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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION UNDER PLANNING CASE NUMBER DP-2024-00577 DESIGNATING THE OKUBO RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 2365 ELEVENTH STREET, AS CITY HISTORIC LANDMARK #149.

WHEREAS, in Planning Case No. DP-2024-00577, an application to designate the Okubo Residence, located at 2365 Eleventh Street, on the north side of Eleventh Street between Sedwick and Eucalyptus Avenues, in the City of Riverside, California, Assessor’s Parcel Number 221-031-014, as more particularly described and depicted in Exhibit “A” attached hereto incorporated herein by reference, was found to be eligible for listing as a City Landmark; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2024, the Cultural Heritage Board of the City of Riverside conducted a duly noticed public hearing on said application and recommended the approval of the designation of a City of Riverside City Historic Landmark for the Okubo Residence described above; and

WHEREAS, this process is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines as set forth in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside, California that based on substantial evidence presented to the Cultural Heritage Board during the above-referenced public hearing and thereafter to the City Council, including written and oral staff reports, together with public testimony pursuant to the provisions of Title 20 of the Riverside Municipal Code pertaining to the designation of a Historic Landmark, the City Council hereby finds that the Okubo Residence, located at 2365 Eleventh Street, on the north side of Eleventh Street between Sedwick and Eucalyptus Avenues, in the City of Riverside, California, Assessor’s Parcel Number 221-031-014, as more particularly described and depicted in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, a Historic Landmark eligible for designation under criteria set forth in the Riverside Municipal Code Section 20.50.010(U) and based on the following facts and findings:

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

3 **FACTS:** The California Alien Law of 1913 prohibited foreign born individuals from owning  
4 property. The 1918 decision in the case of California v. Jukichi Harada upheld the  
5 American-born Harada children's 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment right to equal protection included  
6 owning the property. The laws were later amended in 1920 and 1923. The U.S.  
7 Supreme Court upheld the laws in a 1923 decision; however, with the Harada  
8 decision still in place, the Okubo Family was able to purchase the residence at 2365  
9 Eleventh Street in the name of the oldest child. The Okubo Family were relocated to  
10 internment camps in 1942 as part of the Executive Order 9066 signed by Franklin  
11 Roosevelt. Despite the relocation, the family was able to retain ownership of the  
12 property until it was sold to their tenants in 1951. The residence showcases the  
13 Japanese community experience in Riverside including the fight against the Alien  
14 Land Laws and the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II;  
15 therefore, the residence is eligible for Landmark designation under Criterion 1.

16 **FINDINGS:** Criterion 2: Is identified with persons or events significant in local, state  
17 or national history.

18 **FACTS:** The residence at 2365 Eleventh Street is associated with the life of prolific artist Miné  
19 Okubo, who is recognized for her work that provided a first-hand experience in the  
20 internment camps. Miné received multiple awards and recognition, including the  
21 California State Department of Education naming her one of twelve women pioneers  
22 in The History of California (1800 to present) and received a Lifetime Achievement  
23 Award from the Women's Caucus for Art of the College Art Association, in 1991.  
24 The residence is associated with Miné as the family lived in the residence from 1925  
25 to 1942. It is the remaining home that has the longest period of association with  
26 Miné's childhood; therefore, the residence is eligible for Landmark designation under  
27 Criterion 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Title 20 of the Riverside Municipal Code,  
the City Council hereby approves the above-referenced application and designates the Okubo  
Residence, located at 2365 Eleventh Street, on the north side of Eleventh Street between Sedwick  
and Eucalyptus Avenues, in the City of Riverside, California, Assessor's Parcel Number 221-031-  
014, as City Historic Landmark #149.

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

1 action is intended to preserve the historic character of the building.

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

5 ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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8 PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON  
9 Mayor of the City of Riverside

10 Attest:

11 \_\_\_\_\_  
12 DONESIA GAUSE  
13 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

14 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the  
15 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at  
16 its meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

17 Ayes:

18 Noes:

19 Absent:

20 Abstain:

21 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the  
22 City of Riverside, California, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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24 DONESIA GAUSE  
25 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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CA: 24-1097 06/11/24

**EXHIBIT "A"**

APN: 221-031-014  
2365 Eleventh Street

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

Lot 119 of Garfield Place as shown by Map on file in Book 6 of Maps at Page 27, Records of San Bernardino County, California.

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

DBWMM      5/30/24      Prep.      EV  
Douglas B. Webber, L.S. 9477      Date



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ALLEY

GARFIELD

PLACE  
M.B. 6/27 S.B.

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33'

ELEVENTH STREET

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TO SEDGWICK AVENUE

TO EUCALYPTUS AVENUE

• CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA •

THIS PLAT IS SOLELY AN AID IN LOCATING THE PARCEL(S) DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT. IT IS NOT A PART OF THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION THEREIN.

SHEET 1 OF 1

SCALE: 1"=30'

DRAWN BY: EV DATE: 5/29/24

SUBJECT: 2365 ELEVENTH STREET