



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 20, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Jonathan Lait, AICP, City Planner

Subject: City Manager Appropriation of \$50,000 from the City's General Fund to support work related to the Cultural Heritage Commission

INTRODUCTION

The Cultural Heritage Commission requests an appropriation of \$50,000 to pay for historic resource surveys related to Commission or City Council initiated landmark nominations. This request was presented to and supported by the City Council liaisons (Councilmembers Brucker and Bosse) to the Commission. The City Manager will appropriate this fund request under his authority.

BACKGROUND

The Cultural Heritage Commission requests the subject funds to pay for consultant work evaluating potentially historic properties that the Commission or City Council may initiate for nomination. The Commission anticipates nominating three properties each quarter, or 12 properties a year, however, some quarters may have more than three properties and/or the Council may make nominations. A historic property report costs on average \$3,000.

The Commission has already nominated seven nationally listed properties, which will be presented to the City Council early next year. Three additional properties are anticipated to be nominated in January.

Last budget cycle, the City Council appropriated funds for training and to initiate a citywide historic resources inventory; however, no funds were allocated for consultant reports to evaluate potentially historic properties for nomination.

FISCAL IMPACT

Unless otherwise directed by the City Council, the City Manager will appropriate under his authority fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the City's General Fund to the Community Development Department's professional services account for the purpose of evaluating potentially historic properties.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is provided to the City Council for information purposes only.

Susan Healy Keene, Director of
Community Development

Approved By