

State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-05

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION Santa Monica Conservancy

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Conservancy is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, formed in 2002, and dedicated to education about and advocacy for local historic resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Conservancy can trace its formation to 1973, when a group of concerned residents convinced the City Council that Santa Monica Pier was an important part of local history worthy of preservation and restoration, and formed an organization called "Save the Santa Monica Bay" that rallied to save the Pier from demolition, and as a result the City Council created the Historic Site Committee, which eventually led to the passage of a Preservation Ordinance and the creation of the Landmarks Commission that has designated more than 50 landmarks and two historic districts in Santa Monica; and,

WHEREAS, through the Santa Monica Conservancy's volunteer efforts in 2003 a referendum on landmarks, called the Homeowners' Freedom of Choice Initiative, was defeated. This initiative attempted to weaken the landmarks ordinance by taking away the voice of the community and would have allowed owners of property in single-family zones, be they residents or developers, to alter or remove buildings of potential historic value at their sole discretion. The initiative was defeated by a majority vote of Santa Monica residents and protections for all historic properties remain in place; and,

WHEREAS, thanks to the formation of the Santa Monica Conservancy, the recent ballot initiative, and a particularly proactive Landmarks Commission, a heightened awareness of preservation exists in Santa Monica today which will carry on the work of creating a more modern city whose historic past remains intact and treasured; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission is given to the Santa Monica Conservancy for its ongoing preservation, fundraising, and interpretation efforts; 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 representatives of the Santa Monica Conservancy.

May 19, 2011

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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