

**RESOLUTION NO. 74693**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ DESIGNATING, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 13.48 OF TITLE 13 OF THE SAN JOSÉ MUNICIPAL CODE, THE SOMERS HOUSE LOCATED AT 675 S. SIXTH STREET AS A CITY LANDMARK OF SPECIAL HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL, CULTURAL, AESTHETIC OR ENGINEERING INTEREST OR VALUE OF A HISTORIC NATURE**

**HL08-175**

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.48 of Title 13 of the San José Municipal Code provides for the designation of structures and/or sites of special historical, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or engineering interest or value of a historical nature as landmarks by the City Council of the City of San José; and

WHEREAS, said Chapter 13.48 of Title 13 provides that any historic property can be nominated for designation as a City Landmark by the City Council, the Historic Landmarks Commission, or by application of the owner or the authorized agent of the owner of the property for which designation is requested; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, upon application of the owner of the property, adopted Resolution No. 74631 on October 21, 2008, initiating proceedings pursuant to said Chapter 13.48 of Title 13 for consideration of such landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, said Chapter 13.48 of Title 13 provides that before this Council may designate any building as a landmark, it shall hold at least one public hearing on such proposed designation, and that before it holds said public hearing, the Council shall refer said proposed designation to the Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of San José for its consideration at a public hearing and for its report and recommendation thereon; and

WHEREAS, within the time and in the manner provided by Chapter 13.48 of Title 13, the Historic Landmarks Commission did, on November 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., conduct a public hearing on said landmark designation and recommend approval of the designation of the Somers House, located at 675 S. Sixth Street, described hereinafter

in Section 1 of this Resolution, as a landmark of special historical, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or engineering interest or value of a historic nature, and made certain findings with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the City of San José Historic Landmark Nomination Form No. HL08-175 upon which such recommendation was made is on file in the Planning Division of the City of San José and available for review; and

WHEREAS, within the time and in the manner provided by said Chapter 13.48 of Title 13, the Council gave notice that on December 2, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter could be heard, this Council would, in the City Hall of the City of San José, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San José, California, hold a public hearing on said landmark designation, at which hearing any and all persons interested in said proposed designation could appear and avail themselves of an opportunity to be heard and to present their views with respect to said proposed designation; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is all that real property described in Exhibit "A," which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference as if fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, at the aforesaid time and place set for hearing, or to which the hearing was continued, this Council duly met, convened, and gave all persons full opportunity to be heard to present their views with respect to said proposed landmark designation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 13.48 of Title 13 of the San José Municipal Code, the Historic Preservation Ordinance, this Council does hereby designate the hereinafter described Somers House, located at 675 S. Sixth Street, as a landmark of special historic, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or engineering interest or value of a historic nature.

SECTION 2. Said designation is based on all of the testimony presented to the City at the public hearing(s) on this matter and the following criteria of the Historic Preservation Ordinance:

- Criterion (1), its character, interest or value as part of the local, regional, state or national history, heritage or culture, as a distinctive building within the Reed Historic District; Criterion (6) as an embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen, exemplifying excellent quality of form and composition of Craftsman-style architecture; and Criterion (7) Its identification as the work of the architectural firm of Wolfe & McKenzie, whose work has influenced the development of the City of San José.

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SECTION 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to notify those persons designated in San José Municipal Code Section 13.48.110, Subsection L, in the manner specified by said Section and to direct the recordation of a Notice of Granting of this resolution in the Office of the Recorder of the County of Santa Clara.

**ADOPTED** this 2nd day of December, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: CAMPOS, CHIRCO, CHU, CONSTANT, CORTESE,  
LICCARDO, NGUYEN, OLIVERIO, PYLE, WILLIAMS; REED.

NOES: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

DISQUALIFIED: NONE.

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CHUCK REED  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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LEE PRICE, MMC  
City Clerk