



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT CITY COUNCIL
HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF
SAINT ANTHONY'S SEMINARY COMPLEX AND GROUNDS AT
2300 GARDEN STREET
ASSESSOR PARCEL NO. 025-140-024**

RESOLUTION 2012-2

SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

WHEREAS, Section 22.22.050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Santa Barbara grants the Historic Landmarks Commission the authority to initiate a designation process to recommend to the City Council the designation as a City Landmark of any structure, natural feature, site or area having historic, architectural, archaeological, cultural or aesthetic significance; and

WHEREAS, historic research in the form of an Historic Structures Report prepared by Preservation Planning Associates dated April, 2009 and approved by the Historic Landmarks Commission on May 13, 2009 and summarized in a Staff Report (Exhibit A) has determined that the St. Anthony Seminary Complex of Buildings and Grounds as defined in the site plan included in the Staff Report, located at 2300 Garden Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 039-140-024 qualify for historic designation under City of Santa Barbara Master Environmental Assessment (MEA) criteria.

WHEREAS, the Commission initiated the request for a proposal for designation of the property listed in the title of this document as a City Landmark; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2012, the Historic Landmark Commission adopted a Resolution of Intention No. 2012.02 to hold a public hearing to begin the landmark designation process for St. Anthony Seminary Complex and Grounds located at 2300 Garden Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 039-140-024; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article 19, Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and the City List of Activities Determined to Qualify for a Categorical Exemption (City Council Resolution Dated November 10, 1998), staff has determined that designation of the St. Anthony Seminary Complex and Grounds located at 2300 Garden Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 039-140-024, as a City Landmark is a Categorical Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has worked with the property owner to rehabilitate the property since 2006; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is significant for both its historical and architectural influence on the heritage of the City; and

WHEREAS, as St. Anthony's was once part of the Mission Santa Barbara lands, based on surface observations, historic maps, photographs, and results of archeological excavations, there is evidence that there are locations on St. Anthony's campus considered to be high in archeological data potential from the early mission days.

WHEREAS, the landscaping has remained consistent since 1901, when the Seminary opened, and includes the large open lawn area below the Main building, a series of palms planted in front of the Main building and a rough faced ashlar retaining wall in front of the main building.

WHEREAS, in summary, the Historic Landmark Commission finds that the St. Anthony Seminary Complex and Grounds located at 2300 Garden Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 039-140-024, meets the following City Landmark criteria (A through K) listed in section 22.22.040 of the Municipal Code:

- Criterion A. Its character, interest or value as a significant part of the heritage of the City, the State or the Nation;
- Criterion C. Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the City, the State or the Nation;
- Criterion D. Its exemplification of a particular architectural style or way of life important to the City, the State, or the Nation;
- Criterion E. Its exemplification of the best remaining architectural type in a neighborhood.
- Criterion F. Its identification as the creation, design, or work of a person or persons whose effort significantly influenced the heritage of the City, the State, or the Nation;
- Criterion H. Its relationship to any other landmark if its preservation is essential to the integrity of that landmark;
- Criterion I. Its unique location or singular physical characteristic representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood;
- Criterion J. Its potential of yielding significant information of archeological interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on September 12, 2012 the Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of Santa Barbara hereby recommends to the City Council that it designate Saint Anthony's Seminary Complex and Grounds at 2300 Garden Street, APN 025-140-024 as a City Landmark and makes findings based on the historic and cultural significance of facts presented in the Staff Report.

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Adopted: September 12, 2012