creet the new police substation at 231 West Seventy-seventh street was awarded last week to A. V. Perkinson, general contractor, the second lowest bidder, whose bid for the general contract was \$64,850. The bid of J. F. Kobler, which was lowest, was rejected by the Board of Public Works as being brequier. The twelve-foot tunnel connecting the Hall of Records with the new Hall of Justice is near completion, according to Raiph Homans, contractor. The new bore is the longest in the city that provides underground passage from one building to another. The tunnel is twelve feet wide, tan feet in height, and more than 400 feet long.

## Hotels All Ready

NEVER BEFORE in its history has Southern California been so well prepared to take care of its visitors in the prepared to take care of its visitors in the way of hotel and spartment accomodations as at this time. Dispite the slowing up of activities which characterized business all over the country in 1924, the hotels here have continued operation with no lowering of the standards which have made them famous.

What effect general conditions made upon the hotel situation in Southern California last year was seen mainly in a curtailment in some instances of extensive building programs. Many promoters, however, went on with their plans, the result being the opening of a number of new hostelries and a multitude of new apartments.

The most conspicuous were the Gaylord, the Victoria Arms and the Talmage, three magnificent new apartment buildings erectmagniticent new apartment outsings erected at an aggregate cost of more than \$5,000.

They have a combined capacity of more than 1000 rooms, are situated in the fashionable districts of the city and embody every improvement of the latest type.

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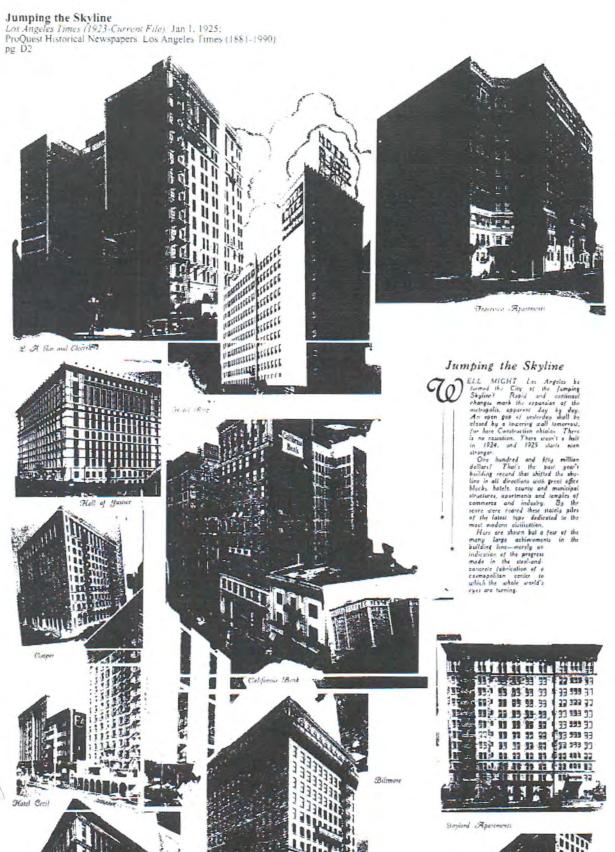
The largest hotel constructed in the city in 1924 was the \$1,000,000 Cecil, with 700 rooms, which opened December 1. This hostelry is designed to meet the demands of the constantly increasing trade seeking accommodations at a moderate price.

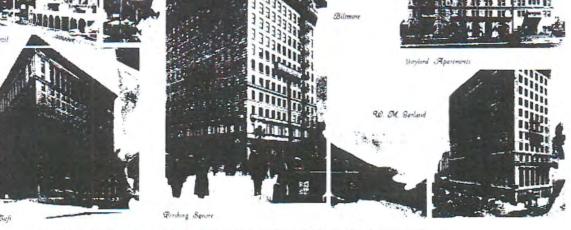
In addition to these establishments of considerable size, half a dozen smaller new hotels have been built at an aggregate cost of more than \$1,000,000. At least \$2,000,000 has been invested in the construction of a last seeking the construction of a last

of more than \$1,000,000. At least \$2,000,000 has been invested in the construction of a great number of moderate-sized apartmenthouses found scattered all over the city. Outside of Los Angeles the largest hotel built in Southern California last year is the William Penn, at Whittier, which cost \$400,000. This hotel was designed by a celebrated New York architect and in construction. arrangement and equipment belongs

brated New York architect and in construc-tion, arrangement and equipment belongs to a type rarely found outside cities of less than 100,000 population.

Several amall hotels were also opened at Long Beach during the viar, and if number of big apartment buildings of the own-your-own type. In San Diego the Hotel San Diego completed an addition to its former building costing \$750,000 and increasing its cupacity by 200 rooms.





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The building is to be of Spanish architecture and absolutely freproof. It will contain 100 rooms, all of which will have private bath; special attention will be given to rooms for commercial men—sample rooms will be on the memanine floor and will have private bath.

The new hotel, which, it is estimated, will cost approximately \$200,000, will be a credit to Brawley. It is to be located facing the park and all roads leading into the town converge in front of the building which will have a frontage of 154 feet.

A lease amounting to approximately 450,000 for a term of fitteen years has been made with Mr. W. B. Hanner, president and manager of the Hotel Cockl of Lon. Angrica and aiso owner of the new Oasts Hotel in Palm Springs. Cal. Both parties in the transaction were represented by Mr. Harry W. Hahn.

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By a "Times" Staff Correspondent (Exclusive bigstes) SANTA MONICA, Nov. 2.—"1

raw the fire so I put it out," said the youngest member of any fire department in the world, modertly

the youngest member of any the department in the world, modestly disclaiming here worship,

\*file is lived Smith, 6 years of age, 1024 Seventh street, and he has just been made an honorary member of the Santa Monles fire department for his good work in extinguishing a biaze that threatened to destroy a garage in which there were live automobiles.

Lloyd was on his way to school one day last week. Passing through an alley near his home he noticed flames eating through the rear of the garage, He found a patt and from a faucet near by filled it repeatedly to douse the flames. He put out the fire before any great damage had been done. This is a remarkable case of coolness, courses and efficiency in one so young," said the fire chief when he made the bey an honor-

### Laemmle Here Confirms Huge Film Program

farl Lacmmie, president of Universal Pictures Corporation, arrived to Los Angeles yesterday afterneon, and went into immediate conference with Julius Bernheim. general manager of the studio. Later an inspection of the studio

Later an inspection of the studio was made.

The film executive will be at the Ambassador during his stay in Los Angeles. He confirmed the report of a new \$5,000.000 Universal program, the details of which Saturday, ear by studio officials

### TRIANGULAR DEBATESET FOR TONIGHT

Presidential Nominces to be Themes of Speakers of Three Universities

California. Stanford and University of Southern California will have their annual triangular debute tonight, election eve, at Bouard Auditorium. Herkeley and San Francisco. In Les Angeles, University of Southern California, peakers will support President Coolidge; California, Davis, and Coolidge; California, Davis, and University of Southern California, La Foliette; and at San Francisco. Standorf has Coolidge, Ouniversity of Southern California. In the local let of the contest Raymond G. Stanbury will represent California; Robert E. Lewis, Stanford, and A. W. Criewe, University of Southern California. In the local let of the contest Raymond G. Stanbury will represent California; Robert E. Lewis, Stanford, and A. W. Criewe, University of Southern California. In persy, debeating coach of Los Angeles High School, will preside University of Southern California. In the many contest to the contest of the audience by william B. Barber. At each contest the winner is elected by straw vote of the audience. The local contest is expected to be especially close as the Stanford representative one in two years and the University of Southern California representative one in two years and the University of Southern California standard-bourer none in three years. California, Stanford and Univer-

### Truck Train of Local Furniture for Hotel Cecil

One-half mile of wainut dressers have been made in a Los Angeles furniture factory for one new Los Angeles botel, which is to be Los Angeles hotel, which is to be furnished exclusively with Callifornia-made furniture. This consignment, will be delivered in a whole fleet of trucks next munth to the new Hotel Cecil, and is only a part of the 4000 pieces of furniture furnished by Barks' Ernihets, which has exclusive charge of the equipment and interior decoration of the new hosterry of 750 rooms.

There will be more than 100 truck loads of this furniture, a vertiable caravan, according to W. F. Roberts, vice-president of the Reberta-Cohen Company of Hintington Park, which manufactured the furniture.

Mr. Roberts as an official of the Loa Angeles Furniture Manufacturers' Association, mentioned the declared, in order to call to the attention of Southern Callifornia residents that Los' Angeles furniture dozlers have right at their doors greet plants that are turning out Los Angeles-made furniture in both quantity and quality and that it is here for their use. furnished exclusively with Cult-

#### THREE YOUTHS HELD

Revolver and Sandhag Found in Auto They Were Using

Arrested in an automobile contining a revolver and a sandhag, according to police report. Joseph Cranone, George Orr and Williardsey, youths, were being held yesterday on suspicion of robbery. The arrest was made by Officer Preeman. The license plates on the automobile did not correspond with the registration certificate,

HALF MILE OF DRESSERS USED: Furniture for Hotel Cwell is manufactured of Line Logister Trace (1923-Current Files, Nat. 9, 1924).

Finduced Historical Newspapers, Los Augeler Trace (1881–1991).

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### HALF MILE OF DRESSERS USED

Furniture for Hotel Cecil is Manufactured Locally

Seven Hundred Rooms to be Fitted by Barker Firm

Caravan of Trucks Needed to Deliver Furnishings

Another proof of the growth of the furniture industry in the Les Angeles metropolitan area is that more than a half mile of walnul dressers are now being maturatured here for the new Hotel Cecil of this city, it is pointed out by W. F. Roberta, vice-president of the Loz Angeles Furniture Manufacturing Association, an organization representing more than if teen furniture manufacturing concerns.

teen furniture manufacturing concerns.
The Hotel Cecil with its forrooms, according to Mr. Roberts
is the text large hostelry here to
be furnished throughout with LeAngeles-made furniture. BarkeBrothers have the axclusive confract for the furnishing. All the
furniture, with the exception of
the overstuffed places. Is being
made by the Roberts-Cohen Company of Huntington Park. There
are in excess of 4000 places. of

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### HALF MILE OF DRESSERS USED

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(Centinued from Eleventh Page) high-grade furniture of exclusive dealgn.

More than 100 truck loads, a veritable caravan, will be needed to transport this furniture direct from factory to the new hotel, it was stated. The furniture manufacturer's association official emphasized that this order shows not only that there is an abundance of Southern California furniture, being produced in this vicinity, but also that it is not the very choicest and most fuxurious design, otherwise, it would not be used in the furnishing of a hotel of the high-class that the Creal will be. Furniture dealers of Southern California, he solded, are realizing more and more, that by hamiling the furniture made in this vicinity, they are inevitably contributing to their own presperity and alding the balanced prosperity and alding the balanced prosperity program of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. In other words, they are helping to make possible the payrolls that keep mothey here and bring it hack into the channels of local relatification.

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and acknowledge with appreciation the opportunity (through providing the furnishings)—of sharing in the creative activities which have contributed to the successful opening of this splendid addition to the downtown hostelnes of Los Angeles.

#### COMPLETELY UP-TO-DATE COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE

THE furnishing scheme or the with a view to giving unstituted comfort and con-HE furnishing scheme of the Cecil was planned tent to the guests who are to sojourn beneath its roof. The lobby furniture is Spanish in design, covered with specially scleeted red Spanish leather. The furniture itself is walnut—every piece in the house being spe-cially made, by the way. All the carpets were specially designed and made. Lamps of specially wrought iron and with hand decorated parchment shades are an effective touch of hominess. The bed rooms have special Windsor type furniture, mattresses made with extra quality felted cotton, double deck coil springs and pillows filled with finest goose and duck feathers. The Mezzanine Floor is fitted out with reed furniture specially designed, decorated and upholstered to match the scheme of this particular floor.

#### BARKER BROS.

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### City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning

### 9/23/2016 PARCEL PROFILE REPORT

PROPERTY ADDRESSES	Address/Legal Information		
636 S MAIN ST	DIN Number		

127-5A211 97 638 S MAIN ST Lot/Parcel Area (Calculated) 13,537.4 (sq ft) 640 S MAIN ST Thomas Brothers Grid PAGE 634 - GRID F5 642 S MAIN ST Assessor Parcel No. (APN) 5148021010

644 S MAIN ST Tract HELLMAN-WOLFSKILL LOTS

Map Reference M B 3-48 ZIP CODES Block None 90014 Lot LTA

Arb (Lot Cut Reference) None RECENT ACTIVITY Map Sheet 127-5A211

ENV-2011-1487-EIR **Jurisdictional Information** CPC-2011-1486-SP Community Plan Area Central City

Area Planning Commission Central

CASE NUMBERS Neighborhood Council **Downtown Los Angeles** CPC-2010-213-CA Council District CD 14 - Jose Huizar CPC-2008-4502-GPA Census Tract # 2073.02

CPC-2008-4502-GPA LADBS District Office

Los Angeles Metro CPC-2005-8250-ICO Planning and Zoning Information

CPC-2005-361-CA Special Notes None CPC-2005-1124-CA Zoning C2-2D

CPC-2005-1122-CA Zoning Information (ZI) ZI-2353 Residential Hotel Unit Conversion Demolition Ordinance

ZI-2452 Transit Priority Area in the City of Los Angeles ZI-2385 Greater Downtown Housing Incentive Area ORD-164307-SA1550 ZI-2374 LOS ANGELES STATE ENTERPRISE ZONE

ORD-137036 General Plan Land Use Community Commercial

ORD-135901 General Plan Footnote(s) Yes ORD-129944 Hillside Area (Zoning Code) No ZA-2008-2225-CUB Baseline Hillside Ordinance No ZA-1992-423-RV Baseline Mansionization Ordinance No ENV-2013-3392-CE Specific Plan Area None ENV-2010-214-ND Special Land Use / Zoning None ENV-2008-4505-ND Design Review Board No ENV-2008-4505-ND Historic Preservation Review No ENV-2008-2226-MND Historic Preservation Overlay Zone None ENV-2005-362-CE Other Historic Designations None ENV-2005-1125-CE Other Historic Survey Information None ENV-2005-1123-CE Mills Act Contract None AFF-10007 POD - Pedestrian Oriented Districts None

CDO - Community Design Overlay None NSO - Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay No Sign District No

Streetscape

Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area Adaptive Reuse Incentive Areas

No

Ellis Act Property No Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) Yes

CRA - Community Redevelopment Agency City Center Redevelopment Project 
 Central City Parking
 Yes

 Downtown Parking
 Yes

 Building Line
 None

 500 Ft School Zone
 No

 500 Ft Park Zone
 No

Assessor Information

Assessor Parcel No. (APN) 5148021010

Ownership (Assessor)

Deed Ref No. (City Clerk)

Owner1 248 HAYNES HOTEL ASSOCIATES LLC C/O C/O RICHARD BORN

Address 640 S MAIN ST

LOS ANGELES CA 90014

Ownership (Bureau of Engineering, Land

Records)

Owner 248 HAYNES NORTH ASSOCIATES LLC

Address 640 S MAIN ST

LOS ANGELES CA 90014

APN Area (Co. Public Works)\* 0.310 (ac)
Use Code Not Available

Assessed Land Val. \$5,017,164

Assessed Improvement Val. \$17,163,986

Last Owner Change 06/05/14

Last Sale Amount \$15,000,150

Tax Rate Area 3263

871953

1109331 1005014

Building 1

 Year Built
 1924

 Building Class
 BX

 Number of Units
 600

 Number of Bedrooms
 0

 Number of Bathrooms
 0

Building Square Footage 159,803.0 (sq ft)
Building 2 No data for building 2
Building 3 No data for building 3
Building 4 No data for building 4
Building 5 No data for building 5

Additional Information

Airport Hazard None
Coastal Zone None

Farmland Area Not Mapped

Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone No
Fire District No. 1 Yes
Flood Zone None

Watercourse No
Hazardous Waste / Border Zone Properties No
Methane Hazard Site None
High Wind Velocity Areas No
Special Grading Area (BOE Basic Grid Map A13372)

Oil Wells None

Seismic Hazards

Active Fault Near-Source Zone

Nearest Fault (Distance in km) 0.98886264

Region Puente Hills Blind Thrust
Los Angeles Blind Thrusts

Fault Type B

Slip Rate (mm/year) 0.70000000
Slip Geometry Reverse

Slip Type Moderately / Poorly Constrained

 Down Dip Width (km)
 19.0000000

 Rupture Top
 5.00000000

 Rupture Bottom
 13.0000000

 Dip Angle (degrees)
 25.0000000

 Maximum Magnitude
 7.10000000

Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone No
Landslide No
Liquefaction No
Preliminary Fault Rupture Study Area No
Tsunami Inundation Zone No

**Economic Development Areas** 

Business Improvement District HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES TOURISM MARKETING

Promise Zone No Renewal Community No

Revitalization Zone Central City

State Enterprise Zone LOS ANGELES STATE ENTERPRISE ZONE

Targeted Neighborhood Initiative Old Bank District / Historic Core

Public Safety
Police Information

Bureau Central
Division / Station Central
Reporting District 164

Fire Information

Bureau Central
Batallion 1
District / Fire Station 9
Red Flag Restricted Parking No

#### CASE SUMMARIES

Note: Information for case summaries is retrieved from the Planning Department's Plan Case Tracking System (PCTS) database.

Case Number: CPC-2010-213-CA
Required Action(s): CA-CODE AMENDMENT

Project Descriptions(s): AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4.5 AND SECTION 16.05 OF ARTICLE 6.1 OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE (LAMC),

AND RELEVANT

SECTIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TO MODIFY THE AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES FOR EFFECTUATING A TRANSFER OF FLOOR AREA RIGHTS (TFAR) AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES TO REFLECT

THE EXPIRATION OF THE AMENDED CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT

PROJECT AREA.

Case Number: CPC-2008-4502-GPA

Required Action(s): GPA-GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Project Descriptions(s): PLAN AMENDMENT, PLAN MAP AMENDMENT

Case Number: CPC-2008-4502-GPA

Required Action(s): GPA-GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Project Descriptions(s): PLAN AMENDMENT, PLAN MAP AMENDMENT

Case Number: CPC-2005-8250-ICO

Required Action(s): ICO-INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE

Project Descriptions(s): AN INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE CONVERSION, DEMOLITION, OR CHANGE OF USE

OF RESIDENTIAL HOTELS CITYWIDE.

Case Number: CPC-2005-361-CA
Required Action(s): CA-CODE AMENDMENT

Project Descriptions(s): CODE AMENDMENT TO UPDATE RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND INCENTIVIZE HOUSING IN THE CENTRAL CITY AREA.

Case Number: CPC-2005-1124-CA
Required Action(s): CA-CODE AMENDMENT

Project Descriptions(s): TO REQUIRE PROJECTS IN THE CENTRAL CITY COMMUNITY PLAN TO COMPLY WITH DESIGN AND STREETSCAPE

**GUIDELINES** 

Case Number: CPC-2005-1122-CA
Required Action(s): CA-CODE AMENDMENT

Project Descriptions(s): INCENTIVES FOR HTE PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING IN THE CENTRAL CITY PLAN AREA

Case Number: CPC-1986-606-GPC

Required Action(s): GPC-GENERAL PLAN/ZONING CONSISTENCY (AB283)

Project Descriptions(s): GENERAL PLAN/ZONE CONCSISTENCY - CENTRAL CITY AREA - COMMUNITYWIDE ZONE CHANGES AND COMMUNITY PLAN

CHNAGES TO BRING THE ZONING INTO CONSISTENCY WITH THE COMMUNITY PLAN. INCLUDING CHANGESOF HEIGHT AS

NEEDED

Case Number: ZA-2008-2225-CUB

Required Action(s): CUB-Conditional Use Beverage-Alcohol

Project Descriptions(s): REQUEST TO ALLOW A FULL LINE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION BETWEEN THE HOURS OF

7AM TO 2 AM 7 DAYS A WEEK.

Case Number: ZA-1992-423-RV
Required Action(s): RV-REVOCATION

Project Descriptions(s): CECIL HOTEL - POSSIBLE REVOCATION PROCEEDINGS

Case Number: ENV-2013-3392-CE

Required Action(s): CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Project Descriptions(s): THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE MODIFIES SECTION 22.119 OF THE LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO ALLOW

ORIGINAL ART MURALS ON LOTS DEVELOPED WITH ONLY ONE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE AND THAT ARE

LOCATED WITHIN COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1, 9, AND 14.

Case Number: ENV-2010-214-ND

Required Action(s): ND-NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Descriptions(s): AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4.5 AND SECTION 16.05 OF ARTICLE 6.1 OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE (LAMC),

AND RELEVANT

SECTIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TO MODIFY THE AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES FOR EFFECTUATING A TRANSFER OF FLOOR AREA RIGHTS (TFAR) AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES TO REFLECT

THE EXPIRATION OF THE AMENDED CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT

PROJECT AREA.

Case Number: ENV-2008-4505-ND

Required Action(s): ND-NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Descriptions(s): PLAN AMENDMENT, PLAN MAP AMENDMENT

Case Number: ENV-2008-4505-ND

Required Action(s): ND-NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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Project Descriptions(s): PLAN AMENDMENT, PLAN MAP AMENDMENT

Case Number: ENV-2008-2226-MND

Required Action(s): MND-MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Descriptions(s): REQUEST TO ALLOW A FULL LINE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION BETWEEN THE HOURS OF

7AM TO 2 AM 7 DAYS A WEEK.

Case Number: ENV-2005-362-CE

Required Action(s): CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Project Descriptions(s): CODE AMENDMENT TO UPDATE RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND INCENTIVIZE HOUSING IN THE CENTRAL CITY AREA.

Case Number: ENV-2005-1125-CE

Required Action(s): CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Project Descriptions(s): TO REQUIRE PROJECTS IN THE CENTRAL CITY COMMUNITY PLAN TO COMPLY WITH DESIGN AND STREETSCAPE

**GUIDELINES** 

Case Number: ENV-2005-1123-CE

Required Action(s): CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Project Descriptions(s): INCENTIVES FOR HTE PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING IN THE CENTRAL CITY PLAN AREA

#### DATA NOT AVAILABLE

ORD-177557

ORD-164307-SA1550

ORD-137036

ORD-135901

ORD-129944

AFF-10007

