Los Angeles Department of City Planning RECOMMENDATION REPORT

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION CASE NO.: CHC-2012-195-HCM

ENV-2012-196-CE

HEARING DATE: April 5, 2012 Location: 800 S. La Brea Ave

TIME: 3:00 PM Council District: 4

PLACE: City Hall, Room 1010 Community Plan Area: Wilshire

200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA
90012

Area Planning Commission: Central
Neighborhood Council: Greater Wilshire
Legal Description: FR 17, Tract TR 4642

PROJECT: Historic-Cultural Monument Application for the

FIRESTONE TIRE BUILDING

REQUEST: Declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument

APPLICANT: Art Deco Society of Los Angeles

APPLICANT'S Charles J. Fisher REPRESENTATIVE: 140 S. Avenue 57

Los Angeles, CA 90042

OWNER: BFS Retail and Commercial Operations, LLC

535 Marriott Drive, 9th Floor

Nashville, TN 37214

RECOMMENDATION That the Cultural Heritage Commission:

- 1. **Declare** the property a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.7
- Adopt the report findings.

MICHAEL J. LOGRANDE Director of Planning

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Ken Bernstein, AICP, Manager Office of Historic Resources

Prepared by:

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Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner
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Attachments: Historic-Cultural Monument Application

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FINDINGS

The building "embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction" as an example of Streamline Moderne style auto-related architecture.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ("CEQA") FINDINGS

The Commission hereby recommends that Council find the proposed designation of the Firestone Tire Building as a Historic-Cultural Monument to be exempt from further analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 15308 (Class 8) and 15331 (Class 31).

CRITERIA

The criterion is the Cultural Heritage Ordinance which defines a historical or cultural monument as any site (including significant trees or other plant life located thereon) building or structure of particular historic or cultural significance to the City of Los Angeles, such as historic structures or sites in which the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, State or community is reflected or exemplified, or which are identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history or which embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction, or a notable work of a master builder, designer or architect whose individual genius influenced his age.

SUMMARY

Constructed in 1937, this one-story commercial building exhibits character-defining features of the Streamline Moderne style. Located at the intersection of S. La Brea Ave and 8th Street, the subject building has two primary facades at the northern and western elevations and is square in plan. The curved northwest corner of the building creates a continuous elevation and is a primary character-defining feature of the building. Constructed of masonry, the building exhibits a bowstring truss roof. The western façade is highlighted by a distinctive, cantilevered overhang that abuts the buildings south wall and the adjacent building. A large, bow tie shaped metal pole sign reading "Firestone" is affixed atop the canopy facing 8th Ave. Individual metal box letters spelling out "Firestone" and "Complete Car Service" are attached at the roof line on both facades. The exterior is clad with porcelain enamel panels interrupted by large, open bays for auto access. A string of metal and glass storefront windows punctuate the elevations. The interior consists of a waiting room, office space, and large open auto servicing areas.

Built by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, it was used as a retail outlet for the company's tires and related automotive products. Designed by structural engineer R.E. Ward in 1937, the garage remains one of the flagship stores of the company's operations in Los Angeles.

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DISCUSSION

The Firestone Tire Building property successfully meets one of the specified Historic-Cultural Monument criteria: "embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction." As a auto-related commercial building designed in the Streamline Moderne, the property qualifies for designation as a Historic-Cultural Monument based on this criterion.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of February 2, 2012, the Cultural Heritage Commission voted to take the application under consideration. On March 1, 2012, the Cultural Heritage Commission toured the subject property.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ("CEQA") REVIEW

State of California CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15308, Class 8 "consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment."

State of California CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15331, Class 31 "consists of projects limited to maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic buildings."

The designation of the Firestone Tire Building property as a Historic-Cultural Monument in accordance with Chapter 9, Article 1, of The City of Los Angeles Administrative Code ("LAAC") will ensure that future construction activities involving the subject property are regulated in accordance with Section 22.171.14 of the LAAC. The purpose of the designation is to prevent significant impacts to a Historic-Cultural Monument through the application of the standards set forth in the LAAC. Without the regulation imposed by way of the pending designation, the historic significance and integrity of the subject property could be lost through incompatible alterations and new construction and the demolition of irreplaceable historic structures. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards of Rehabilitation are expressly incorporated into the LAAC and provide standards concerning the historically appropriate construction activities which will ensure the continued preservation of the subject property.

The use of Categorical Exemption Class 8 in connection with the proposed designation is consistent with the goals of maintaining, restoring, enhancing, and protecting the environment through the imposition of regulations designed to prevent the degradation of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

The use of Categorical Exemption Class 31 in connection with the proposed designation is consistent with the goals relating to the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and reconstruction of Historic buildings in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings.

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RECOMMENDATION That the Cultural Heritage Commission:

1. **Take the property under consideration** as a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.10(c)4 because the application and accompanying photo documentation suggest the submittal may warrant further investigation.

Office of Historic Resources

2. Adopt the report findings.

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FINDINGS

Based on the facts set forth in the summary and application, the Commission determines that the application is complete and that the property may be significant enough to warrant further investigation as a potential Historic-Cultural Monument.

HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT APPLICATION

TYPE OR PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL BLOCK LETTERS

IDENTIFICATION

1. NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT FIRESTONE TIRE BUILDING	
2. STREET ADDRESS 800 S. LA BREA AVENUE	
CITYLOS ANGELESZIP CODE90038 _COUNCIL DISTRICT4	
3. ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 5084-003-001	
4. COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION: TRACT TRACT No. 4642, WILSHIRE HIGHLANDS, AS PER MAP IN BOOK 50, PAGE	<u>s 42</u>
and 43 of Maps filed, in the Office of the Los Angeles County Recorder.	
BLOCKN/ALOT(S)117 and 263 ARB. NON/A	
5. RANGE OF ADDRESSES 800 THRU 808 S. LA BREA AVENUE AND 5220 THRU 5230 W. 8 TH STREET	_
6. PRESENT OWNER BFS RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL C/O TAX DEPARTMENT	
STREET ADDRESS 535 MARRIOTT DRIVE, 9 TH FLOOR	
CITY NASHVILLE STATE TN ZIP CODE 37214 PHONE (615) 937-3952 EMAIL:	
OWNER IS: PRIVATEXPUBLIC	
7. PRESENT USE RETAIL TIRE STORE AND GARAGE ORIGINAL USE RETAIL TIRE STORE AND GARAGE	
DESCRIPTION	
8. ARCHITECTURAL STYLE STREAMLINE MODERNE	
9. STATE PRESENT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE OR STRUCTURE (SEE OPTIONAL DESCRIPTION WORKSHEET)	
(SEE DESCRIPTION WORKSHEET)	_
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	Name of Proposed Monument	FIRESTONE TIRE BUILDING
10.	CONSTRUCTION DATE: FACTUAL	1937ESTIMATED
11.	ARCHITECT , DESIGNER, OR ENGINEER:	R. E. Ward
12.	CONTRACTOR OR OTHER BUILDER:	OWNER BUILD
13.	DATES OF ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPHS	October 29, 2011
14.	CONDITION: □ EXCELLENT ☑ GOOD □ FA	NR DETERIORATED NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE
	alterations: An additional roof sign	I WAS ADDED IN 1962.
15.	THREATS TO SITE⊠ NONE KNOWN ☐ PRIVAT	E DEVELOPMENT □ VANDALISM □ PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT
16.	IS THE STRUCTURE 🗵 ON ITS ORIGINAL SITE	
17.	SIGNIFICANCE BRIEFLY STATE HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHI	TECTURAL IMPORTANCE; INCLUDE DATES, EVENTS, AND PERSONS ASSOCIATED
	WITH SITE (SEE OPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE V	worksheet) Built in 1937, this unique Streamline Moderne garage
	BUILDING WAS BUILT BY THE FIRESTONE TIR	E AND RUBBER COMPANY AS A RETAIL OUTLET FOR THE COMPANIES TIRES AND
	RELATED PRODUCTS. THE 12,250 SQUARE	FOOT BUILDING WAS DESIGNED TO BE THE MOST MODERN OF PUBLIC GARAGE
	FACILITIES, USING THE THEN POPULAR STR	REAMLINE MODERNE STYLE AND THE USE OF PORCELAIN STEEL TO CREATE A
	FACILITY THAT CALLED OUT THE UPMOST	IN MODERN STYLE TO SELL THE UPMOST IN MODERN TIRE AND RUBBER
	AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS. THE BUILDING H.	AS BEEN CONTINUALLY USED BY THE FIRESTONE COMPANY FOR ALMOST 75
	YEARS AND REMAINS AS ONE OF THE FLAGS	HIP STORES OF THE COMPANIES OPERATIONS. THE BUILDING REMAINS UNDER
	THE OWNERSHIP OF FIRESTONE'S PARENT	COMPANY. IT IS AN EXCELLENT UNALTERED EXAMPLE OF A STREAMLINE
	MODERNE GARAGE BUILDING, DESIGNED BY	Y THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER, R. E. WARD, THE BUILDING IS NOTED FOR ITS
	UNUSUAL DESIGN IN SUCH PUBLICATIONS	AS DAVID GEBHARD AND ROBERT W. WINTER'S "ARCHITECTURE IN LOS
	ANGELES-A COMPLEAT GUIDE".	
18.	SOURCES (LIST BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, SURVEY	s, personal interviews with dates) <u>Los Angeles City Building permits per</u>
	ATTACHED, LA COUNTY ASSESSORS REC	cords, recorded deeds, Census Records, Los Angeles County
	SUBDIVISION MAPS, LOS ANGELES TIMES	ARTICLES, CULTURAL RESOURCES SECTION OF THE WILSHIRE/LA BREA
	PROJECT EIR PREPARED BY CHATTEL ARCH	HITECTURE, PLANNING AND PRESERVATION, CONTEMPORARY BROCHURES ON
	PORCELAIN STEEL BUILDINGS AND THE HISTO	ORIC PROPERTY SURVEY REPORT FOR THE WESTSIDE SUBWAY EXTENSION.
	DATE FORM PREPARED <u>JANUARY 11, 2012</u>	PREPARER'S NAME CHARLES J. FISHER
	ORGANIZATION ART DECO SOCIETY OF LO	S ANGELES STREET ADDRESS 140 S. AVENUE 57
	CITY <u>HIGHLAND PARK</u> STATE <u>CA</u> ZIP C	ODE <u>90042</u> PHONE <u>(323) 256-3593</u>
	E-MAIL ADDRESS:	ARROYOSECO@HOTMAIL.COM

DESCRIPTION WORK SHEET

TYPE OR PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL BLOCK LETTERS

THE _	FIRESTONE T	IRE BUILDING	IS A	1 UMBER OF STORIES	STORY,
ARC	STREAMLINE MODERNE	, SQUARE PLAN SHAPE (SEE CHART)	PLAN	AUTO SERVICE STRUCTURE USE (RESIDENCE, ET	BUILDING _
WITH A	A PORCELAIN S MATERIAL (WOOD SIDING, WOOD SHINGLES, BRICK, STUCK)	STEEL CO, ETC	_ FINISH AND	STEEL MATERIAL (WOOD, METAL, ETC.)	TRIM.
ITS	FLAT ROOF IS CC	VERED WITH ROL MATERIAL (CLAY TILE, ASPHALT C	LED COMPOSITION DR WOOD SHINGLES	. GLASS A	ND STEEL,
WINDOW TYPE	LARGE GLASS AND ST)WS	ARE PART	OF THE DESIGN.
THE E	NTRY FEATURES A TWO LARG	E OPEN AUTO BAY I		ND STEEL DOOR TO THE	WAITING ROOM
WITH A		GLASS COMMERCIAL		ADDITIONAL CHARACTER DI	EFINING ELEMENTS
OF THE	STRUCTURE ARE <u>PORCELAIN</u>			R PORTIONS OF THE TWO	O STREET FACING
	ES (WEST AND NORTH) WITH LOCATION OF CHIMNEYS; SHUTTERS; SECONDARY FINISH MA			OTH FACADES. THE V	Vest façade is
	GUISHED BY A LARGE CANTIL WOODWORK; SYMMETRY OR ASYMMETRY; CORNICES; FRIEZE			PPORTED ROOF. THE	GLASS ENCLOSED
	S ROOM IS SITUATED AT THE NORT FORMALITY OR INFORMALITY; GARDEN WALLS, ETC.	HWEST CORNER OF T	HE BUILDING WITH THE	ENTRY DOOR FACING WES	ST. THE WINDOWS
	AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER TH	HE SAME AS THE POR	CELAIN ABOVE THEM,	THE CANTILEVERED ROO	F DOMINATES THE
	WEST PORTION OF THE BUILDING EFINING ELEMENTS	PROVIDING A COVE	RING FOR THAT AUTO	ENTRY BAY. THE CORB	ELLED UNDERSIDE
	NDS BY EACH PLANE INTO THE BAY EFINING ELEMENTS	OPENING WITH EACH	I LEVEL HIGHLIGHTED E	BY NEON LIGHT FIXTURES.	THE ROOF ABUTS
	LDING'S SOUTH WALL AND THE AD	DJACENT STRUCTURE	TO THE SOUTH. A POR	RCELAIN COVERED BULKHE	AD IS AT THE BASE
	OF THE WINDOWS. THE NORTH FA	ACING ENTRY IS FLAN	KED BY FLUSH SQUAREI	O PILASTERS WITH THREE E	BANDS AT THE TOP.
	WEST BANDS ARE A CONTINUATION	ON OF A LENTIL BAND	AT THE TOP OF THE WI	NDOWS, THE TOP BANDS	CONTINUES OVER
	Y OPENING WITH ONLY THE CENTER	R BAND BEING EXCLU	SIVE TO THE PILASTERS	. Both bay entries use s	STEEL "SCISSORS"
	ECURITY COVERS WHEN THE B	UILDING IS CLOSED	ANOTHER CONTRA	STING PORCELAIN BAN	D FOLLOWS THE
	INE. THE ROOF IS DOMINATED	BY A LARGE BOW	TIE SHAPED NEON SIC	SN SAYING "FIRESTONE"	' AND INDIVIDUAL
NEON (CANNED LETTERS ARE ALONG T	THE OUTER EDGE O	F THE ROOF SPELLI	NG OUT "FIRESTONE"	AND "COMPLETE
	ERVICE". THERE APPEAR TO BE	E SEVERAL RECTAN	GULAR SKYLIGHTS ON	N THE ROOF AS WELL.	
SECO	NDARY BUILDINGS CONSIST		ERE ARE NO SECONDAR IFY GARAGE; GARDEN SHELTER, ETC.	Y BUILDINGS.	_
SIGNIF	ICANT INTERIOR SPACES INC	LUDE <u>A Large ai</u>	JTOMOBILE SERVICE	BAY TAKES UP MOST (OF THE INTERIOR
	HE REMAINDER BEING THE WAI	TING ROOM AND SO	OME OFFICE SPACE		

CITY OF LOS ANGELES SIGNIFICANCE WORK SHEET

TYPE OR HAND PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL BLOCK LETTERS

Complete One or Both of the Upper and Lower Portions of This Page

	ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE	
THE _	FIRESTONE TIRE BUILDING IS AN IMPORTANT EXAMPLE OF	
	STREAMLINE MODERNE ARCHITECTU ARCHITECTURAL STYLE (SEE LINE 8) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE (SEE LINE 8)	RE
	IEETS THE CULTURAL HERITAGE ORDINANCE BECAUSE OF THE HIGH QUALITY OF ITS DESIGN AND THE RETENTION OF ITS DESIGN AND THE RETENTION OF ITS DESIGN AND THE RETENTION OF ITS DESIGN AND INTEGRITY.	NC
	And/or	
	HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	
THE	FIRESTONE TIRE BUILDING WAS BUILT IN 1937 NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT YEAR BUILT	_
	FIRESTONE TIRE AND RUBBER AND STREAMLINE MODERNE ARCHITECTUREWAS IMPORTANT TO T NAME OF FIRST OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT OWNER	HE
	DEVELOPMENT OF LOS ANGELES BECAUSE THE FIRESTONE TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY, WHICH W	/AS
	founded in 1900 by Harvey Firestone, was one of the largest and most influential t	IRE
	COMPANIES IN THE WORLD. THE COMPANY BEGAN IN AKRON OHIO. AN EARLY CONTRACT WITH FORD MOT	OF
	COMPANY (1905) MADE THE SMALL AKRON, OHIO TIRE COMPANY A MAJOR PLAYER IN THE NEW WORLD	OF
	THE AUTOMOBILE. THE FORD CONTRACT RESULTED IN THE IMMEDIATE EXPANSION OF THE SMALL COMPAN	Υ' <u>ς</u>
	PRODUCTION CAPACITY. ALL MODEL "T"S AND MODEL "A"S CAME EQUIPPED WITH FIRESTONE TIRES WHI	CH
	CONTINUED TO SUPPLY VIRTUALLY ALL FACTORY FORD TIRES UNTIL THE MID-1990S. THIS RELATIONSHIP W	/AS
	MOSTLY DUE TO A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN HARVEY FIRESTONE AND HENRY FORD. T	HE
	FORD CONTRACT ALLOWED FIRESTONE TO GROW QUICKLY, BECOMING A BOOMING RIVAL TO FELLOW AKR	10
	BASED TIRE COMPANY, GOODYEAR. BY THE END OF WORLD WAR I, FIRESTONE WAS MARKETING TIRES IN A	\LI
	48 STATES SEVERAL FOREIGN. IT BUILT AN ART DECO STYLE FACTORY IN ENGLAND IN 1928. THE COMPA	N
	HAD BEEN MARKETING MOST OF ITS TIRES THROUGH LOCAL GAS STATIONS AND REPAIR GARAGES, BUT BY T	'HE

20s, had also begun to open its own retail garages. This expansion slowed down during the

GREAT DEPRESSION, WHEN NEW CAR SALES TOOK A NOSE DIVE AND MOTORISTS MADE THEIR TIRES LAST

LONGER TO PUT OFF THE COST OF REPLACING THEM. BY THE LATE 1930S, THE ECONOMY WAS SLOWLY

STARTING TO PICK UP AND FIRESTONE BEGAN TO BUILD NEW RETAIL OUTLETS. THE STORE AT 8TH AND LA

Brea Avenue was built in 1937 to replace an earlier outlet at 9th and La Brea. The company

CITY OF LOS ANGELES SIGNIFICANCE WORK SHEET

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COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS DURING THE 1930S.
GUIDE", BY DAVID GEBHART AND ROBERT W. WINTER. AN ATTACHMENT DESCRIBES THE USE OF PORCELAIN IN
WESTSIDE SUBWAY EXTENSION PROJECT. IT IS ALSO CITED IN "ARCHITECTURE IN LOS ANGELES, THE COMPLEAT
THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS FOR BOTH THE "WILSHIRE LA BREA PROJECT", JUST TO THE NORTH, AND THE
ONCE ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF COMMERCIAL DESIGN. THE BUILDING IS CALLED OUT AS A HISTORIC RESOURCE IN
THE BUILDING IS STILL OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE COMPANY AND STANDS AS A VISIBLE REMINDER OF WHAT WAS
PROJECT. WHATEVER IT'S ORIGINS, THE DESIGN IS UNIQUE AND APPEARS JUST AS FRESH TODAY AS IT WAS IN 1937.
PERMIT, IT WOULD INDICATE THAT THE FIRESTONE COMPANY SERVED AS THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR THE
BUT ONLY WARD IS CREDITED WITH THE DESIGN OF THE BUILDING. SINCE NO CONTRACTOR IS CALLED OUT ON THE
OF THE BUILDING MAY HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP BY AN IN-HOUSE ARCHITECT AT FIRESTONE'S HEADQUARTERS IN AKRON,
PERMIT, HE HAD CALIFORNIA STATE LICENSE NO. 2768 AS AN ENGINEER. IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE ACTUAL DESIGN
FOUND ON R. E. WARD, THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER FOR THE BUILDING. ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL BUILDING
CALLING ATTENTION TO ITSELF AS A MEANS OF MARKETING THE PRODUCT (FIRESTONE TIRES). VERY LITTLE HAS BEEN
NEON LIGHTING TO ACCENT THE BUILDING AT NIGHT. IN A WAY, THE BUILDING SERVES AS ITS OWN SIGNAGE BY
MATERIAL AS A SIGNIFICANT DESIGN ELEMENT, ALONG WITH THE DESIGN OF THE ROOF AND THE COPIOUS USE OF
VARIATIONS FOR EACH OF THE DIFFERENT OIL COMPANIES. THE FIRESTONE TIRE BUILDING ON LA BREA UTILIZES THE
PREFABRICATED BUILDINGS. THIS ENABLED THE STATIONS TO BE BUILT ALONG THE SAME GENERAL LINES, WITH
DECADE BEFORE WITH THE MATERIAL FIRST APPEARING IN SERVICE STATION CONSTRUCTION, USUALLY IN
COMPANIES LOS ÁNGELES OPERATIONS. THE USE OF PORCELAIN STEEL IN AUTOMOTIVE BUILDINGS DATES BACK A
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BUILDING. THE MAJORITY OF THE EXTERIOR IS A MUSTARD COLORED RECTANGULAR SHEETS WITH RED (PAINTED OVER
CHOSE THE STREAMLINE MODERNE DESIGN USING PORCELAIN COVERED STEEL AS THE MAIN SURFACE OF THE







City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning

1/4/2012 PARCEL PROFILE REPORT (modified version)



PROPERTY ADDRESSES	
800 S LA BREA AVE	
ZIP CODES	
90036	
RECENT ACTIVITY	
None	
CASE NUMBERS	

Address/Legal Information		
PIN Number	132B181 271	
Lot/Parcel Area (Calculated)	6,161.0 (sq ft)	
Thomas Brothers Grid	PAGE 633 - GRID D3	
Assessor Parcel No. (APN)	5084003001	
Tract	TR 4642	
Map Reference	M B 50-42/43	
Block	None	
Lot	FR 117	
Arb (Lot Cut Reference)	None	
Map Sheet	132B181	
Jurisdictional Information		
Community Plan Area	Wilshire	
Area Planning Commission	Central	
Neighborhood Council	Greater Wilshire	
Council District	CD 4 - Tom LaBonge	
Census Tract #	2162.00	
LADBS District Office	Los Angeles Metro	
Planning and Zoning Informa	tion	
Special Notes	None	
Zoning	C2-1	
Zoning Information (ZI)	None	
General Plan Land Use	General Commercial	
General Plan Footnote(s)	Yes	
Hillside Area (Zoning Code)	No	
Baseline Hillside Ordinance	No	
Baseline Mansionization Ordinance	No	
Specific Plan Area	None	
Special Land Use / Zoning	None	
Design Review Board	No	
Historic Preservation Review	No	
Historic Preservation Overlay Zone	None	
Other Historic Designations	None	
Other Historic Survey Information	None	
Mills Act Contract	None	

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POD - Pedestrian Oriented Districts	None
CDO - Community Design Overlay	None
NSO - Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay	No
Streetscape	No
Sign District	No
Adaptive Reuse incentive Area	None
CRA - Community Redevelopment Agency	None
Central City Parking	No
Downtown Parking	No
Building Line	None
500 Ft School Zone	No
500 Ft Park Zone	No
Assessor Information	
Assessor Parcel No. (APN)	5084003001
APN Area (Co. Public Works)*	0.298 (ac)
Use Code	2600 - Auto Service Body and Fender Repair
Assessed Land Val.	\$279,104
Assessed Improvement Val.	\$131,929
Last Owner Change	05/20/02
Last Sale Amount	\$9
Tax Rate Area	67
Deed Ref No. (City Clerk)	860632
	557267
	3633
	1161245
Building 1	
Year Built	1937
Building Class	CX
Number of Units	0
Number of Bedrooms	0
Number of Bathrooms	0
Building Square Footage	9,500.0 (sq ft)
Building 2	No data for building 2
Building 3	No data for building 3
Building 4	No data for building 4
Building 5	No data for building 5
Additional Information	
Airport Hazard	None
Coastal Zone	None
Farmland	Area Not Mapped
Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone	No
Fire District No. 1	No
Flood Zone	None
444-74-1-1-1-1	4.2

Hazardous Waste / Border Zone Properties	No
Methane Hazard Site	Methane Zone
High Wind Velocity Areas	No
Special Grading Area (BOE Basic Grid Map A-13372)	No
Oil Wells	None
Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone	No
Distance to Nearest Fault	4.02197 (km)
Landslide	No
Liquefaction	No
Economic Development Area	as .
Business Improvement District	None
Federal Empowerment Zone	None
Renewal Community	No.
Revitalization Zone	None
State Enterprise Zone	None
Targeted Neighborhood Initiative	None
Public Safety	
Police Information	
Bureau	West
Division / Station	Wilshire
Reporting District	745
Fire Information	
Division	2
Batallion	18
District / Fire Station	61
Red Flag Restricted Parking	No

Watercourse

CASE SUMMARIES
Note: Information for case summaries is retrieved from the Planning Department's Plan Case Tracking System (PCTS) database.
DATA NOT AVAILABLE

SHEET No. 1 TRACT Nº 4642 IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Being a Subdivision of a portion of the HENRY H. GIRD, 891 Acre allotment of the RANCHO LA CIENEGA, as per District COURT Case No. 1161.

SURVEYED BY ENGINEERING SERVICE Co. SCALE /= 100 DEC. 1921.

The bearing of the South Line of Wilshire Boulevard as shown on Tract No. 3556, recorded in Map Book 41 Pages 52 and 53, was taken as the basis of the bearings shown upon this map.

I, Thos A Jordan, hereby certify that I am a Civil Engineer and that this map consisting of two sheets correctly represents a survey made under my supervision Dec-ember 1921, and that all monuments shown thereon actually exist and their positions are correctly shown. State of California 75.5.

On this /T day of ______ in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty one before me ______ in the year to be a local a Notary Public in and for said County of Los Angeles, State of California residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn personally appeared Thos A. Jordan, Known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the

INWITNESS where of I have here unto set my hard and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificant first above written

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We, hereby certify that we are the owners of or interested in the land included within the subdivision shown on the annexed map, and that we are the only persons whose consent is necessary to pass a clear title to said land, and we consent to the making of said map and subdivision as shown within the colored border line, and hereby de-dicate to the public use all the streets and alleys shownon said map within said subdivision.

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On this 13th day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty one before me Pauline Hudson ___ a Notary Public in and for said County of Los Angeles, State of Colifornia, residing therein duly commissioned and sworn personally appeared N. R. Herrey ___ Known to me to be the Vice President and _ Known to me to be the asst. Secretary of the Los Angeles Trust & Javings Bank the corporation that executed the within instrument and known tompiels the persons whose names are subscribed therete and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the

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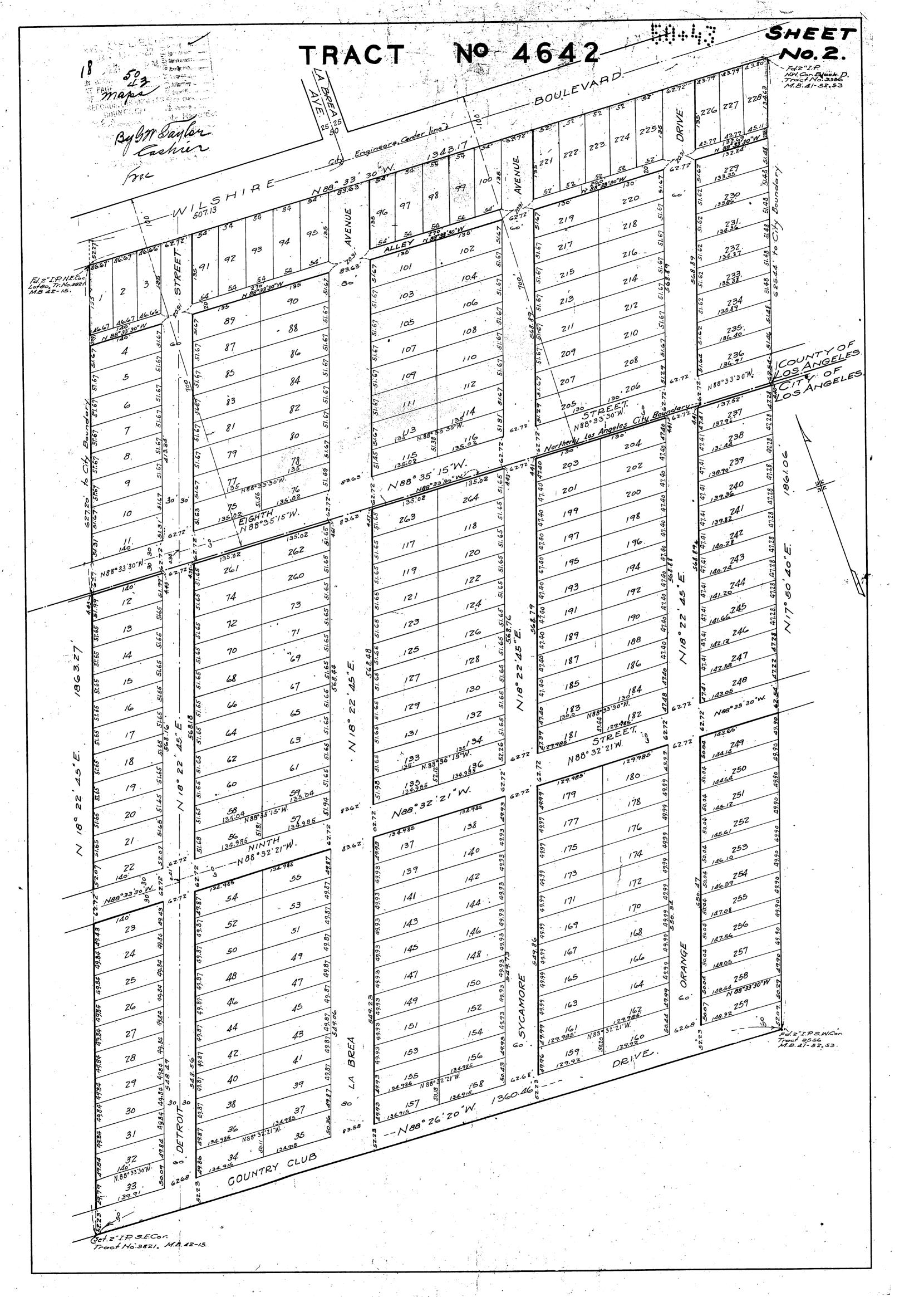
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Chief Deputy

TRACT No. 4642

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Firestone to Erect Store Building

Los Angeles Times (1923-Current File); Apr 4, 1937;

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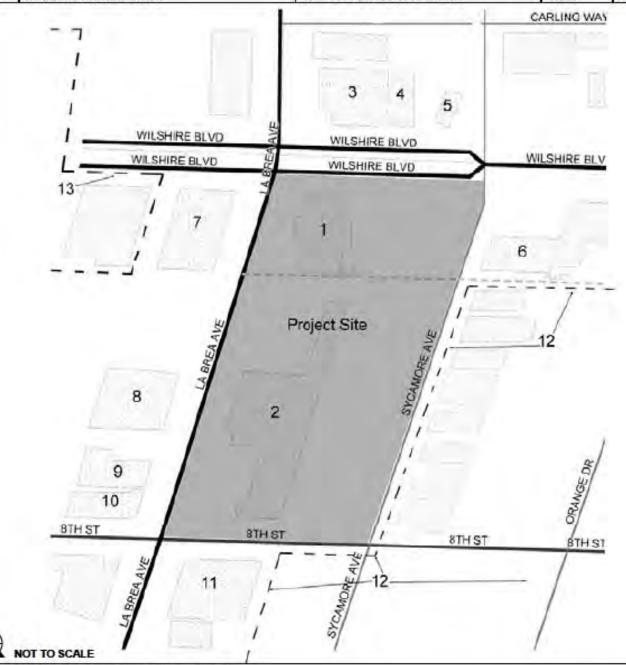
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No.	Name	Address	Year Built	Historical Resource
1	Wilshire Grace Church	5220 Wilshire	1965	No
2	Metroplaza Mall	752 S. La Brea	1945, 1984	No
3	E. Clem Wilson Building / Mutual of Omaha	5217 Wilshire	1930	Yes
4	Security Pacific Bank / Security-First National Bank	5207-5209 Wilshire	1929	Yes
5	Jack-in-the-Box	5201 Wilshire	1997	No
6	N/A	5174 Wilshire	1984	No
7	Bank of America	711 S. La Brea	1942	No
8	Wilshire-La Brea Recreation Center	735 S. La Brea	1938	No
9	AmeriPros Auto Body	747 S. La Brea	1937/1942	No
10	N/A	757 S. La Brea	1925	No
11	Firestone Tire and Repair	800 S. La Brea	1937	Yes
12	Potential Period Revival Residential Historic District	Bounded by Sycamore, Olympic, Highland, and Wilshire	1920-1930	Yes
13	Miracle Mile Historic District	5318-5514 & 5353-5519 Wilshire	1920s	Yes



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FIGURE IV.C-1



served as board chairman. This company, which became one of the largest construction companies in southern California, was incorporated in 1952.

The building appears on the 1927 Sanborn map where it is shown as subdivided into three stores, an art studio, and a restaurant. Additional detail is provided in the 1935 aerial photograph where the south elevation is visible.

Although no ground-level historic photographs of the building have been located, examination of the exterior suggests significant alteration to the principal façade. While there are some remnants of the original Zig Zag Moderne architecture, including the fluted piers, angled, corner entrance and chevron decoration, fenestration has been altered, most significantly at the ground level storefronts.

800 La Brea Avenue, Firestone Tire and Rubber

800 La Brea Avenue, the Firestone Tire retail store, is located on the southeast corner of La Brea Avenue and West 8th Street on the opposite side of 8th Street from the project site. Constructed in 1937, it is a one-story, masonry building, roughly square in plan with a bowstring truss roof and two primary facades (north and west) clad in porcelain enamel panels. Built in the Streamline Moderne style, a curved wall at northwest corner of building creates a continuous elevation of the north and west façades. These elevations are broken by large, open bays for auto access and by strings of metal and glass storefront windows (the windows also curve at northwest corner of building). The front (west) façade is highlighted by a distinctive, cantilevered overhang that abuts the building's south wall and adjacent building. The corbelled underside of overhang is highlighted by curved rows of neon light fixtures. A large, bow tieshaped, metal pole sign reading "Firestone" is affixed atop the canopy, while individual metal box letters spelling out "Firestone" and "Complete Car Service" are attached at top of roof edge on both north and west façades. Aerial photographs indicate that there are several rectangular skylights in roof of building.

Firestone received a building permit for the new store in September 1937. This permit was issued for construction of a "public garage" at 800 La Brea Avenue. R.E. Ward was noted as engineer on project. No architect was included on the permit. Subsequent permits were issued in 1938 for installation of "roof sign" and "neon letters on roof."

The building does not appear to have been much altered over the years. There is only one building permit dating from after the initial construction phase; this permit, from 1962, is for a roof sign addition. While other alterations may have occurred, they are not documented in recorded permits. The building appears in aerial photographs after 1937 with a footprint that does not appear to have been altered based on review of later aerial views, such as a 1962 image.

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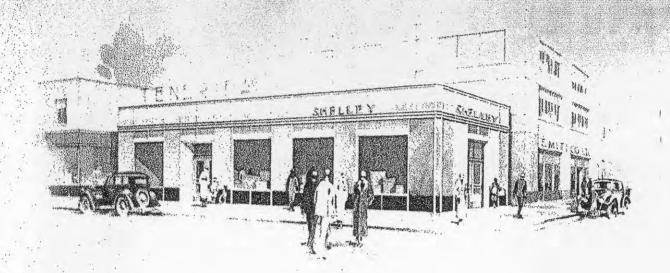
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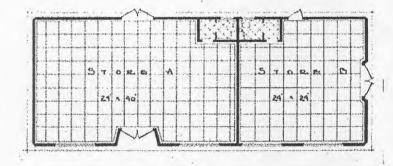
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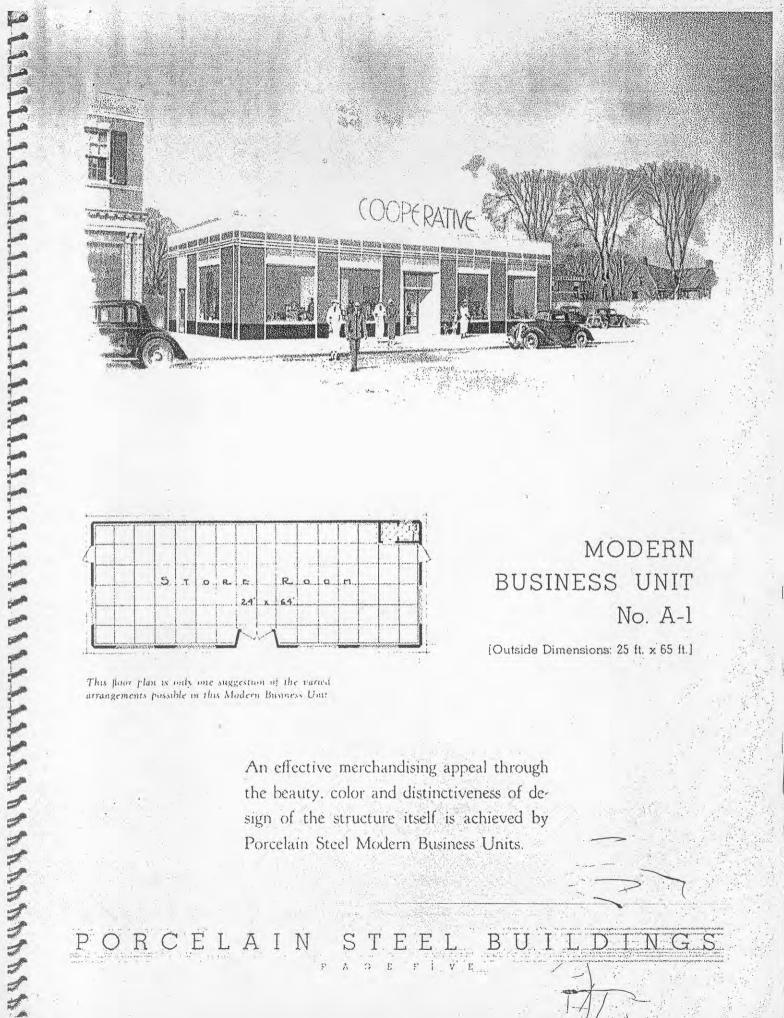


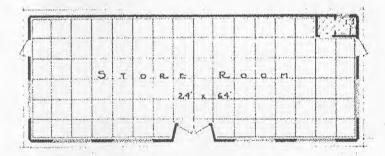
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This idea can be applied to the entire range of public service institutions; to the doctor's or dentist's office as well as the grocery or drug store; to the specialty shop as well as the gasoline service station; to the independent merchant as well as the chain organization.

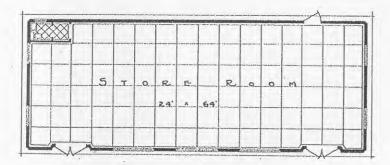
Along with the appearance appeal and style that make for an attractive and effective "package" for an entire business, Modern Business Units of Porcelain Steel offer unusual utility values, such as real movability, flexibility and minimum maintenance costs.

Buildings of the same material and type of construction have been used for a number of years by the White Castle System of restaurants as well as by several oil companies. Their experience, as reflected by actual figures, proves an increased sale of merchandise as well as a definite construction and maintenance economy through the use of these structures.



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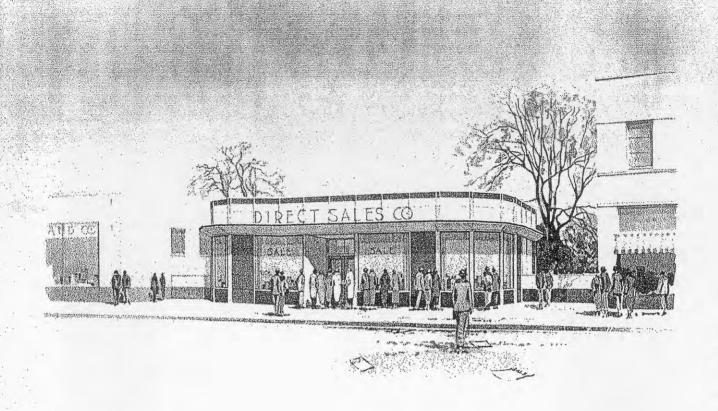
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[Outside Dimensions: 25 ft. x 65 ft.]

An ideal solution to the problem of the vacant lot not yet ready for a larger, inflexible structure is offered by Porcelain Steel Modern Business Units.

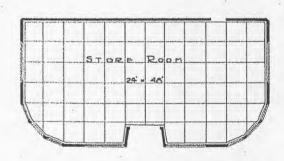
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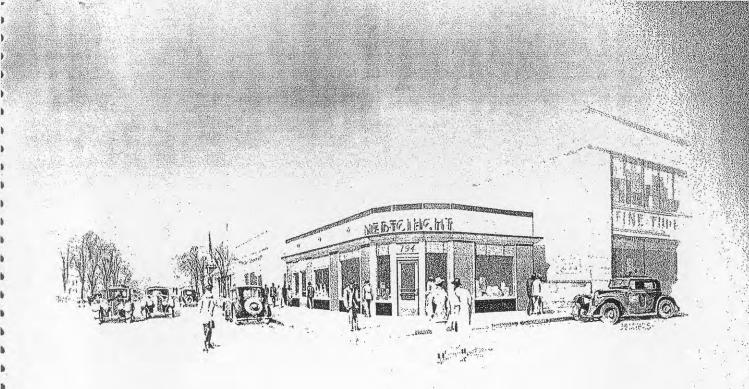
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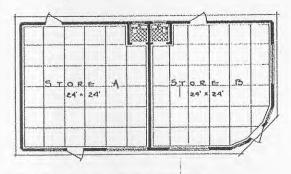
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A practically unlimited range of color, design and attractive effects heretofore unattainable in other materials is made possible by Porcelain Steel Modern Business Units.





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MODERN BUSINESS UNIT No. B-3

[Outside Dimensions: 25 ft. x 49 ft.]

The ease with which Porcelain Steel Modern Business Units may be successfully moved at small cost, present an opportunity to test the value of a vacant lot without losing the building investment.

PORCELAIN TEEL BUILDINGS

Building Permit History 2143 S. Victoria Avenue Los Angeles

September 10, 1937: Building Permit No. 29955 to construct a 1-story 98' X 125'

steel and masonry public garage at 800 S. La Brea Avenue, on

Lots 263 & 117 of Tract No 4642, Wilshire Highlands.

Owner: Firestone Tire and Rubber Company

Architect: None

Engineer: R. E. Ward Contractor: None Cost: \$30,000.00

February 7, 1938: Building Permit No. 3562 to construct a roof sign.

Owner: Firestone Tire Co.

Architect: None

Engineer: Aaron J. Smith

Contractor: Boston Neon Signs & Displays (on rear)

Cost: \$2,100.00

February 21, 1938: Building Permit No. 4852 for neon letters on roof.

Owner: Firestone Tire Co.

Architect: None Engineer: None

Contractor: 20th Century Lites, Inc.

Cost: \$250.00

March 2, 1962: Building Permit No. LA 4150 for a 8' X 24.7' roof sign

addition.

Owner: Firestone Tires

Architect: None

Engineer: V. K. Kelly Contractor: Triple A Neon

Cost: \$2,000.00

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Application to Alter, Repair, Move or Demolish

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Firestone Tire Building Photographs



Firestone Tire Building, 800 S. La Brea Avenue, October 29, 2011 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)



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Firestone Tire Building, roof sign added in 1962, 800 S. La Brea Avenue, October 29, 2011 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)



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Firestone Tire Building, roof canopy, 800 S. La Brea Avenue, October 29, 2011 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)



Firestone Tire Building, porcelain wall, 800 S. La Brea Avenue, October 29, 2011 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)



Firestone Tire Building, original signage, 800 S. La Brea Avenue, October 29, 2011 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)



Firestone Tire Building, 8th Street facade, 800 S. La Brea Avenue, October 29, 2011 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)



Firestone Tire Building, 8th Street bay door, 800 S. La Brea Avenue, October 29, 2011 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)



Firestone Tire Building, garage interior showing skylights, 800 S. La Brea Avenue, October 29, 2011 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)



Firestone Tire Building, curve at corner, 800 S. La Brea Avenue, October 29, 2011 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)



Firestone Tire Building, both facades, 800 S. La Brea Avenue, October 29, 2011 (Photograph by Charles J. Fisher)