

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
3 CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION UNDER PLANNING CASE
4 NUMBER P15-0816 DESIGNATING THE EUGENE AND MILDRED BEST HOUSE,
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 223-102-018, AS CITY LANDMARK NO. 132.

5 WHEREAS, in Planning Case No. P15-0816, Max Loder filed an application to designate the
6 Eugene and Mildred Best House, Assessor's Parcel Number 223-102-018 ("Best House"), in the
7 City of Riverside, California, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto
8 incorporated herein by reference, as a City of Riverside Landmark; and

9 WHEREAS, on November 18, 2015, the Cultural Heritage Board of the City of Riverside
10 conducted a duly noticed public hearing on said application and recommended the approval of the
11 designation of a City of Riverside Landmark for the Best House; and

12 WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites to the adoption of this application have been met.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
14 California that based on substantial evidence presented to the Cultural Heritage Board during the
15 above-referenced public hearing and thereafter to the City Council, including written and oral staff
16 reports, together with public testimony pursuant to the provisions of Title 20 of the Riverside
17 Municipal Code pertaining to the designation of a historic landmark, the City Council hereby finds
18 that the Best House, Assessor's Parcel Number 223-102-018, in the City of Riverside, California,
19 Assessor's as more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto incorporated herein by
20 reference is a historic landmark eligible for designation under criteria set forth in the Riverside
21 Municipal Code Sections 20.20.030 and 20.50.101(U), and based on the following facts and
22 findings:

23 **FINDINGS:** Criterion 1: Exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City's cultural, social,
economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, architectural, or natural history;

24 **FACTS:** The Best House meets Criterion 1 because the Best family were prominent member
25 of Riverside and Inland Empire society with Eugene Best having served as the City
26 Attorney for the City of Lake Elsinore and City of Riverside.

27 **FINDINGS:** Criterion 3: Embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period or method of
28 construction, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or
craftsmanship;

1 **FACTS:** The Best House meets Criterion 3 because it exemplifies unique Tudor Revival
2 architecture with neo-gothic elements in a prominent location within the City.

3 **FINDINGS:** Criterion 4: Represents the work of a notable builder, designer, or architect, or
4 important creative individual;

5 **FACTS:** The Best House meets Criterion 4 because it was designed by notable Riverside
6 architect Welmer P. Lamar. Lamar was noted to have worked on several
7 prominent homes within the City including the A.M. Lewis House on Mission Inn
8 Avenue.

9 **FINDINGS:** Criterion 6: Reflects significant geographical patterns, including those associated with
10 different eras of settlement and growth, particular transportation modes, or distinctive
11 examples of park or community planning, or cultural landscape;

12 **FACTS:** The Best House meets Criterion 6 because its location in the Victoria Hill and
13 Country Club Park neighborhoods, area important to the city's early expansion.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Title 20 of the Riverside Municipal Code,
15 the City Council hereby approves the above-referenced application and designates the Best House as
16 City Landmark No. 132.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the proposed historic landmark designation is exempt from
18 the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) and
19 15308 of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (Title 14,
20 California Code of Regulations, commencing with Section 15000) as it can be seen with certainty
21 that there is no possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment, and said
22 action is intended to preserve the historic character of the building and site.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk of the City of Riverside shall cause a
24 certified copy of this resolution to be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Riverside
25 County, California.

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1 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2016.

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WILLIAM R. BAILEY, III
Mayor of the City of Riverside

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ATTEST:

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COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at its meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

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Ayes:

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Noes:

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Absent:

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Abstain:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

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COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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Exhibit "A"
Legal Description

Address: 5036 Myrtle Avenue
APN: 223-102-018

That certain real property located in the City of Riverside, County of Riverside,
State of California, described as follows:

Lot 19 of Country Club Park, as shown by map on file in Book 11, page 64 of
Maps, Records of Riverside County, California.

This description was prepared by me or under my direction in
conformance with the requirements of the Land Surveyors Act.


Curtis C. Stephens, L.S. 7519

 12/22/15 Prep. 
Date

