



## STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Date:** June 8, 2015  
**Item Number:**  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Ryan Gohlich, Assistant Director of Community Development - City Planner  
**Subject:** Request by Councilmember Krasne to Consider Landmark Initiation of the Property at 515 Sierra Drive  
**Attachments:** None

---

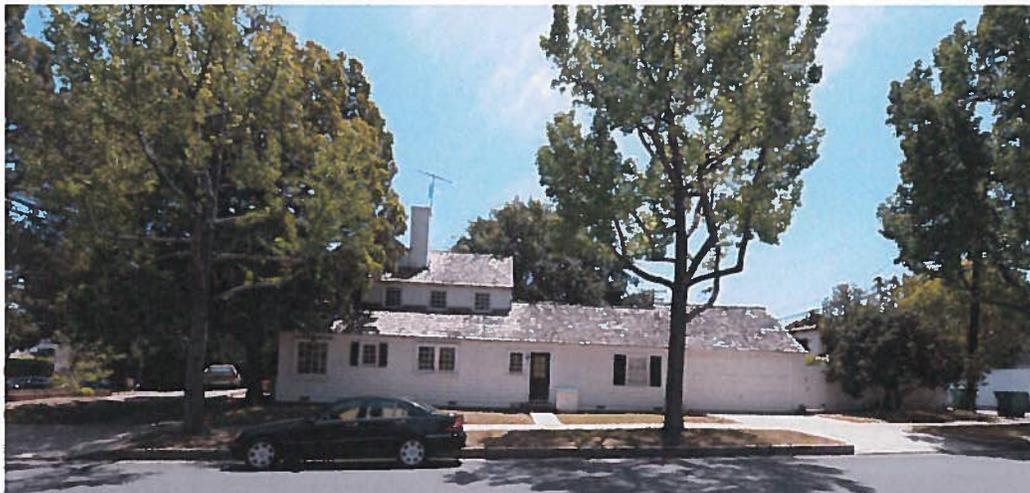
### **INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to BHMC §10-3-3218, Master Architect properties are required to post a 30-day Notice of Pending Demolition prior to demolition permits being issued by the City. The subject property at 515 Sierra Drive was designed by Master Architect Gerard R. Colcord, and notice of pending demolition was posted on site on May 14, 2015, initiating the 30-day posting period. Notice was also provided to the City Council and Cultural Heritage Commission. The 30-day notice period ends on June 13, 2015. Councilmember Krasne has requested that the subject property be considered for potential inclusion onto the Local Register of Historic Properties.

At this stage of the review process, limited information is available regarding the historic significance of the property, as a detailed historic assessment report would only be prepared if directed by a majority vote from the City Council. The purpose of this agenda item is for the City Council to determine whether or not, upon this preliminary review, the City Council believes that the subject property rises to a level that would merit further study for consideration as a landmark.



*View from Sierra Drive*



*View from Carmelita Avenue*

## **DISCUSSION**

The subject property is a 1941 American Colonial Revival-style residence at 515 Sierra Drive, and was designed by Gerard R. Colcord, who is included on the City's List of Master Architects.

If the Council believes this property warrants involuntary initiation of local landmark designation proceedings, the Council should vote to initiate landmark proceedings and direct the Director of Community Development to prepare a report and recommendation for the property. The property would then be forwarded to the Cultural Heritage Commission with a historic assessment report for consideration of whether to nominate the property as a local landmark. Should the Cultural Heritage Commission vote to nominate the property, the property would then return to the City Council for formal consideration of designation of the property as a Local Landmark and placement of the property on the Local Register of Historic Properties.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

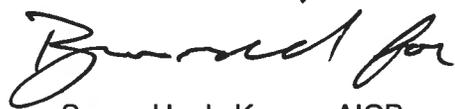
If the property is initiated by the City Council, Beverly Hills Municipal Code §10-3-3215C requires that the property owner be provided written notice within ten (10) days of such initiation. In addition, staff has notified the property owner and several interested residents about the City Council's June 8<sup>th</sup> discussion.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Involuntary initiation of the property for landmark proceedings would require the Director of Community Development to commission a historic assessment report from the City's historic consultant. The cost of such report is estimated at approximately \$5,000, would be borne by the City, and is contemplated in the Community Development Department's annual budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

At the request of Councilmember Krasne, the City Council is asked to review the pending demolition permit and provide staff with direction as to whether landmark proceedings should be initiated for the property located at 515 Sierra Drive.



Susan Healy Keene, AICP  
Director of Community Development

Approved By