

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE  
RECOGNIZING "PACHAPPA CAMP: SITE OF THE FIRST ORGANIZED  
KOREAN AMERICAN SETTLEMENT" AS CITY POINT OF CULTURAL  
INTEREST NO. 1, PURSUANT TO RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE  
CHAPTER 20.21

WHEREAS, Riverside Municipal Code Title 20 provides for recognition of Points of  
Cultural Interest; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a Point of Cultural Interest is to recognize otherwise  
intangible historic facts about a place in the City; and

WHEREAS, a Point of Cultural Interest is defined as a site, of local significance, with  
anthropological, cultural, military, political, architectural, economic, scientific or technical,  
religious, experimental, or other value, where the original physical feature(s) no longer exist to  
an appreciable extent, and is found to not qualify as a Cultural Resource; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1900s, Korean immigrants began moving to Riverside,  
occupying the Pachappa Camp, settlement at Pachappa Avenue (now Commerce Street) and  
Cottage Street, formerly used by Chinese immigrants who built the Santa Fe Railroad in the  
1880s; and

WHEREAS, from 1905 until 1918, the site housed the first organized Korean American  
settlement on the United States mainland, including a labor bureau and community  
organizations to provide for one another; and

WHEREAS, by 1952, the Pachappa Camp site no longer accommodated ethnic  
communities at all, had succumbed to industrial development, is now occupied by the Southern  
California Gas Company and Mobil Oil Corporation, and the original physical feature(s) no  
longer exist to an appreciable extent; and

WHEREAS, a member of the public has applied to the Community and Economic  
Development Department to have the Pachappa Camp site recognized as a Point of Cultural  
Interest; and

WHEREAS, the application included a report prepared for the proposed Point of Cultural  
Interest, and a report was prepared by City Staff, establishing the above facts; and

1 WHEREAS, the submitted application, the underlying reports, studies, and materials  
2 establish that no known improvements remain at the Pachappa Camp site, therefore it does not  
3 qualify as a Cultural Resource under Riverside Municipal Code Title 20, and does not meet any  
4 cultural or historic standard of significance under the California Environmental Quality Act or  
5 any other part of the Municipal Code; and

6 WHEREAS, on June 15, 2016, the Cultural Heritage Board heard the application, the  
7 presentation by City Staff, testimony and comments from the public, including recognized  
8 scholars and experts in Korean-American history in the area, made the required findings, and  
9 recommended that the City Council recognize “Pachappa Camp: Site Of The First Organized  
10 Korean American Settlement” as a Point Of Cultural Interest.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,  
12 California that based on substantial evidence presented to the Cultural Heritage Board during the  
13 above-referenced public hearing and thereafter to the City Council, including written and oral  
14 staff reports, together with public testimony pursuant to the provisions of Title 20 of the  
15 Riverside Municipal Code pertaining to the recognition of a Point of Cultural Interest, the City  
16 Council hereby finds that the site of the former Pachappa Camp, in the City of Riverside,  
17 California, located at the current Commerce and Cottage Streets, as more particularly described  
18 in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is a Point of Cultural  
19 Interest eligible for recognition under criteria set forth in the Riverside Municipal Code Chapter  
20 20.21, and based on the following facts and findings:

21 **FINDINGS:** Criterion 1: Has anthropological, cultural, military, political, architectural,  
22 economic, scientific or technical, religious, experimental, or other value.

23 **FACTS:** Pachappa Camp meets Criterion 1 because it was site of the first organized  
24 Koreatown on the United States mainland and because it founded by Korean  
25 patriot Dosan Ahn Chang Ho, who was famous for his role in the Korean  
independence movement.

26 **FINDINGS:** Criterion 2: The original physical feature(s) no longer exist to an appreciable  
27 extent.

28 **FACTS:** Pachappa Camp meets Criterion 2 because by 1952 all of the known  
improvements associated with Pachappa Camp were no longer extant.

1 **FINDINGS:** Criterion 3: Pachappa Camp is found to not qualify as a Recognized Cultural  
2 Resource or an Eligible Cultural Resource.

3 **FACTS:** By 1952, Pachappa Camp no longer accommodated ethnic communities and was  
4 industrially developed. The site was paved and fenced, and is now occupied by  
5 the Southern California Gas Company and Mobil Oil Corporation. No known  
6 vestiges of the Korean or other ethnic settlements survive. The site does is not a  
Recognized Cultural Resource, and not meet the criteria to qualify as a  
Recognized Cultural Resource or an Eligible Cultural Resource under Title 20.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in the materials presented to the Cultural  
8 Heritage Board or to the City Council regarding this matter provide any evidence that the  
9 proposed Point of Cultural Interest meets the significance criteria to be a Cultural Resource  
10 under Riverside Municipal Code Title 20 or any other relevant or applicable law.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Title 20 of the Riverside Municipal  
12 Code, the City Council hereby approves the above-referenced application and recognizes the site  
13 as PACHAPPA CAMP: SITE OF THE FIRST ORGANIZED KOREAN AMERICAN  
14 SETTLEMENT, City Point of Cultural Interest No. 1.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the proposed Point of Cultural Interest recognition is  
16 exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section  
17 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act  
18 (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, commencing with Section 15000) as it can be seen  
19 with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the  
20 environment.

21 ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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

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26 ATTEST:

27 \_\_\_\_\_  
28 COLLEEN J. NICOL  
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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

4 Ayes:

5 Noes:

6 Absent:

7 Abstain:

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

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12 COLLEEN J. NICOL  
13 City Clerk of the City of Riverside  
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