

# State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03

## RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION Community Redevelopment Agency, Los Angeles (CRA/LA) and Councilwoman Jan Perry

**WHEREAS**, CRA/LA has identified Central Avenue as “Main Street” of Southeast Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, Central Avenue has for more than a century served as the artistic, cultural, and economic heart of the African American community of South Los Angeles and indeed for all of Southern California; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRA/LA has plans to invest in the Central Avenue area but wants to ensure such redevelopment plans do not harm historic properties important to the history of African Americans in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRA/LA commissioned a survey of historic resources in the Central Avenue area, a study prepared by Theresa Grimes which resulted in a Multiple Property Documentation form for historic properties associated with African Americans in Los Angeles, a project that was funded jointly by the CRA/LA and the office of Councilwoman Jan Perry, who represents southeast Los Angeles; and,

**WHEREAS**, the MPD is the first thematic study of African American properties in California and among the first in the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CRA/LA achieved a great success in combining good redevelopment planning and excellent historic resource planning, resulting in a landmark achievement in recording the ethnic history of California;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission is given to the CRA/LA and Councilwoman Jan Perry for their outstanding efforts to record and protect the historic resources of the African American community of Los Angeles; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and a suitable copy presented to the CRA/LA and Councilwoman Perry.

April 16, 2009

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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