Los Angeles Department of City Planning RECOMMENDATION REPORT

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION CASE NO.: CHC-2023-7508-HCM

HEARING DATE: December 7, 2023

TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: Edward R. Roybal Board of

Public Works Session Room

City Hall, Room 350 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 and via Teleconference (see

agenda for login information)

EXPIRATION DATE: December 13, 2023

Location: 1801-1805 N. Vine Street;

6301-6317 W. Yucca Street

ENV-2023-7509-CE

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez Community Plan Area: Hollywood Land Use Designation: Regional Center

Commercial

Zoning: C4-2D-SN

Area Planning Commission: Central Neighborhood Council: Hollywood United Legal Description: Tract 26206, Lot 1 and

Hollywood Tract, Block 22,

Lot 9

PROJECT: Historic-Cultural Monument Application for the

MOUNTAIN STATES LIFE BUILDING/ YUCCA-VINE TOWER

REQUEST: Declare the property an Historic-Cultural Monument

OWNERS: AMDA Inc.

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New York, NY 10023

Hollywood North Vine Inc. c/o David Silverman 2109 Broadway, Ste. 207 New York, NY 10023

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Art Deco Society of Los Angeles

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RECOMMENDATION That the Cultural Heritage Commission:

- 1. **Take the property under consideration** as an Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.10 because the application and accompanying photo documentation suggest the submittal warrants further investigation.
- 2. **Adopt** the report findings.

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Historic-Cultural Monument Application

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SUMMARY

The Mountain States Life Building/Yucca-Vine Tower is a commercial building consisting of an eight-story tower flanked by two-story wings located on the northwest corner of Vine and Yucca Streets in Hollywood. Constructed in 1929, it was designed in the Art Deco architectural style by Los Angeles architect Henry L. Gogerty (1894-1990) as the headquarters for the Mountain States Life Insurance Company with a one-story wing to the west of the tower containing a grocery store. While Mountain States Life Insurance Company occupied the building until 1933, it has had many occupants over the years that include the Postal Union Life Insurance Company and Chao Praya, one of the first Thai restaurants in the United States. Today, the subject property is occupied by the AMDA College of the Performing Arts.

Hollywood began as a small agricultural community in the 19th century. By the turn of the 20th century, increasingly farms gave way to speculative real estate development, and in 1903, the City of Hollywood officially incorporated. By 1909, like many of its neighboring communities, Hollywood had experienced immense growth, and in February of 1910, Hollywood was consolidated into the City of Los Angeles. Although formally part of the City of Los Angeles, Hollywood continued to maintain its own identity, which was tied directly to the growth of the motion picture industry. As the popularity of motion pictures grew, more physical facilities related to film production were constructed in Hollywood, and the industry contributed significantly to the area's overall industrial growth. From the 1910s through the boom of the 1920s and into the 1930s, Hollywood experienced tremendous population growth; the large parcels of land once occupied by citrus groves and single-family residences were disappearing and replaced by dense urban development.

Approaching the 1920s, Hollywood Boulevard was reimagined as a first-class shopping and business district, with the Vine Street intersection becoming the nexus of commercial development around 1922. In accordance with a 1905 ordinance (amended in 1911) that prohibited the construction of buildings in Los Angeles taller than 150 feet, Hollywood developers maximized the potential of their properties with "height-limit" structures at Hollywood-Vine such as the Taft Building (HCM #666), the Hollywood Plaza Hotel (HCM #665), and B. H. Dyas Department Store (HCM #664, as Broadway Department Store). By the end of the decade, as the Hollywood-Vine commercial district expanded north to include Yucca Street the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce championed an improvement project dubbed the "Five-Finger Plan" to include widening, grading, and paving for key street locations. The five fingers—Yucca (thumb), Vine (index), Ivar (middle), Cahuenga (ring), and Wilcox (pinky)—were all widened. At the time, 25.600 automobiles passed through the intersection of Hollywood and Vine every 12 hours, with the bulk of the traffic on Vine. Once the Five-Finger Plan was in operation, experts predicted Yucca-Vine would rival Hollywood-Vine as one of the busiest intersections in Los Angeles. The subject property was one of 20 structures in the Hollywood-Vine vicinity built on the basis of the Five-Finger Plan.

Rectangular in plan, the subject property is comprised of an eight-story tower that is flanked by two-story wings on the west and the east. The tower is of concrete construction and the wings are of wood-frame and concrete and brick construction. The primary, south-facing façade features three volumes with a central tower containing a recessed main entrance on the ground floor that is framed with bas-relief sculptures of flora, fauna, and geometric motifs. Along the interior of the recessed entryway are six symmetrical panels of a floral design and over the doorway is a horizontal cast-stone panel of floral design crisscrossed by two parallel vertical panels of geometric design. The second story features a pair of cast-stone balconies beneath casement windows that frame the tower. Between them, six narrow casement windows with sloped sills comprise the center column of the facade; above each window is a hexagon-shaped spandrel

with a floral design. At the top of the tower there are bas-relief sculptures believed to be three symbolic figures in Greek mythology: Hestia (goddess of the home and family), Hera (goddess of marriage and birth), and Apollo (god of medicine and knowledge). Each figure is repeated for a total of six sculptures. Flanking them, eight eagles are perched on the outer columns, four on each side. Protecting the parapet are four guards wielding swords. The west-facing elevation has no ornamentation, only five casement windows per floor and the east-facing elevation only has two windows per floor. The east and west wings feature cast-stone ornaments over windows, vertical setbacks, zigzag relief, vertical curvilinear reliefs capping the four columns that frame the second-floor windows on the east wing, and geometric elements. Fenestration consists of multilite steel casement windows, glass block windows, and single, fixed windows. Atop the roof, set back towards the rear of the building, is an 11-foot-high elevator machinery room decorated with bas-relief made of cast stone. There is a plaza off the south-facing facade that was the result of Yucca Street being widened in 1931.

Henry L. Gogerty was born in Zearing, Iowa in 1894 and received degrees in architecture and engineering from the University of Illinois. After serving in field artillery in World War I, he settled in Los Angeles and opened his architectural practice. In 1926, Gogerty formed a partnership with Carl Jules Weyl that lasted approximately two years. The firm designed a number of Hollywood-area commercial buildings, including the Fred C. Thomson Building (1927, HCM #1196), as well as the Palace Theater, the Baine Building, and the Shane Building, all of which are listed as contributors to the National Register Hollywood Boulevard Commercial and Entertainment District. Apart from working with Weyl, Gogerty is credited with designing over 350 schools in Southern California as well as industrial complexes including the Hughes Aircraft complex in Playa Vista and Glendale Airport's Grand Central Air Terminal (added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2017). Gogerty died on January 4, 1990, in Los Angeles at the age of 96.

Based on permit records, the subject property has experienced several alterations over the years that consist of the addition of a second floor to the west wing and the construction of the east wing in 1930; the addition of a mezzanine within one of the storefront spaces in 1938; a parapet correction in 1956; the construction of a 600-foot mezzanine on the first floor of the west wing in 1989; the replacement of the storefront system and an extensive interior and exterior remodel that converted 10,590 square feet of office space into classrooms, performance halls, rehearsal rooms, dance studios, a costume shop, computer lab, library, and black box theater in 2003; and the replacement of the checkered terrazzo sidewalk spanning the storefronts with brick pavers at some point after 2003.

The subject property was identified as individually eligible for listing under the national, state, and local designation programs as an excellent example of Art Deco commercial architecture in Hollywood through the 2020 Historic Resources Survey of the Hollywood Redevelopment Area prepared by Architectural Resources Group, GPA Consulting, and Historic Resources Group.

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 if it meets at least one of the following criteria:

 Is identified with important events of national, state, or local history, or exemplifies significant contributions to the broad cultural, economic or social history of the nation, state, city or community; CHC-2023-7508-HCM 1801-1805 N. Vine Street; 6301-6317 W. Yucca Street Page 5 of 5

- 2. Is associated with the lives of historic personages important to national, state, city, or local history; or
- 3. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period, or method of construction; or represents a notable work of a master designer, builder, or architect whose individual genius influenced his or her age.

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.

BACKGROUND

On November 13, 2023, the Director of Planning determined that the application for the proposed designation of the subject property as an Historic-Cultural Monument was complete.



NOMINATION FORM

1. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Proposed Monument Name:							
Other Associated Names:							
Street Address:				Zip:		Council District:	
Range of Addresses on Property:				Commun	Community Name:		
Assessor Parcel Number:		Tract:		Block:			Lot:
Identification cont'd:							
Proposed Monument Property Type:	Building	Structure	Object		Site/Open Space		Natural Feature
Describe any additional resources located on the property to be included in the nomination, here:							

2. CONSTRUCTION HISTORY & CURRENT STATUS

Year built:	Factual	Estimated	Threatened?	
Architect/Designer:			Contractor:	
Original Use:			Present Use:	
Is the Proposed Monument on its O	riginal Site?	Yes	No (explain in section 7)	Unknown (explain in section 7)

3. STYLE & MATERIALS

Architectural Style:			Stories:	Plan Shape:	
FEATURE	PRIMARY		SECONDARY		
CONSTRUCTION	Туре:	Type:			
CLADDING	Material:	Material:			
ROOF	Туре:	Туре:			
	Material:		Material:		
WINDOWS	Туре:	Туре:			
WINDOWS	Material:		Material:		
ENTRY	Style:	Style:			
DOOR	Туре:		Туре:		



NOMINATION FORM

4. ALTERATION HISTORY

List data and write a brief description of any major alterations or additions. This ca	ation may also be completed as a constate decument
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5. EXISTING HISTORIC RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION (if known)	
Listed in the National Register of Historic Places	
Listed in the California Register of Historical Resources	
Formally determined eligible for the National and/or California Registers	
Located in an Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ)	Contributing feature Non-contributing feature
Determined eligible for national, state, or local landmark status by an historic resources survey(s)	Survey Name(s):
Other historical or cultural resource designations:	

6. APPLICABLE HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT CRITERIA

The proposed mor	nument exemplifies the following Cultural Heritage Ordinance Criteria (Section 22.171.7):
1.	Is identified with important events of national, state, or local history, or exemplifies significant contributions to the broad cultural, economic or social history of the nation, state, city or community.
2.	Is associated with the lives of historic personages important to national, state, city, or local history.
	Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period, or method of construction; or represents a notable ork of a master designer, builder, or architect whose individual genius influenced his or her age.



State:

NOMINATION FORM

7. WRITTEN STATEMENTS

This section allows you to discuss at length the significance of the proposed monument and why it should be designated an Historic-Cultural Monument. Type your response on separate documents and attach them to this form.

- **A. Proposed Monument Description** Describe the proposed monument's physical characteristics and relationship to its surrounding environment. Expand on sections 2 and 3 with a more detailed description of the site. Expand on section 4 and discuss the construction/alteration history in detail if that is necessary to explain the proposed monument's current form. Identify and describe any character-defining elements, structures, interior spaces, or landscape features.
- **B. Statement of Significance** Address the proposed monument's historic, cultural, and/or architectural significance by discussing how it satisfies the HCM criteria you selected in Section 6. You must support your argument with substantial evidence and analysis. The Statement of Significance is your main argument for designation so it is important to substantiate any claims you make with supporting documentation and research.

8. CONTACT INFORMATION

Nomination Preparer/Applicant's Representative

Phone Number:

Name:

Zip:

Street Address:

Applicant Company: Name: Street Address: City: State: Zip: Phone Number: Email: **Property Owner** Is the owner in support of the nomination? Yes Unknown No Company: Name: Street Address: City: State: Phone Number: Zip: Email:

Company:

Email:

City:



NOMINATION FORM

9. SUBMITTAL

When you have completed preparing your nomination, compile all materials in the order specified below. Although the entire packet must not exceed 100 pages, you may send additional material on a CD or flash drive.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1.	Nomination Form	5.	Copies of Primary/Secondary Documentation
2.	Written Statements A and B	6.	Copies of Building Permits for Major Alterations (include first construction permits)
3.	Bibliography	7.	Additional, Contemporary Photos
4.	Two Primary Photos of Exterior/Main Facade		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	(8x10, the main photo of the proposed monument. Also email a digitial copy of the main photo to:	8.	Historical Photos
	planning.ohr@lacity.org)	9.	Zimas Parcel Report for all Nominated Parcels (including map)

10. RELEASE

1	read each statement and check the corresponding boxes to indicate that you agree with the statement, then sign below in the ed space. Either the applicant or preparer may sign.
	I acknowledge that all documents submitted will become public records under the California Public Records Act, and understand that the documents will be made available upon request to members of the public for inspection and copying.
	I acknowledge that all photographs and images submitted as part of this application will become the property of the City of Los Angeles, and understand that permission is granted for use of the photographs and images by the City without any expectation of compensation.
	I acknowledge that I have the right to submit or have obtained the appropriate permission to submit all information contained in this application.

Kathleen Perricone	Sept. 5, 2023	K.Pe.	
Name:	Date:	Signature:	

Mail your Historic-Cultural Monument Submittal to the Office of Historic Resources.

Office of Historic Resources
Department of City Planning
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Phone: 213-874-3679 Website: preservation.lacity.org Mountain States Life Building / Yucca-Vine Tower (6305 Yucca Street) Historic-Cultural Monument Nomination Continuation Sheet

A. PROPOSED MONUMENT DESCRIPTION

Summary

The Mountain States Life Building / Yucca-Vine Tower was constructed in 1929 as the headquarters for Mountain States Life Insurance Company. One of Hollywood's earliest skyscrapers, the eight-story tower contributed to the development of the Hollywood-Vine commercial district and was essential to the city's "Five-Finger Plan." Over the past century, notable tenants have included Gene Autry's Western Music Publishing, *Motion Picture Daily*, Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, and Chao Praya, one of the first Thai restaurants in the United States. An unmistakable Hollywood landmark, the Art Deco tower has also been featured in *The Three Stooges*, TV shows *Mission: Impossible*, *Mannix*, and *CHiPS*, and 2004 blockbuster *The Day After Tomorrow*.



The Yucca-Vine Tower, when it was known as the Postal Union Life Building in the mid-1930s (Los Angeles Public Library)

Designed by architect Henry L. Gogerty, Mountain States Life Building was one of his first solo projects since splitting from partner Carl Jules Weyl in 1928. Together, the

duo created several Spanish Colonial Revival masterpieces in Hollywood, such as Historic-Cultural Monument Fred C. Thomson Building (#1196) on Sunset Boulevard, as well as the Hollywood Playhouse, Baine Building, and Hollywood Studios Building—all Contributors to the Hollywood Boulevard Commercial and Entertainment National Register Historic District. Gogerty's first attempt at Art Deco was the Mountain States Life Building, especially impressive given its size.

On his own, Gogerty built up the Yucca-Vine vicinity: Gogerty Building at the southeast corner of Yucca-Vine, Van de Kamp Dutch Bakery at the southwest corner of Yucca-Ivar, and storefronts at 6357-67 Yucca Street. Throughout Southern California, the prolific architect designed more than 350 schools and industrial buildings, including Glendale Airport's Grand Central Air Terminal (added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2017) and the production facility for Howard Hughes' innovative aviation firm in Playa Vista. Now known as the Hughes Industrial Historic District, the campus was added to the California Register of Historical Resources in 1991 and formally determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Yucca-Vine Tower—as it's commonly known and referred to as such in the 2020 Historic Resources Survey Report¹—retains its original architectural and historic character and merits designation as a Historic-Cultural Monument with the protections of the Secretary of the Interiors Standards. Currently for sale, the listing advertises 6305 Yucca Street as an "Unlimited Height Opportunity Zone" and is eligible for a Transit Oriented Communities Incentive Program.² A proposed redevelopment option removes Art Deco attributes and character-defining features.³ Therefore, the Yucca-Vine Tower is under immediate threat of potential adverse redevelopment and/or alteration.

<u>Site</u>

Located in the heart of Hollywood, the Yucca-Vine Tower rises over the northwest corner of Yucca and Vine streets, on a north-ascending slope from an elevation of 410 feet up to 445 feet. It is terrace graded, stepping up across several retaining walls from the south⁴. The south-fronting complex is comprised of an eight-story Class-A tower (6305-09 Yucca) that is flanked by two-story Class-C wings on the west (6311-17 Yucca) and the east (6301-03 Yucca / 1801-05 Vine).

¹ Historic Resources Survey Report, <u>Hollywood Redevelopment Plan Area (2020)</u>

² 6305 Yucca Street, <u>CBRE sale listing</u>

³ AMDA at Vine Center, rios.com

⁴ LADBS, Geology Report, Sept. 20, 2018

At the time of construction in 1929, the Mountain States Life Building—as it was then known—was the lone skyscraper along the Yucca Corridor, at the time dotted with shops, single-family homes, and mid-rise apartment buildings. Two decades later, it narrowly survived the Hollywood Freeway's path, which plowed through the area just one block north at Franklin Avenue. Many of the surrounding structures were demolished or relocated, yet the Art Deco building was spared and survived completely unscathed. In 1956, the Yucca-Vine Tower was joined at the intersection by an even taller skyscraper: Capitol Records Building (HCM #857), located on the southeast corner on Vine Street. Today, the area is considered densely populated and developed.

The Yucca-Vine Tower gained its front plaza in 1931 when Yucca Street was widened to 94 feet and its curb line redirected 20 feet south as part of the city's Five-Finger Plan⁵. Today, that space is used by current occupant AMDA College of the Performing Arts as a student quad and is secured by a wrought iron gate (not part of the original design). On the west end of the property facing Yucca Street, pedestrian and automatic sliding gates allow access to a parking lot (approximately 77 spaces) and the school campus. Along the Vine Street-fronting east wing, which slopes up towards Franklin Avenue, windows and a sealed-off door butt up to the sidewalk. To the rear of the building (north) is a parking lot and AMDA housing (1823 Vine), giving the property over 270 feet of frontage along Vine Street.

The Yucca-Vine Tower occupies a rectangular parcel (APN 5546003016) measuring 17,723 square feet, approximately half of the block that stretches west towards Ivar Avenue. Originally spanning several lots in the Hollywood Tract, the tower and its two wings comprise Lot 1 of Tract 26206.

Exterior

The Yucca-Vine Tower is an excellent example of Art Deco architecture: vertical emphasis, zigzag elements, bas-relief sculptures, and symmetrical, repeating patterns. The eight-story Class-A building (6305-09 Yucca) is the showpiece, with a south facade that integrates ornamental cast stone, wrought iron, and marble, all of which makes it stand out amid the Hollywood skyline.

The main entrance at 6305 Yucca is recessed and framed with bas-relief sculptures of flora, fauna, and geometric motifs. On the exterior layer, the symmetrical left and right sides feature cast-stone portraits of seven different types of birds, including eagle, falcon, and pelican. At the top is a single owl. Along the interior of the recessed

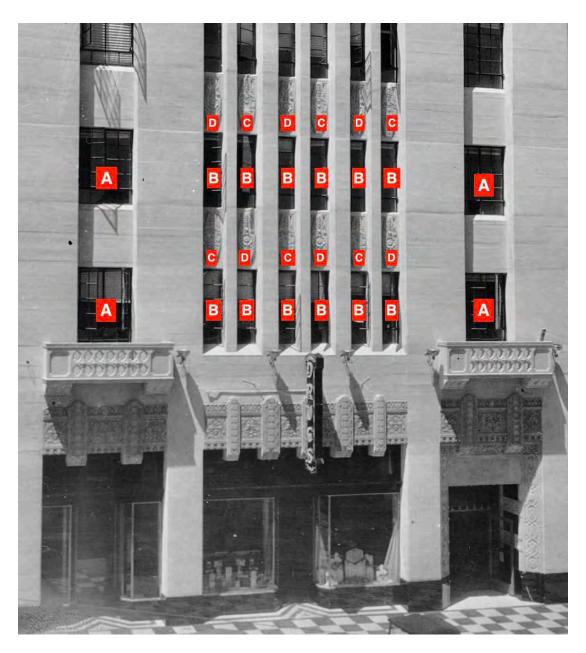
⁵ "Five-Finger Job Paving Speeded," Los Angeles Times, Oct. 19, 1930

entryway are six symmetrical panels of the same floral design. Over the doorway is a horizontal cast-stone panel of floral design crisscrossed by two parallel vertical panels of geometric design. That exact panel is repeated over the entrance for 6309 Yucca. Between the two, a panel of similar design spans the area over 6307 Yucca.



main entrance at 6305 Yucca in 1930 (California State Library)

The second story features a pair of cast-stone balconies beneath casement windows ("A") that frame the tower. Between them, six narrow casement windows with sloped sills ("B") comprise the center column of the facade. Above each window in the "B" grouping is a hexagon-shaped spandrel of "C" or "D" floral design. Two variations of this A-B-C-D pattern repeat for six additional stories ascending to the roof.

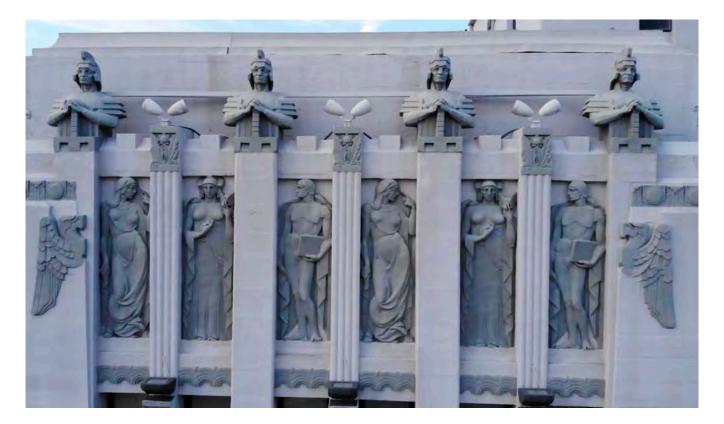


ornamental cast-stone on south facade in 1929 (USC Digital Library)

The western facade has no ornamentation, only five casement windows per floor. The eastern facade is even more simple: two windows per floor.

Ornamentation at the top of the building reflects the business of life insurance. The facade's center column is adorned with bas-relief sculptures believed to be three symbolic figures in Greek mythology: Hestia (goddess of the home and family), Hera (goddess of marriage and birth), and Apollo (god of medicine and knowledge). Each figure is repeated for a total of six sculptures. Flanking them, eight eagles are perched on the outer columns, four on each side. Protecting the parapet are four guards wielding swords—symbolic of the security that life insurance brings to

policyholders. Typically, swords pointing downwards imply the fight is over. All basrelief sculptures were thoughtfully restored in 2003, and remain a standout eight stories in the sky.



Hestia, Hera, and Apollo, with four guardsmen protecting the parapet (2021 AMDA video tour)

Atop the roof, set back towards the rear of the building is an 11-foot-high elevator machinery room decorated with bas-relief made of cast stone.

Back on street level, the two-story wings are distinctly different. The west annex (6311-17 Yucca) was built in 1929 in tandem with the tower as a one-story grocery store, Piggly-Wiggly, also designed by architect Henry L. Gogerty (and owned by Hollywood real estate businessmen A. Z. Taft Jr. and Harold O. Taft). Its original details—columns with curvilinear details and glass block windows—were kept intact when the second floor was added in August 1930. The newer level also features cast-stone ornaments over each of the 13 windows, and the far corner is especially embellished with vertical setbacks, zigzag relief, and geometric elements.

The east wing (6301-03 Yucca / 1801-05 Vine) was built in early 1930—also designed by Gogerty—as an annex for the expanding insurance company and boasts many of the same architectural characteristics as its western counterpart: horizontal

ornament over ground-floor glass block windows and vertical curvilinear relief capping the four columns that frame the second floor's nine casement windows. The design is repeated along the eastern facade, which is upslope.



left to right: west wing (prior to second-story addition), main tower, and brand-new east wing in 1930 (California State Library)

Interior

(Restricted. Interior not accessed.)

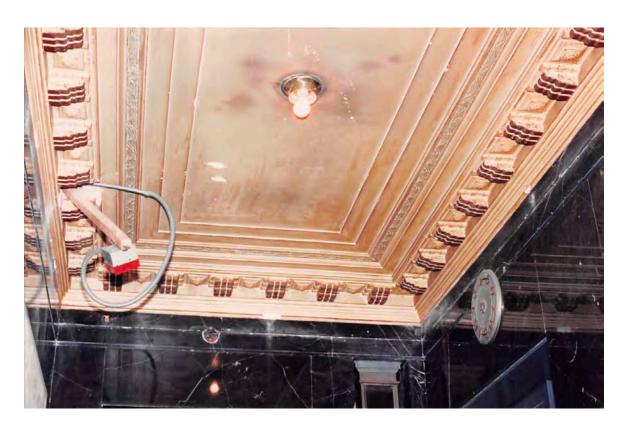
In addition to Mountain States Life Insurance's headquarters, the tower and west-east wings catered to businesses of all varieties—retail, entertainment, publishing, personal care, self-improvement, etc.—and the interior layouts of each floor reflected its respective tenants. Access to the tower's upstairs offices is possible via one of two passenger elevators located in the lobby that travel up and down the east side of the building. According to the 1929 plans prepared by Henry L. Gogerty, the elevators boasted tile walls. The tower's first floor (main entrance plus two storefronts) has 20-foot ceilings, whereas the second through seventh floors are 11-feet, 6-inches, and the eighth floor is 10 feet. Beneath the tower, the basement contains a boiler room, electrical room, switchboard, vault, and multiple rooms of various storage space.



1977: Entrance lobby and elevator lobby, with original directory (photo courtesy of the De Pietro Family, Yucca-Vine Tower owners 1971-2003)



1990s: First-floor lobby grand entrance ceiling, uncovered during restoration (photo courtesy of the De Pietro Family)



1990s: First-floor lobby elevator bay, original ceiling exposed during renovation (photo courtesy of the De Pietro Family)



1990s: First-floor lobby, with vinyl wall removed to uncover original marble (photo courtesy of the De Pietro Family)

<u>Alterations</u>

There are no obvious exterior alterations to the Yucca-Vine Tower, aside from the 2003 replacement of the "non-historic" storefront system (including wrought-iron ornamentation separating the windows of 6307-09 Yucca), which the permit notes "will have no impact on the character-defining features of the building." The biggest change to the building's appearance occurred just two years after its completion: In February 1931, following the widening of Yucca Street, the curb line where it intersected with Vine Street moved, giving the property another 20 feet of frontage that was landscaped and dubbed Yucca-Vine Plaza? In 1995, site work at the front of the building erected a wrought-iron gate and removed a portion of the existing concrete walk in front of 6305 Yucca for a 16-foot water pond. At some point after 2003, the checkered terrazzo sidewalk spanning the storefronts was replaced with brick pavers. Today, the plaza is used by current occupant AMDA as a student quad and is secured by a wrought-iron gate that has been made more aesthetic with lush green hedges of the same height.

Inside the tower, until 2003 there had been general remodeling of the office floors, such as adding partitions, removing non-bearing walls, replacing bathroom fixtures, and rearranging tile, yet no structural changes. On the ground floor, the space that originally housed Southwest Pharmacy and soda fountain (6307 Yucca) transformed into a 45-seat cafe in the early 1960s. A decade later, the storefront was combined with 6309 Yucca for tenant Chao Praya, one of the first Thai restaurants in the United States⁹—and oldest in Los Angeles until it closed in 2003¹⁰. In 1983, the restaurant expanded into the west wing's 6311 Yucca following a remodel of the space.

At the other end of the west wing, 6315 Yucca began as Harold's Tavern but was altered to accommodate the Taft Realty Co. in 1934, the same year fire damage required a new bathroom and four new steps. Five decades later in 1989, a 600-foot mezzanine was constructed on the first floor for a new office. The east wing, which displayed a sign on its roof for decades starting in the 1930s, has also undergone minor interior remodeling such as adding/removing partitions and suspended ceilings.

When AMDA College of the Performing Arts purchased the complex in 2003, extensive renovations transformed 10,590 square feet of office space into classrooms, performance halls, rehearsal rooms, dance studios, a costume shop,

⁶ LADBS, Permit #03016-10000-10133, July 1, 2003

^{7 &}quot;No Man's Land," Los Angeles Evening Express, Feb. 21, 1931

^{8 1995} site plan

⁹ Chao Praya, gayot.com

¹⁰ "Yucca and Vine," Sept. 1, 2002, sunset.com

computer lab, library, and black box theater. The remodel, done by Hollywood firm Roschen Van Cleve Architects, also installed all new sinks and toilets.

Character-Defining Features

Site

The Yucca-Vine Tower is set on a north-ascending slope, evident by its east elevation along Vine. From Yucca, a plaza fronts the south entrance, set back from the sidewalk and surrounded by high hedges.

Exterior

- Art Deco eight-story tower, flanked by two-story annexes of corresponding architecture
- Yucca-Vine Plaza, spanning width of building and set 20 feet from Yucca Street
- · Recessed main entrance, framed by bas-relief portraits of birds
- · Divided-lite casement windows with sloped sills
- Bas-relief frieze of flora, fauna, and geometric motifs
- · Cast-stone balconies
- · Hexagon-shaped spandrel
- Bas-relief sculptures at roof:
 - Symbolic figures in Greek mythology: Hestia (goddess of the home and family), Hera (goddess of marriage and birth), and Apollo (god of medicine and knowledge)
 - Eight eagles flank the goddesses/god
 - Four sword-wielding guardians protect the parapet

Interior:

Extant character-defining features to be determined; unable to access the building's interior at this time.

B. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Yucca-Vine Tower meets the following criteria for designation as a Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM):

<u>Criterion 1</u>: It is identified with important events of national, state, or local history, or exemplifies significant contributions to the broad cultural, economic or social history of the nation, state, city or community.

Summary

Integral to the development of the Hollywood-Vine commercial district, the Mountain States Life Building was the first (and ultimately, only) height-limit structure built as part of its extension north to include Yucca Street. 11 For this reason, the building's construction was essential to the city's "Five-Finger Plan," which prepared Yucca-Vine to become one of the busiest intersections in Los Angeles. In 1930, Hollywood-Vine established a skyscraper record in the U.S., with the eight-story Mountain States Life Building noted as a contributor.

Historic Significance

The construction of the Mountain States Life Building was so crucial to Yucca-Vine's commercial development, Los Angeles City Council voted in July 1928 to rezone the northwest lot purchased from St. Stephens Episcopal Church. The \$250,000 office tower would be one of 20 structures in the Hollywood-Vine vicinity built on the basis of the Five-Finger Plan, a massive project to metropolitanize Hollywood and accommodate the increased traffic by improving its busiest roads from the gateway, Cahuenga Pass—the most heavily traveled highway in the world down to Melrose Avenue.

The October 1928 groundbreaking of the Mountain States Life Building was celebrated in a ceremony attended by a distinguished group of local financiers and civic leaders, including Sam Kress, owner of Kress Drug Company on Hollywood Boulevard, and real estate businessman A. Z. Taft, notable for making Hollywood and Vine the most famous intersection in the world (Taft also owned the tower's west wing, 6311-17 Yucca). To give locals a visual of what the artistic skyscraper would look like, a sketch was published in the *Los Angeles Times*, which reported

¹¹ Historic Resources Survey Report, Hollywood Redevelopment Plan Area (2020)

^{12 &}quot;Rezoning on Vine Street Is Approved," Los Angeles Evening Citizen News, July 10, 1928

^{13 &}quot;Valley Traffic Solution Urged," Los Angeles Times, Feb. 26, 1928

the structure of reinforced concrete would boast two elevators and a steamheating unit. "It will be especially equipped for doctors and professional men." 14

Mountain State Life Building's completion in 1929 marked "a new era" in the growth of Hollywood-Vine as a business center and contributed to a 1930 record for skyscraper development. Over the previous five years, construction at the Hollywood Boulevard-Vine Street intersection (and immediately adjacent thereto) "exceeded that of any similar area in Los Angeles and has surpassed the limitheight building record of any district of its size in the United States." Several of the other height-limit buildings that contributed to the record have since been designated Historic-Cultural Monuments: B.H. Dyas Building (#664, as Broadway Department Store), Hollywood Plaza Hotel (#665), Taft Building (#666), and Bank of Hollywood / Equitable Building (#1088).

In 1934, the Art Deco tower—then known as the Postal Union Life Building—was selected as the backdrop for The Three Stooges short, *Three Little Pigskins*, costarring Lucille Ball.



1934: The Three Stooges in front of 6317 Yucca (YouTube)

¹⁴ "Ground Broken for Insurance Unit," Los Angeles Times, Oct. 28, 1928

[&]quot;Hollywood-Vine Area Establishes a New World Record for Skyscraper Development," Los Angeles Times, Jan. 2, 1930

¹⁶ Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument <u>list</u>

In need of money to buy lunch, the comedic trio panhandle for spare change in front of the building. Original details, such as bas-relief and terrazzo sidewalk, are on display as Moe and Curly are positioned at the east wing on the corner of Vine and Larry covers the main entrance at 6305 Yucca. Later in the scene, a man offers the Three Stooges a day's work holding signs to advertise an upcoming college football game, which they do in front of the building's west wing (signage for 6317 Yucca is prominently visible in the background).

In later decades, the Yucca-Vine Tower made cameos on TV shows *Mission: Impossible* (1968), *Mannix* (1974), and *CHiPs* (1979), and was in the path of a special-effects tornado that ripped through Hollywood in the 2004 blockbuster *The Day After Tomorrow*.

Throughout the 1930s and 1940s, the building housed the Hollywood bureaus of *Motion Picture Daily*, *Motion Picture Herald*, and *Hollywood Screen World*. Gene Autry's Western Music Publishing Co. also had a second-floor office at 6305 Yucca, the address listed in *Modern Screen* magazine for fans to send mail to America's favorite "Singing Cowboy." In 1936, the tower leased an office to the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League (also known as Hollywood League Against Nazism), Cofounded by Frederic March, Gloria Stuart, and composer Oscar Hammerstein among others. Later as the Defense of American Democracy, the league fought against the discrimination of Black teachers at predominantly-white Los Angeles public schools in 1940.

The east wing's 6301 Yucca storefront is where consumer technology was revolutionized. In 1969, the Public Computer Network unveiled "the world's largest used car lot," a memory bank organized by make, model, color, price, and other specifications. After submitting the initial request by telephone, a list of vehicles matching a user's description was printed within minutes. PCN's "computer exchange," created by Gordon Adelman, paved the way for a similar model searching job and real estate listings.¹⁹

In 1971, one of the first Thai restaurants in the United States, Chao Praya, opened its doors at 6307 Yucca. For three decades, it served up some of the best seafood in town, according to several Los Angeles dining guide books.²⁰ ²¹ In 2002, a year

¹⁷ Modern Screen magazine, April 1940

¹⁸ "Anti-Nazi League Organized in Hollywood," *Illustrated Daily News*, June 3, 1936

¹⁹ "Computer Serves Consumer Needs," Valley Times, Dec. 10, 1969

²⁰ The Guide to Hollywood and Beverly Hills, Charles Lockwood, 1984

²¹ LA Restaurants and Gourmet Shops for Southern California, Andre Gayot, 1995

before the popular location closed, Chao Praya was recognized as one of Los Angeles' oldest Thai restaurants.²²

As the Yucca-Vine area evolved over the decades, surrounding structures came and went, yet the Art Deco tower remained unscathed. In the early 1950s, the Hollywood Freeway's path was paved through the vicinity, just one block north at Franklin Avenue. In 1956, at the southeast corner of Yucca and Vine, construction was completed for the 13-story Capitol Records Building, the world's first circular office building and a designated Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument (#857).

<u>Criterion 3</u>: It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period, or method of construction; or represents a notable work of a master designer, builder, or architect whose individual genius influenced his or her age.

The Yucca-Vine Tower is an excellent example of Art Deco architecture: vertical emphasis, zigzag elements, bas-relief sculptures, and cast-stone ornamentation—all of which remains intact nine decades later. Consistent with the time of construction in 1929, Art Deco was the popular choice for modern skyscrapers in Hollywood, as the district established itself as a chic center of commerce. The building exemplified the time's "ultra-modern period, an interesting expression of financial and commercial life today." In particular, its facade "is typical of the new spirit of progress in Hollywood, where beauty is never forgotten."²³

Even more significant, it was designed by one of the most in-demand architects of the time: Henry L. Gogerty. Throughout the 1920s, the lowa native (with partner Carl Jules Weyl) created several Hollywood landmarks: Historic-Cultural Monument Fred C. Thomson Building (#1196), as well as Hollywood Playhouse (1735 Vine Street), Baine Building (6601 Hollywood Boulevard), and Hollywood Studios Building (6554 Hollywood Boulevard)—all Contributors to the Hollywood Boulevard Commercial and Entertainment National Register Historic District. On his own, Gogerty designed more than 350 schools and industrial buildings in Southern California, including the Playa Vista production facility for Howard Hughes' innovative aviation firm, which was added to the California Register of Historical Resources in 1991 and formally determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Mountain States Life Building is particularly noteworthy for Gogerty because it was one of his first solo projects after splitting from Weyl in 1928. Furthermore,

²² "Yucca and Vine," Sept. 1, 2002, sunset.com

^{23 &}quot;New Mt. States Life Insurance Building Adds Beauty to Hollywood Skyline," Hollywood Daily Citizen, July 31, 1929

the tower is his first completed example of Art Deco following years focused on Spanish Colonial Revival. Gogerty's ability to skillfully pivot to a modern architectural style, especially on a scale as grand as eight stories, is quite remarkable. During construction of the Hollywood tower, he also designed the Grand Central Air Terminal in Glendale—a blend of Spanish Colonial Revival and Art Deco. Distinguished as Los Angeles' first commercial airport, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2017.

In the 2020 Historic Resources Survey (Hollywood Redevelopment Project Area), Yucca-Vine Tower is noted as an "Excellent example of Art Deco commercial architecture in Hollywood; work of noted Los Angeles architect Henry L. Gogerty." Furthermore, the building's status is listed as 3S;3CS;5S3:

<u>3S</u>: Appears eligible for National Register as an individual property through SurveyLA or other survey evaluation

<u>3CS</u>: Appears eligible for California Register as an individual property through SurveyLA or other survey evaluation

<u>5S3</u>: Appears to be individually eligible for local listing or designation through SurveyLA or other survey evaluation

Due to its architectural significance, the Yucca-Vine Tower is a notable stop on the Art Deco Society of Los Angeles' walking tour of Hollywood.

Commercial Development of Hollywood Boulevard

For decades at the turn of the century, Hollywood Boulevard was largely residential. Known as Prospect Avenue until 1910, the main drag was lined with stately homes such as the Janes House (HCM #227) near Hudson Avenue and French artist Paul de Longpre's garden estate at the northwest corner of Cahuenga Boulevard (demolished in 1927). Approaching the 1920s, with the establishment of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, Hollywood Boulevard was reimagined as a first-class shopping and business district, with the Vine Street intersection becoming the nexus of commercial development around 1922. In accordance with a 1905 ordinance (amended in 1911) that prohibited the construction of buildings in Los Angeles taller than 150 feet, Hollywood developers maximized the potential of their properties with "height-limit" structures at Hollywood-Vine such as the Taft Building (HCM #666), Hollywood Plaza Hotel (#665), and B. H. Dyas Department Store (#664, as Broadway Department Store).²⁵

²⁴ Historic Resources Survey, <u>Individual Resources</u>, p. 139

²⁵ Historic Resources Survey Report, <u>Hollywood Redevelopment Plan Area</u>, 2020

By the end of the decade, as the Hollywood-Vine commercial district expanded north to include Yucca Street—and thus, the Mountain States Life Building—the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce championed an improvement project dubbed the "Five-Finger Plan" to include widening, grading, and paving for key street locations. The five fingers —Yucca (thumb), Vine (index), Ivar (middle), Cahuenga (ring), and Wilcox (pinky)²⁶— were all broadened considerably, with Yucca brought to 94 feet. At the time, 25,600 automobiles passed through the intersection of Hollywood and Vine every 12 hours, with the bulk of the traffic on Vine. Once the Five-Finger Plan was in operation, experts predicted Yucca-Vine would rival Hollywood-Vine as one of the busiest intersections in Los Angeles.²⁷

"With Yucca Street converted into a major artery leading into Cahuenga Avenue," explained G.R. Dexter, President of the Bank of Hollywood, "the traffic between the San Fernando Valley cities and Los Angeles will be routed through Vine Street increasing the thoroughfare's daily traffic to record figures." Indeed, within months of the improvement project's 1931 completion at the intersection, Yucca-Vine was named "one of the record traffic centers of Los Angeles." 29

Vine Street between Hollywood and Yucca was specifically projected to be a high-class fashion district known as Peacock Alley. Henry L. Gogerty, architect of the Mountain States Life Building, was selected to exclusively design the style center.³⁰ In 1931, doors opened at the first of what was supposed to be a collection of specialty shops: a two-story Streamline Moderne at the southeast corner of Yucca for Jean Swartz, whose fashion pieces were tailored to "women of distinction."³¹ By this time, however, the country was mired in an economic depression and the extravagant Peacock Alley project was abandoned—making its first concept, the Jean Swartz Building (now known as the Gogerty Building), also its last.³²

The proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Nomination site was historically occupied by the indigenous Tongva. The First Peoples of the region, they arrived circa 500 BCE and their lands encompassed the greater LA Basin and three Channel Islands.³³

²⁶ "Hollywood's 'Five-Finger Plan' Aids Traffic in the 1920s-30s," <u>The Daily Mirror</u>, July 17, 2017

²⁷ "Formal Opening Held at Building Thursday Night," Hollywood Daily Citizen, July 31, 1929

²⁸ "Development of 5-Finger Plan Is Rapid," Los Angeles Evening Express, Sept. 27, 1930

²⁹ "Office Rental of Structure Near Capacity," Los Angeles Times, July 5, 1931

^{30 &}quot;Start Work on First Unit of 'Peacock Alley," Los Angeles Evening Express, Oct. 11, 1930

³¹ Jean Swartz advertisement, Los Angeles, Times, May 22, 1931

^{32 &}quot;Peacock Alley: The Pride of Vine Street," <u>BeforeThe101.com</u>

^{33 &}quot;We Are Still Here": A Report on Past, Present, and Ongoing Harms Against Local Tribes

Mountain States Life Insurance Company

In March 1927, Mountain States Life Insurance Company moved its headquarters from Denver to Hollywood, becoming the very first life insurance company to establish itself in the motion picture community. In its new executive office at the Guaranty Building (6331 Hollywood Boulevard, at Ivar Avenue), success was immediate and exponential. That October, Mountain States recorded its largest production of life insurance in the company's seven-year history with \$1,381,500 worth of policies written, according to president William L. Vernon.³⁴ Five months later on March 7, 1928, Mountain States set a record for the "quickest claim ever paid by a life insurance company" when they issued a check to the beneficiary of policyholder Robert W. Berkelew within five hours of receiving proof of his death.³⁵ Within 18 months of relocating to Hollywood, the company had written \$6 million worth of policies, accounting for nearly half of its \$16 million aggregate.³⁶

The rapid growth of Mountain States Life Insurance convinced executives they had outgrown the Guaranty Building headquarters. Plans commenced to erect a magnificent symbol of the company's achievements at the northwest corner of Yucca and Vine streets: an eight-story tower of Class-A construction designed by Hollywood's most in-demand architect, Henry L. Gogerty.

Ten months after its groundbreaking, the completion of the Mountain States Life Building was lauded throughout the city. Los Angeles Times splashed a photograph of the tower on the front page of its July 28, 1929 real estate section with the headline "Suburb Building to Open." The accompanying article reporting on the building's Aug. 1 grand opening—welcome to all residents of Hollywood and Los Angeles County—teased it as "a typical Hollywood gala event." Hollywood Daily Citizen also publicized the celebration with full-page coverage that included portraits of Mountain States Life Insurance's officers and a profile on architect Gogerty. "Completion of the Mountain States Life Building," noted the newspaper, "forges another link in the chain of circumstances which is destined to make the Hollywood Boulevard-Vine-Ivar area the permanent and foremost business center of Hollywood."³⁷

Mountain States Life Insurance certainly did its part. Two months after moving into its new headquarters, in October 1929 the company absorbed the Western Casualty Company (Denver) and Sierra Nevada Life and Casualty Company (Oakland) and relocated both to its Hollywood executive offices. To accommodate the new business,

^{34 &}quot;Mountain States Life to Erect Office Structure," Los Angeles Evening Citizen, Oct. 17, 1928

^{35 &}quot;The Quickest Claim Ever Paid," Los Angeles Evening Citizen, March 15, 1928

³⁶ "Insurance Concern in New Action," Los Angeles Times, Sept. 28, 1928

³⁷ "Formal Opening Held at Building Thursday Night," Los Angeles Evening Citizen, July 31, 1929

Mountain States Life Insurance built a two-story addition adjoining the east side of the tower (6301-03 Yucca / 1801-05 Vine), also designed by Gogerty.

By July 1930, the company was operating in 16 states—therefore "Mountain States" no longer accurately described its massive territory. That month, Mountain States rebranded as Pacific States Life Insurance Company. "The company has established itself on the Pacific Coast," explained the announcement, "and is forging ahead in the fastest developing section of the United States, the west coast, and particularly Southern California." 38

The following year, the building was already at full occupancy and applications from potential tenants were being declined.³⁹ But as the Great Depression ravaged the country, its impact was felt in the life insurance business, which slowed considerably. As a result, Pacific States withdrew from several western states, including California, and concentrated on territories east of Denver, its original headquarters. Although the company's executive office would remain embedded at the corner of Yucca and Vine, in October 1933 its building was sold to Postal Union Life Insurance Company—which slapped its name on the tower's east facade.

Art Deco Architecture

Consistent with the time of construction in 1929, the Yucca-Vine Tower employs Art Deco, the popular architectural choice for skyscrapers, especially in Hollywood as the district established itself as a chic center of commerce. "Of the various related responses to Modernism, Art Deco was among the shortest lived, its zenith cut short by the onset of the Great Depression," according to SurveyLA's historic context statement on L.A. Modernism, 1919-1980. "It was also the most lavish and resplendent of this family of architectural styles. Its gilded, glitzy aesthetic left an indelible imprint on the built environments of cities across the nation, and particularly in Los Angeles, between the mid-1920s and mid-1930s."

Art Deco—defined by vertical/horizontal lines, geometric elements, and stylized ornamentation, like bas-relief sculptures—debuted on the world's stage at the 1925 Paris Exposition, and swiftly made its way to the United States. In Hollywood, the Mountain States Life Building was one of the early Art Deco creations, preceding landmarks such as Pantages Theatre (HCM #193), Kress Building, J.J. Newberry, Hollywood Citizen-News (HCM #1173), Hollywood Post Office (National Register of Historic Places, architect Claud Beelman), and Montecito Apartments (HCM #1169).

^{38 &}quot;The Mountain States Life Insurance Company," Hollywood Daily Citizen, June 24, 1930

³⁹ "Office Rental of Structure Near Capacity," Los Angeles Times, July 5, 1931

⁴⁰ SurveyLA's historic context statement on L.A. Modernism, 1919-1980

The singular style of Art Deco falls under three distinct variations. The Yucca-Vine Tower exhibits arguably the most popular: Zigzag, a reinterpretation of Gothic architecture typified by vertical emphasis, setbacks, and asymmetric massing. WPA/ Classical Moderne, which emerged several years into the Great Depression, relies on horizontal emphasis and is most associated with government buildings. Streamline Moderne's distinct traits incorporate ship-like elements like rounded corners and porthole windows.⁴¹

Also from SurveyLA's historic context statement on L.A. Modernism, 1919-1980:

With respect to architecture, the Art Deco style was expressed through lphacommon set of characteristics that represented a balance of industrial technology and artistic sensibilities. Buildings designed in the style exhibited a strong vertical orientation, appearing as if they were jutting freely up into the sky. They were often composed of multiple stepped volumes, which augmented this prevailing sense of verticality and also added a dimension of visual and spatial complexity. Exterior walls were clad with terra cotta, cast stone, or another smooth material and expressed minimal depth or projection; ornament, sculpture, and other details were applied abstractly and in low relief. Classical elements like columns were stripped down to their most rudimentary forms by fluting, reeding, and other reductive methods. Buildings were often polychromatic, an effect that was achieved through means such as the use of faience and the application of hued metals. Façades were replete with abstract, eye-catching geometric motifs that exploited the decorative value of mass-produced products and provided buildings with a glitzy appearance. Ornament was applied superficially to exterior walls and acted as a decorative "skin."

The vertical forms, crisp clean lines, and geometric patterns that characterized the Art Deco style could be adapted to a variety of building types, but in Los Angeles (and elsewhere) Art Deco was predominantly a commercial idiom. By the late 1920s, the style had supplanted the Beaux Arts, Italian Renaissance Revival, and other historicist styles as the preferred idiom for office towers, skyscrapers, and other tall, monumental buildings throughout the Downtown commercial core... These buildings featured spires, towers, and other appurtenances that accentuated their verticality, and were awash in dynamic ornament and geometric motifs. Their unabashed opulence visually expressed a fresh, new approach to commercial design that reflect the optimistic spirit that defined Los Angeles in the 1920s.

⁴¹ Art Deco 101, Art Deco Los Angeles

Exotic motifs were often incorporated into the design of Art Deco buildings to augment their sense of sophistication and worldliness. In Los Angeles, these motifs often reflected the country's fascination with the exotic architecture of ancient Egyptian, Mesopotamian, or pre-Columbian cultures, ignited by the discovery and excavation of King Tutankhamun's tomb in Egypt in 1923. Elements of ancient cultures such as the ziggurat and the pyramids made their way into the building's physical form or its applied decoration. Locally influential cultures were also commonly referenced; in B. Marcus Priteca's Pantages Theatre in Hollywood (L.A. Historic-Cultural Monument No. 193), "sculpturally stylized images of Native American maidens." Other motifs reflecting the cultures romanticized by Hollywood included patterns of chevrons, zigzags, spirals, steps, flora, and animals, which were either applied as low relief panels or as three-dimensional sculpture.

Shortly after the style reached its zenith in the late 1920s, the stock market crashed and the Great Depression set in, and the bold, colorful, eclectic, and richly embellished aesthetic of the Art Deco style was generally seen as too ostentatious for a society mired in economic depression... Art Deco had largely faded away from American architecture by the early 1930s.⁴²

Architect Henry L. Gogerty (1894-1990)

One of the most prominent Los Angeles architects, Henry L. Gogerty left his indelible mark all over Hollywood. From 1924 to 1928, together with partner Carl Jules Weyl, he designed several Spanish Colonial Revival masterpieces, including the Hollywood Playhouse (1735 Vine Street), Baine Building (6601 Hollywood Boulevard), Hollywood Studios Building (6554 Hollywood Boulevard), Historic-Cultural Monument #1196 Fred C. Thomson Building (6536 Sunset Boulevard), and across the street at 6600 Sunset Boulevard. The Baine Building was commissioned by Colonel Harry Baine, who spearheaded the first Santa Claus Lane Parade in 1928 and earned distinction as "the first person to live in a penthouse on Hollywood Boulevard." The building's unique architectural details inspired Disney Imagineers to replicate it at two theme parks, California Adventure and Hollywood Studios in Orlando, Florida.

After Gogerty split from Weyl—who went on to design the Brown Derby restaurant on Vine Street—one of his first solo projects was the Mountain States Life Building (Weyl was not involved, as widely claimed online and in LA City Planning reports⁴⁴ ⁴⁵).

⁴² SurveyLA's historic context statement on L.A. Modernism, 1919-1980

⁴³ The Story of Hollywood: An Illustrated History (2005), Greg Paul Williams

⁴⁴ Historic Resources Survey Report, <u>Hollywood Redevelopment Plan Area</u>, 2020

⁴⁵ Historic Resources Technical Report, <u>Echelon Studios</u>, 2022

Over the following years, Gogerty created several noted works in the general vicinity: Jean Swartz Building (6274-84 Yucca Street, now Gogerty Building and part of Capitol Records Complex), Van de Kamp Dutch Bakery (1775 Ivar Avenue), Mandarin Market (1234-1248 Vine Street; demolished), and storefronts at 6357-67 Yucca Street.

Beyond Hollywood, Gogerty's portfolio is as eclectic as it is impressive. During construction of the Mountain States Life Building, he also designed Los Angeles' first commercial airport, Grand Central Air Terminal in Glendale, added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2017. In 1941, he was tapped by Howard Hughes to plan and design the production facility for his Hughes Aircraft Company, which had secured military contracts during World War II. The aviation firm's Playa Vista campus, now the Hughes Industrial Historic District, was added to the California Register of Historical Resources in 1991 and formally determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Building 15, a 250,000-square-foot cargo plane assembly plant for Hughes' famous "Spruce Goose" flying boat, is also individually listed in the California Register within the context of engineering. Due to the shortage of industrial materials during WWII, the double-arched building was constructed entirely of wood, making it one of the largest wood structures in the world in terms of footprint dimensions, volume, and free span floor area. 46

Over Gogerty's five-decade career, the noted architect designed more than 350 schools and industrial buildings in Southern California, including Susan Miller Dorsey High School in South Los Angeles (1937), George Air Force Base School in Adelanto (1941), Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria (1960), and South Hills High School in West Covina (1963), as well as the auditorium, gymnasium, and dormitories for Pepperdine University's original location in South Los Angeles (1938), which has been preserved as the Pepperdine College Historic District. For his development of gliding acoustical walls to provide for flexible classroom construction, Gogerty received a national achievement award in the science of construction from the American Institute of Architects in 1952.

After World War II, he purchased 320 acres in Rancho Mirage and in 1951 built the Desert Air Hotel, a resort designed for aviators and a popular hotspot that attracted Hollywood celebrities Bing Crosby, Gene Autry, and Jimmy Stewart. The hotel closed in 1968 and was razed years later for new development.⁴⁷

Gogerty, an Iowa native who received a bachelor's degree in Architecture at the University of Illinois, began his career in 1916 as a junior draftsman for Sinclair Packing Company in Cedar Rapids. During World War I, he served in the U.S. Army field artillery and continued his training as an inspector. He spent a year in Fort

⁴⁶ HughesHistoric.com

⁴⁷ "Henry L. Gogerty; Architect Who Designed Gliding Classroom Walls," *LA Times*, Apr. 6, 1990

Worth, Texas working as a senior draftsman until 1920 when he headed to California, where he apprenticed for various architects in Long Beach. In 1923, he established his own firm, H. L. Gogerty, Architect, yet the following year he partnered with Weyl, designing several Hollywood historic sites as Gogerty & Weyl until 1928. Under his own firm, sometimes referred to as H. L. Gogerty Associates, Gogerty's career skyrocketed in the 1930s when he designed more than 30 schools specifically commissioned by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal-era Works Progress Administration. He became a member of the AIA in 1941, the same year he was selected to plan the innovative Hughes Aircraft campus. A decade later, the AIA honored Gogerty with election to its College of Fellows in 1953. Following his 1967 retirement at the age of 73, Gogerty was declared a member emeritus, a status he held until his 1990 death.⁴⁸

Period of Significance

<u>Criterion 1</u>: The period of significance for the Mountain States Life Building / Yucca-Vine Tower is defined as 1929-1946. As the preeminent life insurance authority of the Western United States, it was home to Mountain States, Pacific States, and Postal Union for two decades. Also during this period, the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League—the first American anti-Nazi organization not overtly linked to American Jews—mobilized here and fought against fascism and racism from its executive office.

<u>Criterion 3</u>: The period of architectural significance for the Mountain States Life Building / Yucca-Vine Tower is defined as 1929-1931, from the year the skyscraper opened its doors as the premier life insurance company's Hollywood headquarters to when it gained the Yucca-Vine Plaza as a result of the Five-Finger Plan. The building is an "Excellent example of Art Deco commercial architecture in Hollywood; work of noted Los Angeles architect Henry L. Gogerty," according to the 2020 Historic Resources Survey.⁴⁹

Integrity

In addition to meeting eligibility criteria, the Yucca-Vine Tower retains a high degree of integrity. Historic integrity is the ability of a property to convey its significance and is defined as the "authenticity of a property's historic identity, evidenced by the survival of physical characteristics that existed during the property's prehistoric or

⁴⁸ American Institute of Architects, <u>Gogerty membership file</u>

⁴⁹ Historic Resources Survey Report, <u>Hollywood Redevelopment Plan Area (2020)</u>

historic period." The aspects of integrity, as defined by the National Park Service, are location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.⁵⁰

Location: The building is in its original location and therefore retains this aspect of integrity.

Design: The building retains most of its character-defining features from its period of construction, and therefore is able to convey its historic significance as an Art Deco building. Since the three-structure complex's completion in 1930, the only exterior alteration has been to the storefronts facing Yucca Street, particularly the wrought-iron ornamentation that originally separated the windows of 6307-09 Yucca Street as well as the style of windows spanning the ground floor (however, original fenestration remains). The rest of the facade—cast-stone decorative panels, bas-relief sculptures, and casement windows with sloped sills—is intact and unaltered. Therefore, the building retains integrity of design.

Setting: The building is located at the intersection of Yucca and Vine streets, one block north of the famous Hollywood and Vine. Constructed in 1929, it's one of the earliest remaining structures in the vicinity, having narrowly survived the Hollywood Freeway's path and subsequent redevelopment. This element of integrity remains intact.

Materials: The building has experienced relatively few exterior alterations that have affected its integrity of materials. All materials dating to the building's period of significance remain intact, including the smooth concrete cladding, steel windows, primary double doors, and decorative elements including cast-stone ornamentation. Because the property retains the majority of its materials from the time of its construction, this element of integrity remains intact.

Workmanship: The building's original workmanship is still evident through its overall construction method and material; minor alterations as noted above have not obscured details like vertical elements and molded Art Deco decorative elements. Because the property retains the physical characteristics from the time it was constructed, it continues to reflect the workmanship of its builders. Therefore, the building retains this element of integrity.

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⁵⁰ U.S. Department of the Interior, National Register Bulletin 16A: How to Complete the National Register Registration Form (Washington D.C.: National Park Service, 1997)

Feeling: The property retains its essential character-defining features and appearance from its historical period. There have been no major, irreversible alterations. Therefore, the building retains integrity of feeling.

Association: The building retains its original appearance, clearly recognizable as Art Deco and directly linked with the respective period of development in Hollywood beginning in the late 1920s. Therefore, it retains integrity of association.

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ITEMS ATTACHED

- Exhibit 1. Tract Map
- Exhibit 2. Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1955
- Exhibit 3. Building Permits (original, alterations, and 2003 remodel)
- Exhibit 4. Newspaper Articles
- Exhibit 5. Historical Photos
- Exhibit 6. Contemporary Photos
- Exhibit 7. Historic Survey Report
- Exhibit 8. Works of Architect Henry L. Gogerty
- Exhibit 9. Parcel Profile Report

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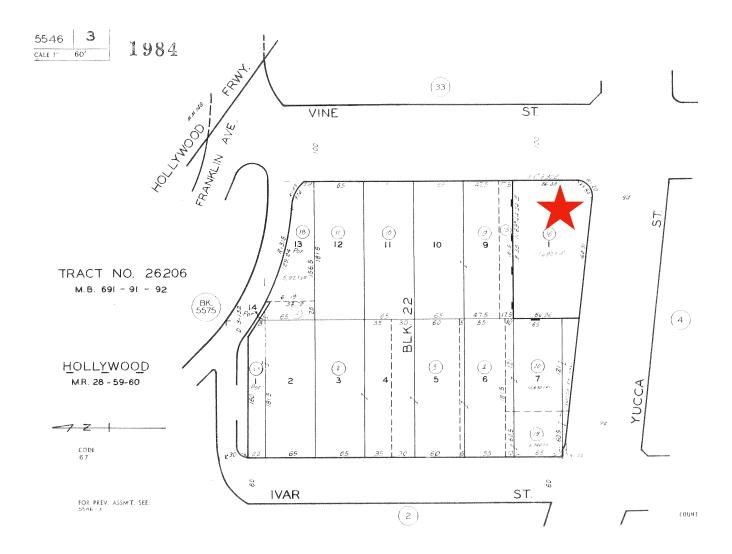
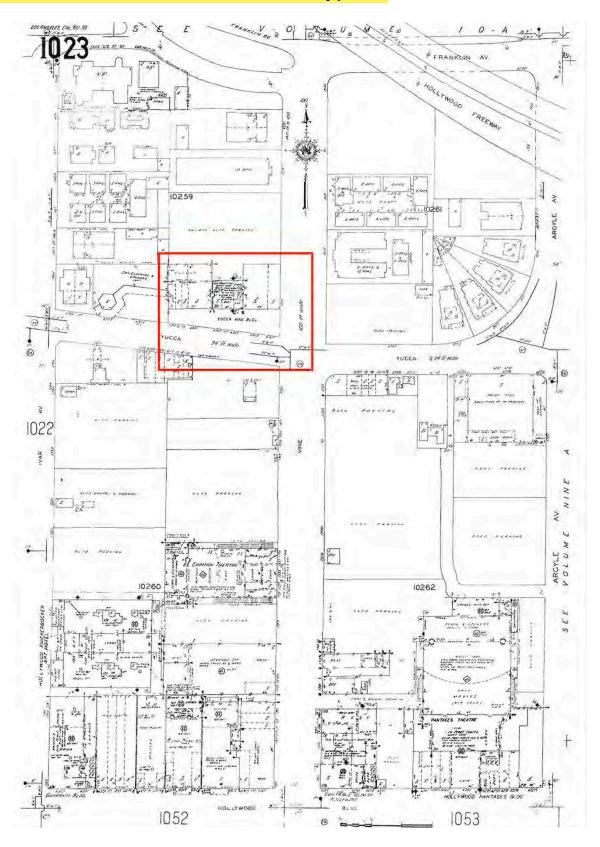


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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

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6. Contractor's address
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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY BUILDING DIVISION

Application to Alter, Repair, Move or Demolish

To the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles;

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## CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY BUILDING DIVISION

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City of Los Angeles - Department of Building and Safety

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT AND CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

Ready to Issue Last Status:

Status Date: 07/01/2003

1. TRACT TR 26206 **BLOCK** LOT(s) LT 1

**COUNTY MAP REF #** M B 691-91/92

PARCEL ID # (PIN #) 150A187 330

2. ASSESSOR PARCEL# 5546 - 003 - 016

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3. PARCEL INFORMATION

Area Planning Commission - Central LADBS Branch Office - LA Council District - 4

Certified Neighborhood Council - Hollywood United Community Plan Area - Hollywood

Census Tract - 1902.000 District Map - 150A187 Energy Zone - 9

Fire District - 2 Fire District - FBZ Hillside Grading Area - YES Near Source Zone Distance - 0.5 Thomas Brothers Map Grid - 593-F4

ZONE(S): C4-2D /

**4. DOCUMENTS** 

ZI - ZI-1352 ZI - ZI-1802

ZA - ZA-2947 SPA - Adaptive Reuse Incentive Areas

ORD - ORD-174995 CRA - ZI 1352 HOLLYWOOD

CPC - CPC-1999-324-ICO CPC - CPC-2002-141-CA CDBG - LARZ-Central City

ZI - ZI-1812 ZI - ZI-2277

ORD - ORD-165659 ORD - ORD-173562 CPC - CPC-1986-835-GPC CPC - CPC-1999-2293-ICO

**5, CHECKLIST ITEMS** 

Fabricator Reqd - Shop Welds Fabricator Reqd - Structural Steel Special Inspect - Anchor Bolts

Special Inspect - Structural Observation

6. PROPERTY OWNER, TENANT, APPLICANT INFORMATION

Owner(s):

De Pietro Corp

6305 Yucca St

HOLLYWOOD CA 90028

Tenant:

Applicant: (Relationship: Architect)

Peggy Pailian -

1650 N. Vine St.

LOS ANGELES, CA 90028

(323) 464-1816

**7.EXISTING USE** 

PROPOSED USE

(13) Office (17) Restaurant (13) Office (17) Restaurant

(18) School - dance

**8. DESCRIPTION OF WORK** 

CHANGE 10590 SF OF OFFICE TO DANCE SCHOOL INCLUDING INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR REMODELING.

9. # Bldgs on Site & Use: 1-OFFICE/RESTAURANT

10. APPLICATION PROCESSING INFORMATION

BLDG. PC By: Frank Liu OK for Cashier: Abram Bass DAS PC By: Wai Lau

Coord. OK:

Signature: ABSS

F Date: 07-01-03

For information and/or inspection requests originating within LA County,

Call toll-free (888) LA4BUILD Outside LA County, call (213) 482-0000.

(LA4BUILD = 524-2845)

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> Total Due: Check:

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CBLA 44508

PC Valuation: Permit Valuation: \$300,000

11. PROJECT VALUATION & FEE INFORMATION Final Fee Period

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12. ATTACHMENTS CEQA Notice of Exemption Plot Plan



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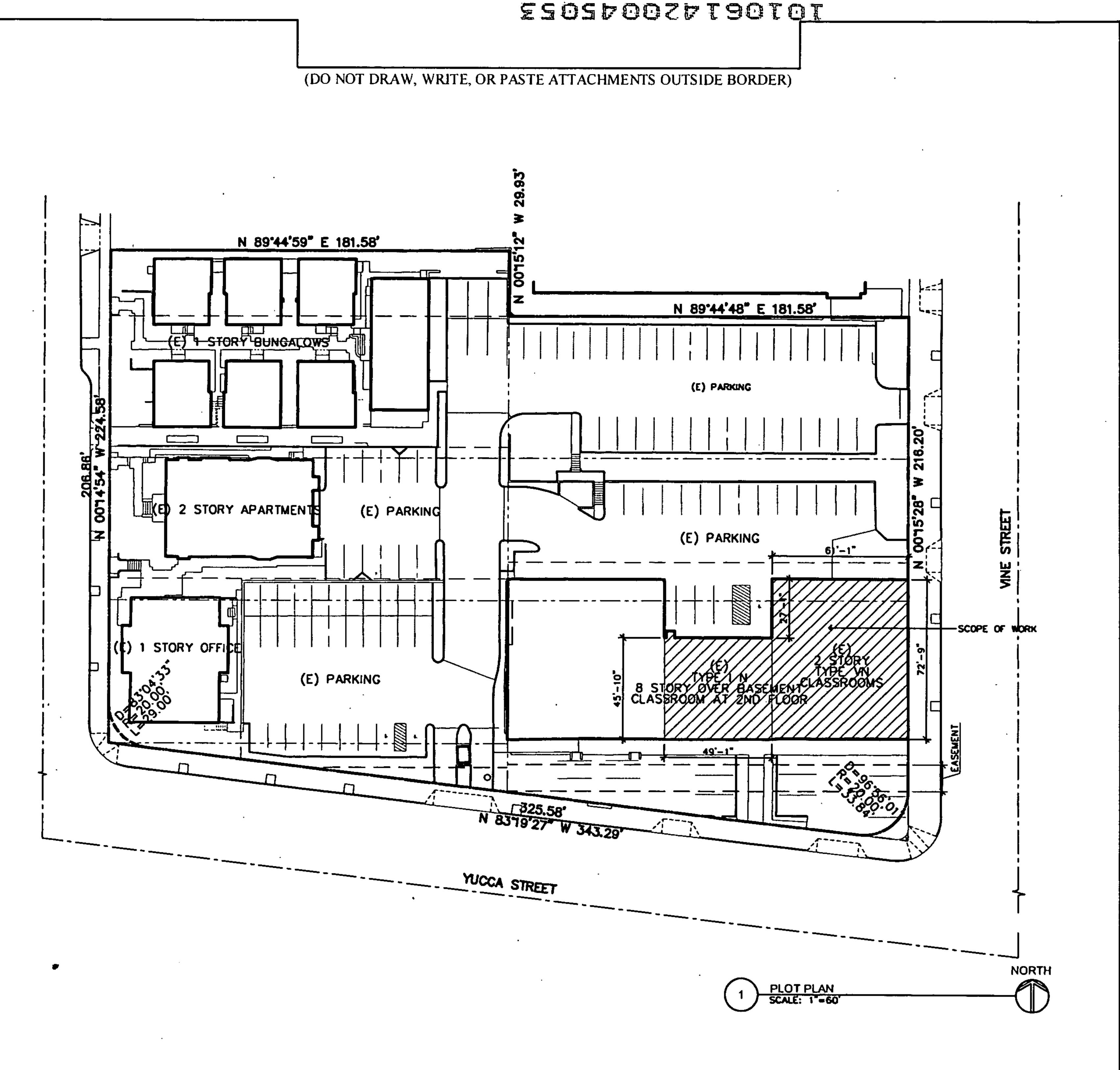
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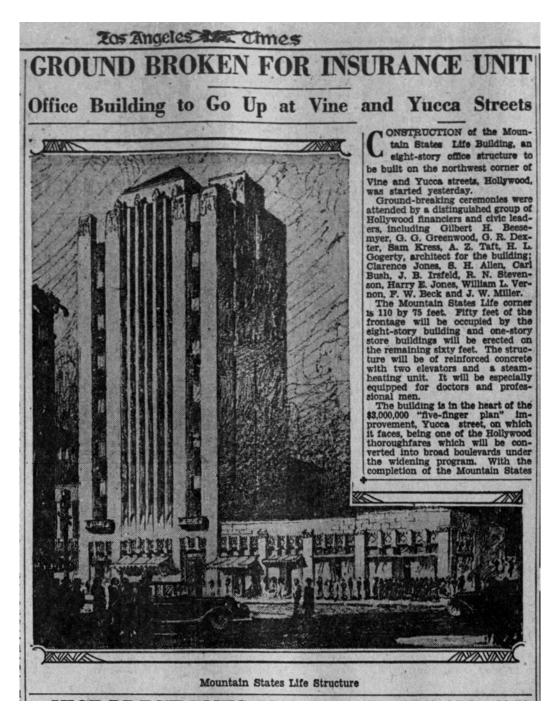
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Los Angeles Times, Oct. 28, 1928

### Rezoning On Vine Street Is Approved

Rezoning of property at Vine Street and Yucca Street today was voted by the city council in order that the Mountain States Life Insurance Company, which now has an office in Hollywood, might erect a two-story business building there.

The action was taken on recommendation of the council's city planning committee.

The property formerly was owned by St. Stephens' Episcopal Church.

### Hollywood Citizen News, July 10, 1928



Hollywood Citizen News, March 15, 1928

### Mountain States Insurance Co. Builds Eight Story Home

HE advantage and desirability of home institutions is clearly demonstrated by the success of California life insurance companies. The Mountain States Life Insurance Company of Hollywood has just closed a very successful year and has already become an important factor in the financial world of Southern California. Prompt service to policyholders and no red tape has resulted in considerably increased business and the necessity for larger quarters. The home office building now being erected on the northwest corner of Yucca and Vine Streets in Hollywood will consist of eight stories and will be especially equipped to facilitate the proper functioning of each department of the organization.

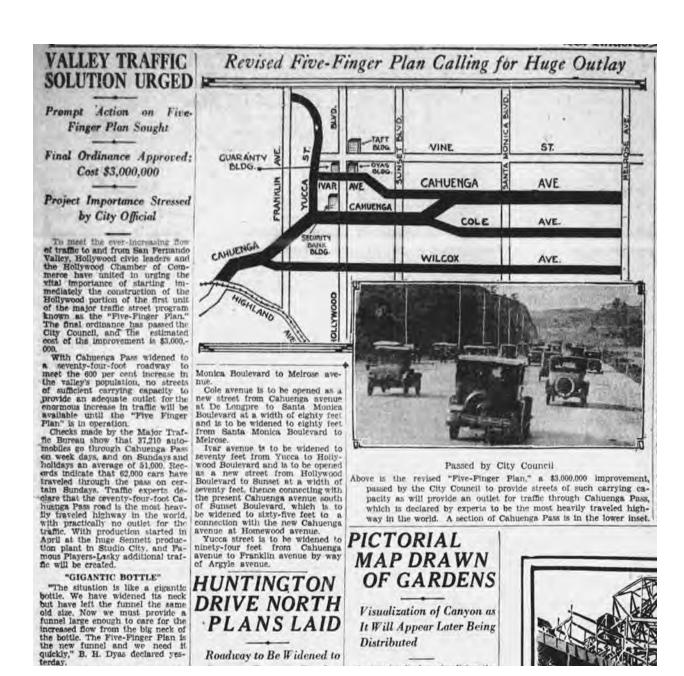
Life insurance today is the largest institution we have for the systematic cultivation of thrift. The men who promote it do an invalu-

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### Evening Express, Feb. 28, 1929

New Buildings	
It was pointed out by Mr. Wood	1
that in the Hollywood Boulevard	
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Warner Brothers Theater \$2,500,000	1
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Plaza Hotel 750,000	
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Hollywood Playhouse 400,000	
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### Hollywood Citizen News, Aug. 4, 1928



Los Angeles Times, Feb. 26, 1928

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### FORMAL OPENING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

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Hollywood Citizen News, July 31, 1929



### The Only Sunday Real Estate Section Published in Los Angeles

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Year's Figures



### SKYSCRAPER REVEALS NEW TYPE ARCHITECTURE

CORNER OFFICES TO BE FEATURED

E. Clem Wilson Building to Offer Departures

Open Terraces Available for Many Tenants

Remarkable Growth of Area Traced in Review



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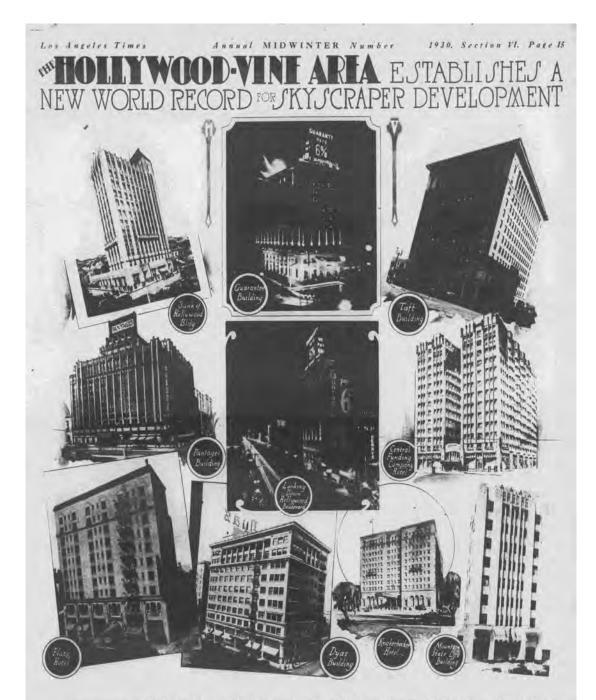
WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

### W. I. HOLLINGSWORTH & CO.,

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Complete Insurance Service
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Sth and Hill Streets

Los Angeles Times, July 28, 1929

ROBERT MARSH & CO., Inc.



Skyscraper construction at the Hollywood Boulevard-Vine Straet intersection and immediately adjacent thereto, during the last five years, has exceeded that of any similar area in Los Angeles and has surpassed the limit-height building record of any district of its size in the United States, according to available data assembled by Gilbert H. Besemyer, secretary of the Guaranty Building and Loan Association, who built Hollywood's first limit-height structure. The Guaranty and affiliated associations start 1930 with resources exceeding 1937, 900,000. Mr. Besemyer is president of the United States Guaranty Corporation, Chairman of the Board, Bank of Hollywood, and a director in a score of major Southern California corporations.

With the limit-height Bank of Hollywood, Knickerbocker Hotel and Mountain States Life buildings recently opened; the Guaranty, Taft, Dyas and Plaza Hotel structures in operation; the \$1,210,000 Pantages theatre and office building under way, and the limit-height \$1,000,000 Central Funding Company's hotel ready to start construction, 1930 will see the nest of skyscrapers in the Hollywood-Vine area increased to nine towering structures representing a building and ground valuation of approximately \$20,000 Pantages the stern and office building area increased to nine towering structures representing a building and ground valuation of approximately and the limit-height \$1,000,000 Central Funding Company's hotel ready to start construction.

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"The construction of this notable nest of skyscrapers in a hitherto undeveloped district during a five-year period, and the tremendous, rapid building expansion in the area surrounding it, furnish a story with a background of such vartness as to possess almost an epic quality. It establishes a new all-time record for communities located outside of downtown metropolitan areas," Mr. Bessemyer declared.

The Bank of Hollywood, Mountain States Life and Knickerbocker Hotel buildings were opened in 1929; Plaza Hotel in 1925; Dyas building in 1928; Guaranty and Taft buildings in 1924. Construction of the Pantages building is under way, with completion set for early in 1930. The first unit of this immense structure calls for two stories, with provisions made for future additions bringing it up to limit height. Central Funding Company's limit-height hotel will be ready for occupancy by June, 1930.

The story of the gains in property values at the corners on Hollywood Boulevard and on Vine Street furnishes one of the most amazing chapters in the history of American real estate. The thirty-six corners on Hollywood Boulevard between Vine Street and Highland Avenue have registered individual increases in assessed valuation ranging as light as 27,119 per cent and unique. The sixty-eight corners on Vine Street between Hollywood Boulevard and Melrose Avenue showed individual increases up to 4,109 per cent for the ten-year period, averaging 2,545,2 per cent, or 254.5 per cent annually.

Los Angeles Times, Jan. 2, 1930

### (Announcement)

### Pacific States Life Insurance Company

is the new name adopted by the Mountain States Life Insurance Company

Effective July 1, 1930

With more than \$23,000,000 of life insurance in force, PACIFIC STATES LIFE is operating in sixteen states, with executive offices in the new Pacific States Life Building, Yucca and Vine streets, Hollywood.

The personnel of officials and employees, and the financial structure of the company are unchanged.

### Pacific States Life Insurance Company

WILLIAM L. VERNON, President

Evening Express, July 5, 1930

### POSTAL UNION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY ANNOUNCES

That it has purchased the Pacific States Life Building in Hollywood for its home offices. This building since it was completed in 1928 has registered an average occupancy factor of 95 per cent. It has 25,000 square feet of office space. Postal Union Life begins business with \$6,000,000.00 of life insurance in force, all of which is carried by Californians, and with annual health and life premiums totaling \$250,000. Capital and assets, approximately \$650,000.00.

Frank M. Shallue,

R. N. Stevenson, Vice-President and General Manager

Harold D. Kelly, Secretary-Treasurer

Los Angeles Times, Nov. 8, 1933

### Anti-Nazi League Organized in Hollywood

Organization of the Hollywood League Against Nazism was announced yesterday by the executive committee, with headquarters in the Postal Union Life Building in Hollywood.

Purpose of the organization is, "to combat Nazism and its agents in the United States by literature, meetings, discussions and the dramatization of anti-Nazi material."

The group also will seek "moral and financial aid" for victims of Nazism in Germany.

The executive committee, with Donald Ogden Stewart, writer, as chairman, and Allan Campbell, also a writer, as secretary, includes—Gloria Stuart, Mrs. Frank Tuttle, Edwin Jusius Mayer, Dorothy Parker, Viola Brothers Shore, Moss Hart, Charles Katz, Morrie Ryskind, Herbert Biberman and Mr. and Mrs. Fredric March.

The drive for members will be inaugurated today, with the mailing of thousands of letters.

Illustrated Daily News, June 3, 1936

### AGENCY OFFICES

### FOR RENT

We offer for occupancy on April 1, 1948 the entire second floor of the beautiful

### YUCCA VINE BUILDING

(formerly Postal Union Life Building)

comprising approximately 8100 square feet. Large, light, airy work room and a series of comfortable, daylight private suites. Cheerful surroundings—complete service—available to all transportation—ample parking facilities—in the studio area. Ideally suited for large advertising agency or insurance company home offices.

Write or telephone Michael J. Fasman 6305 Yucca Street • Los Angeles 28 • I

Los Angeles Times, Jan. 11, 1948

## A NEW SERVICE

# Computer Serves **Consumer Needs**

puter is going public.

After serving business and industry needs since the days of its inception shortly after World War II, the computer has at last been programmed to fill the demands of the consumer.

Public Computer Network of Yucca St., has 63011/2 developed a plan whereby a person can phone in a request for a used car with certain specifications and a given price, and by the next morning he will receive the rundown on a whole series of cars meeting his requirements, including the phone numbers and addresses of the sellers

He pays no fee for the service. Fees come from the individuals selling the car. Cost is \$10 per listing, a onetime charge.

Started in July, Public Computer Network now has an inventory of \$15 million worth of autos programmed into its computer memory bank. The build-up has been so rapid that

HOLLYWOOD - The com- Gordon Adelman, president, is now planning to utilize his computer system for the sale of real estate, employment, collector's items such as rare stamps and coins, antiques, and a number of other products.

> Adelman spent eight years in computer management before establishing the Public Computer Network.

> "Business has computers," he said. "But the consumer has not been able to benefit from any of its advantages until now.

"The way this business has developed I can foresee its eventually becoming a fourth public utility. A person will be able to call for a housekeeper, baby-sitter, gardener, ask about some specialized piece of furniture they want to buy, and maybe check on a stamp to fill in on his collection.

"The computer matches people's needs to available product. Our product is information."

AMC To Buy

Valley Times, Dec. 10, 1969

### Exhibit 5. Historical Photos



1929: Looking west at Mountain States Life Building, before the east wing (University of Southern California Digital Library)



1929: Mountain States Life Building and Piggly-Wiggly (6311 Yucca) (University of Southern California Digital Library)



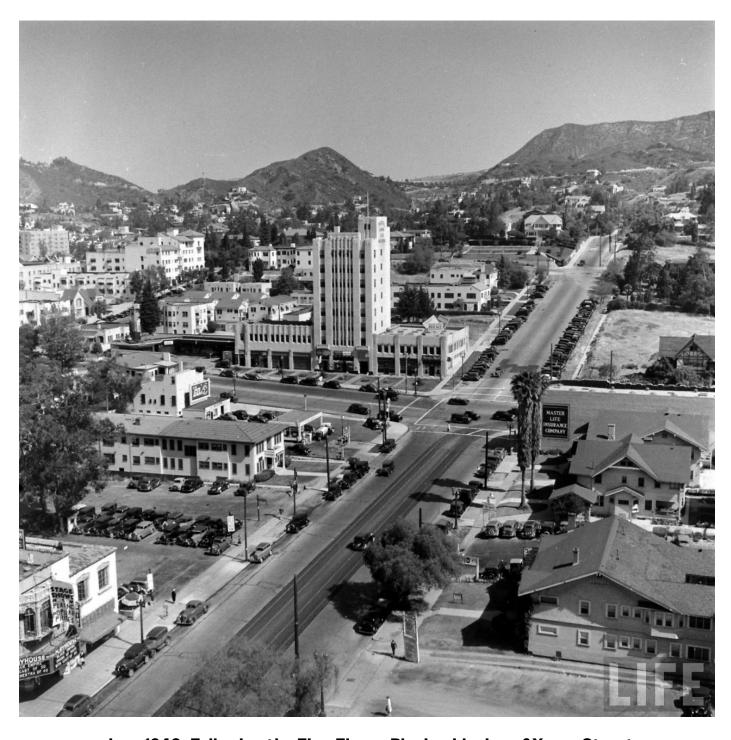
1930: Mountain States Life Building and its new east wing (California State Library)



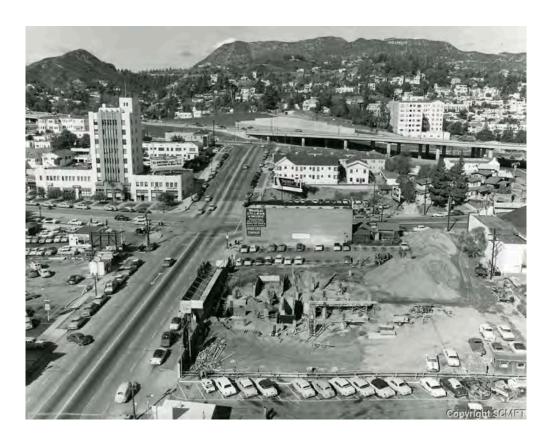
1930: The building's main entrance, framed by bas-relief (California State Library)



1938: rear/north elevation of the building, looking south on Vine Street (HollywoodPhotographs.com)



circa 1940: Following the Five-Finger Plan's widening of Yucca Street —and before the Hollywood Freeway (*LIFE* magazine)



1955: Amid Capitol Records construction (HollywoodPhotographs.com)



Late 1950s: Neighboring new Capitol Records Building (Los Angeles Public Library)



circa 1940s: Looking north up Vine Street from Hollywood Boulevard (LIFE magazine)

## Exhibit 6. Contemporary Photos



2023: Looking northwest at the Yucca-Vine Tower **Photo:** Kathleen Perricone



2022: Glimpse over hedges at Yucca-facing plaza <a href="Photo">Photo</a>: CBREdealflow.com real estate listing



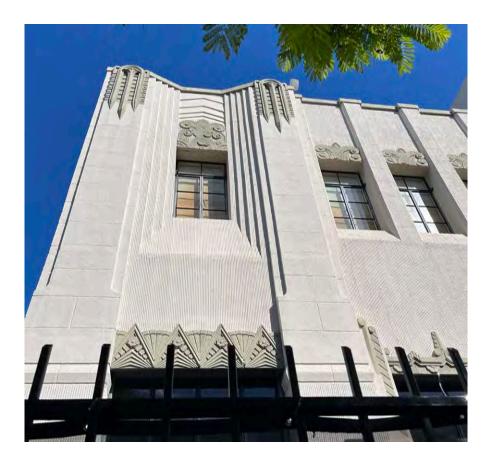
2023: View of the building's upslope along Vine Street <a href="Photo">Photo</a>: Kathleen Perricone



2022: Architectural details of west wing (Google Maps)



2022: Architectural details of east wing (Google Maps)



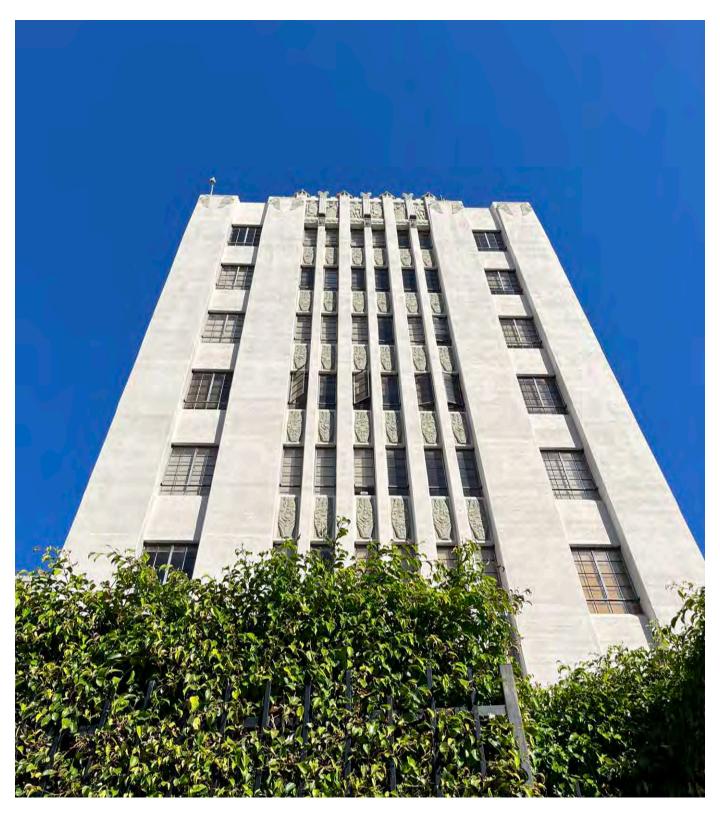
2023: west wing architectural details at 6317 Yucca Photo: Kathleen Perricone



2023: east wing corner details Photo: Kathleen Perricone



2023: 1805 Vine Street entrance, on east elevation **Photo: Kathleen Perricone** 



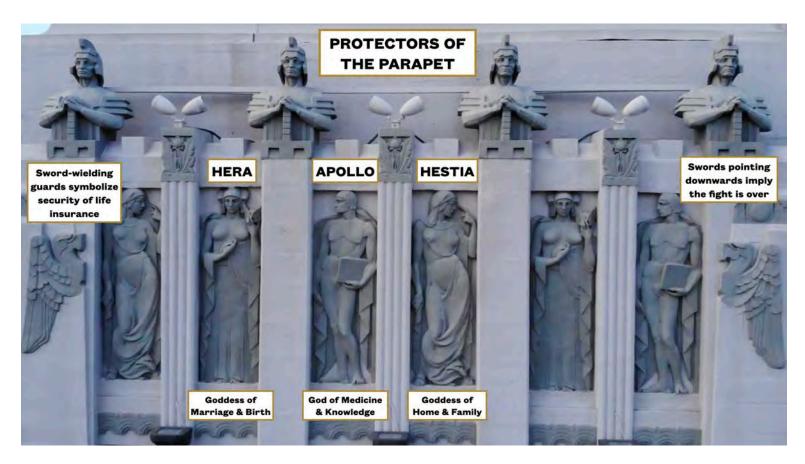
2023: looking up at the architectural details of the tower's south elevation **Photo: Kathleen Perricone** 



2021: Architectural details of roof (AMDA video tour / <u>Vimeo</u>)



2021: Architectural details of roof (AMDA video tour / <u>Vimeo</u>)



2021: Greek goddesses/god bas-relief sculptures at roof Video Still: AMDA video tour / Vimeo



2021: Guardians bas-relief sculpture at roof Video Still: AMDA video tour / Vimeo

### Exhibit 7. Historic Survey Report

## Historic Resources Survey, Hollywood Redevelopment Project Area Individual Resources – 01/28/20



Primary Address: 6305 W YUCCA ST

Other Address: 1801 N VINE ST

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6315 W YUCCA ST 6317 W YUCCA ST

Name: Mountain States Life Building

Year built: 1929 Architectural style: Art Deco

#### Context 1:

Context:	Architecture and Engineering, 1850-1980
Sub context:	L.A. Modernism, 1919-1980
Theme:	Related Responses to Modernism, 1926-1970
Sub theme:	Art Deco, 1926-1939
Property type:	Commercial
Property sub type:	No Sub-Type
Criteria:	C/3/3
Status code:	3S;3CS;5S3
Reason:	Excellent example of Art Deco commercial architecture in Hollywood; work of noted Los Angeles architect Henry L. Gogerty.

## Exhibit 8. Works of Architect Henry L. Gogerty



Hollywood Playhouse / 1735 Vine Street
Henry L. Gogerty and Carl Jules Weyl, architects (1926)

<u>Photo</u>: California State Library



Baine Building / 6601 Hollywood Boulevard Gogerty & Weyl (1926) <u>Photo</u>: University of Southern California Digital Library



California Adventure replica <a href="Photo">Photo</a>: Yesterland.com (2008)

Disney's Hollywood Studios replica <a href="Photo">Photo</a>: Yesterland.com (2007)



Fred C. Thomson Building / 6536 Sunset Boulevard
Gogerty & Weyl (1927)

Photo: California State Library



6600 Sunset Boulevard / Gogerty & Weyl (1927)
Photo: 6600Sunset.com (circa 2016)



Hollywood Studios Building / 6554 Hollywood Boulevard Gogerty & Weyl (1927) Photo: loopnet.com (circa 2022)



Van de Kamp Dutch Bakery / 1775 Ivar Avenue Gogerty (1931) Photo: HollywoodHistoricPhotos.com



Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale Gogerty (1929) <u>Photo</u>: Huntington Library



Mandarin Market / 1234-48 Vine Street (demolished)
Gogerty (1929)
Photo: California State Library



Gogerty Building / 6274-84 Yucca St Gogerty (1930)
Photo: LADWP (1958)



(originally) Jean Swartz Building Evening Express, Oct. 11, 1930



Susan Miller Dorsey High School, South Los Angeles Gogerty (1937) <u>Photo</u>: Art Deco Architecture on <u>Tumblr</u>



Hughes Aircraft, Playa Vista Gogerty (1941-1943) <u>Photo</u>: HughesHistoric.com



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CPC-1999-2293-ICO

CPC-1986-835-GPC

ENV-2002-1130-ND

ORD-181340

ORD-176172

# City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning

## 11/13/2023 PARCEL PROFILE REPORT

 PROPERTY ADDRESSES
 Address/Legal Information

 1805 N VINE ST
 PIN Number
 150A187 330

 1801 N VINE ST
 Lot/Parcel Area (Calculated)
 17,723.7 (sq ft)

 6309 W YUCCA ST
 Thomas Brothers Grid
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 6303 W YUCCA ST
 Assessor Parcel No. (APN)
 5546003016

6301 W YUCCA ST Tract TR 26206
6307 W YUCCA ST Map Reference M B 691-91/92

 6313 W YUCCA ST
 Block
 None

 6311 W YUCCA ST
 Lot
 LT 1

 6305 W YUCCA ST
 Arb (Lot Cut Reference)
 None

 6315 W YUCCA ST
 Map Sheet
 150A187

6317 W YUCCA ST Jurisdictional Information

ZIP CODES Area Planning Commission Central

90028 Neighborhood Council Hollywood United

Council District CD 13 - Hugo Soto-Martinez

RECENT ACTIVITY Census Tract # 1902.01

ENV-2023-7509-CE LADBS District Office Los Angeles Metro

CHC-2023-7508-HCM Permitting and Zoning Compliance Information

Administrative Review ADM-2020-5376-RDP

CASE NUMBERS Planning and Zoning Information

 ADM-2020-5376-RDP
 Special Notes
 None

 CPC-2018-6005-CA
 Zoning
 C4-2D-SN

CPC-2016-1450-CPU Zoning Information (ZI) ZI-2488 Redevelopment Project Area: Hollywood

ZI-2427 Freeway Adjacent Advisory Notice for Sensitive Uses

ZI-2330 Sign District: Hollywood Signage (CRA Area)
ZI-2331 Sign District: Hollywood Signare (Media District)

ZI-2492 Hollywood Redevelopment Project Area Individual Historic

Resources

ZI-2498 Local Emergency Temporary Regulations - Time Limits and

Parking Relief - LAMC 16.02.1

ZI-2374 State Enterprise Zone: Los Angeles ZI-2512 Housing Element Inventory of Sites ZI-2441 Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone

ZI-2452 Transit Priority Area in the City of Los Angeles

ORD-175038 General Plan Land Use Regional Center Commercial

CPIO: Community Plan Imp. Overlay

 ORD-173562
 General Plan Note(s)
 Yes

 ORD-165659-SA240
 Hillside Area (Zoning Code)
 No

ORD-129279 Specific Plan Area ADAPTIVE REUSE INCENTIVE AREAS

ZA-19XX-2947 Subarea None ENV-2019-4121-ND Special Land Use / Zoning None ENV-2018-6006-CE Historic Preservation Review No ENV-2016-1451-EIR Historic Preservation Overlay Zone None ENV-2013-3170-CE Other Historic Designations None ENV-2003-1377-MND Other Historic Survey Information None ENV-2002-4174 Mills Act Contract None ENV-2002-1131-ND CDO: Community Design Overlay None

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(*) - APN Area is provided "as is" from the Los Angeles County's Public Works, Flood Control, Benefit Assessment.

None

Subarea None
CUGU: Clean Up-Green Up None
HCR: Hillside Construction Regulation No
NSO: Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay No
POD: Pedestrian Oriented Districts None

RBP: Restaurant Beverage Program Eligible General (RBPA)

Area

RFA: Residential Floor Area District None RIO: River Implementation Overlay No

SN: Sign District Hollywood Signage (CRA Area)

Hollywood Signage (Media District)

AB 2334: Very Low VMT Yes
AB 2097: Reduced Parking Areas Yes
Streetscape No

Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area

Affordable Housing Linkage Fee

Residential Market Area Medium-High

Non-Residential Market Area High Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Tier 3 ED 1 Eligibility Eligible Site RPA: Redevelopment Project Area Hollywood Central City Parking No No Downtown Parking **Building Line** None 500 Ft School Zone No

**Assessor Information** 

500 Ft Park Zone

Assessor Parcel No. (APN) 5546003016

Ownership (Assessor)

Owner1 AMDA INC

Address 211 W 61ST ST 3RD FLR NEW YORK NY 10023

Ownership (Bureau of Engineering, Land

Records)

Owner HOLLYWOOD NORTH VINE INC C/O DAVID SILVERMAN

No

Address 2109 BROADWAY STE 207

NEW YORK NY 10023

APN Area (Co. Public Works)* 0.398 (ac)

Use Code 1200 - Commercial - Store Combination - Store and Office Combination

- One Story

Assessed Land Val. \$2,301,090
Assessed Improvement Val. \$5,807,992
Last Owner Change 04/15/2005

Last Sale Amount\$9Tax Rate Area200Deed Ref No. (City Clerk)8-331

2937 1899166

Building 1

Year Built1929Building ClassC6BNumber of Units0Number of Bedrooms0Number of Bathrooms0

Building Square Footage 35,492.0 (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
Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) No [APN: 5546003016]

**Additional Information** 

Airport Hazard None
Coastal Zone None
Santa Monica Mountains Zone No

Farmland Area Not Mapped

Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone YES

Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone No

Fire District No. 1 No

Flood Zone Outside Flood Zone

Watercourse No
Hazardous Waste / Border Zone Properties No
Methane Hazard Site None
High Wind Velocity Areas No
Special Grading Area (BOE Basic Grid Map A-Yes

13372)

Wells None

#### **Seismic Hazards**

Active Fault Near-Source Zone

Nearest Fault (Distance in km) 0.4399788

Nearest Fault (Name) Hollywood Fault

Region Transverse Ranges and Los Angeles Basin

Fault Type E

Slip Rate (mm/year) 1.00000000

Slip Geometry Left Lateral - Reverse - Oblique

 Slip Type
 Poorly Constrained

 Down Dip Width (km)
 14.0000000

 Rupture Top
 0.00000000

 Rupture Bottom
 13.0000000

 Dip Angle (degrees)
 70.0000000

 Maximum Magnitude
 6.40000000

Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone Yes
Landslide No
Liquefaction No
Preliminary Fault Rupture Study Area No
Tsunami Inundation Zone No

**Economic Development Areas** 

Business Improvement District HOLLYWOOD ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

Hubzone Qualified

Jobs and Economic Development Incentive None

Zone (JEDI)

Opportunity Zone No

Promise Zone Los Angeles

State Enterprise Zone LOS ANGELES STATE ENTERPRISE ZONE

Housing

Direct all Inquiries to Los Angeles Housing Department

Telephone (866) 557-7368

Website https://housing.lacity.org
Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) No [APN: 5546003016]

Ellis Act Property No
AB 1482: Tenant Protection Act No
Housing Crisis Act Replacement Review Yes

Housing Element Sites

HE Replacement Required

SB 166 Units 1.48 Units, Above Moderate

Yes

Housing Use within Prior 5 Years No

**Public Safety** 

Police Information

Bureau West
Division / Station Hollywood
Reporting District 636

Fire Information

Bureau West
Battallion 5
District / Fire Station 27
Red Flag Restricted Parking No

#### **CASE SUMMARIES**

Note: Information for case summaries is retrieved from the Planning Department's Plan Case Tracking System (PCTS) database.

Case Number: ADM-2020-5376-RDP

Required Action(s): RDP-REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PROJECT Project Descriptions(s): REDEVELOPMENT PLAN COMPLIANCE

Case Number: CPC-2018-6005-CA

Required Action(s): CA-CODE AMENDMENT

Project Descriptions(s): RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER THE LAND USE AUTHORITY FROM THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY

OF LOS ANGELES, DESIGNATED LOCAL AUTHORITY (CRA/LA-DLA) TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND CODE AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNEXPIRED REDEVELOPMENT PLANS AND UPDATE OTHER RELEVANT CODE PROVISIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF LAND USE

AUTHROITY FROM THE CRA/LA-DLA TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

Case Number: CPC-2016-1450-CPU

Required Action(s): CPU-COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

Project Descriptions(s): UPDATE TO THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY PLAN

Case Number: CPC-2013-3169
Required Action(s): Data Not Available

Project Descriptions(s): THE PROPOSED PROJECT CONSISTS OF: (1) A TECHNICAL MODIFICATION TO SECTIONS 12.03, 12.04, 12.21, 12.22, 12.24,

13.11, 14.5, 16.05 AND 16.11 OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE (LAMC) TO REMOVE OR AMEND REFERENCES TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA); (2) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO CLARIFY EXISTING REGULATIONS IN THE LAMC THAT ARE IMPACTED BY THE TRANSFER OF LAND USE AUTHORITY; AND (3) A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT ALL LAND USE RELATED PLANS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CRA/LA BE TRANSFERRED TO THE

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

Case Number: CPC-2007-5866-SN Required Action(s): SN-SIGN DISTRICT

Project Descriptions(s): HOLLYWOOD SIGN SUD AMENDMENT

Case Number: CPC-2003-2115-CRA

Required Action(s): CRA-COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Project Descriptions(s): First Amendment to the Hollywood Redevelopment Plan

Case Number: CPC-2002-4173
Required Action(s): Data Not Available

Project Descriptions(s):

Case Number: CPC-2002-1128-CA
Required Action(s): CA-CODE AMENDMENT

Project Descriptions(s):

Case Number: CPC-1999-324-ICO

Required Action(s): ICO-INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE

Project Descriptions(s):

Case Number: CPC-1999-2293-ICO

Required Action(s): ICO-INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE
Project Descriptions(s): INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE.

Case Number: CPC-1986-835-GPC

Required Action(s): GPC-GENERAL PLAN/ZONING CONSISTENCY (AB283)

Project Descriptions(s): PLAN AMENDMENTS AND ZONE CHANGES FOR THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY PLAN REVISION/ZONING CONSISTENCY

PROGRAM

Case Number: ZA-19XX-2947
Required Action(s): Data Not Available

Project Descriptions(s):

Case Number: ENV-2019-4121-ND

Required Action(s): ND-NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Descriptions(s): RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER THE LAND USE AUTHORITY FROM THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY

OF LOS ANGELES, DESIGNATED LOCAL AUTHORITY (CRA/LA-DLA) TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND CODE AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNEXPIRED REDEVELOPMENT PLANS AND UPDATE OTHER RELEVANT CODE PROVISIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF LAND USE

AUTHROITY FROM THE CRA/LA-DLA TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

Case Number: ENV-2018-6006-CE

Required Action(s): CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Project Descriptions(s): RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER THE LAND USE AUTHORITY FROM THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, DESIGNATED LOCAL AUTHORITY (CRA/LA-DLA) TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND CODE AMENDMENT

TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNEXPIRED REDEVELOPMENT PLANS AND UPDATE OTHER RELEVANT CODE PROVISIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF LAND USE

AUTHROITY FROM THE CRA/LA-DLA TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

Case Number: ENV-2016-1451-EIR

Required Action(s): EIR-ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Project Descriptions(s): UPDATE TO THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY PLAN

Case Number: ENV-2013-3170-CE

Required Action(s): CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Project Descriptions(s): THE PROPOSED PROJECT CONSISTS OF: (1) A TECHNICAL MODIFICATION TO SECTIONS 12.03, 12.04, 12.21, 12.22, 12.24,

13.11, 14.5, 16.05 AND 16.11 OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE (LAMC) TO REMOVE OR AMEND REFERENCES TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA); (2) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO CLARIFY EXISTING REGULATIONS IN THE LAMC THAT ARE IMPACTED BY THE TRANSFER OF LAND USE AUTHORITY; AND (3) A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT ALL LAND USE RELATED PLANS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CRA/LA BE TRANSFERRED TO THE

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

Case Number: ENV-2003-1377-MND

Required Action(s): MND-MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Descriptions(s): Approval of a proposed Sign Supplemental Use District pursuant to Section 13.11 of the LAMC for the Hollywood Redevelopment

Project Area

Case Number: ENV-2002-4174

Required Action(s): Data Not Available

Project Descriptions(s):

Case Number: ENV-2002-1131-ND

Required Action(s): ND-NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Descriptions(s):

Case Number: ENV-2002-1130-ND

Required Action(s): ND-NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Descriptions(s):

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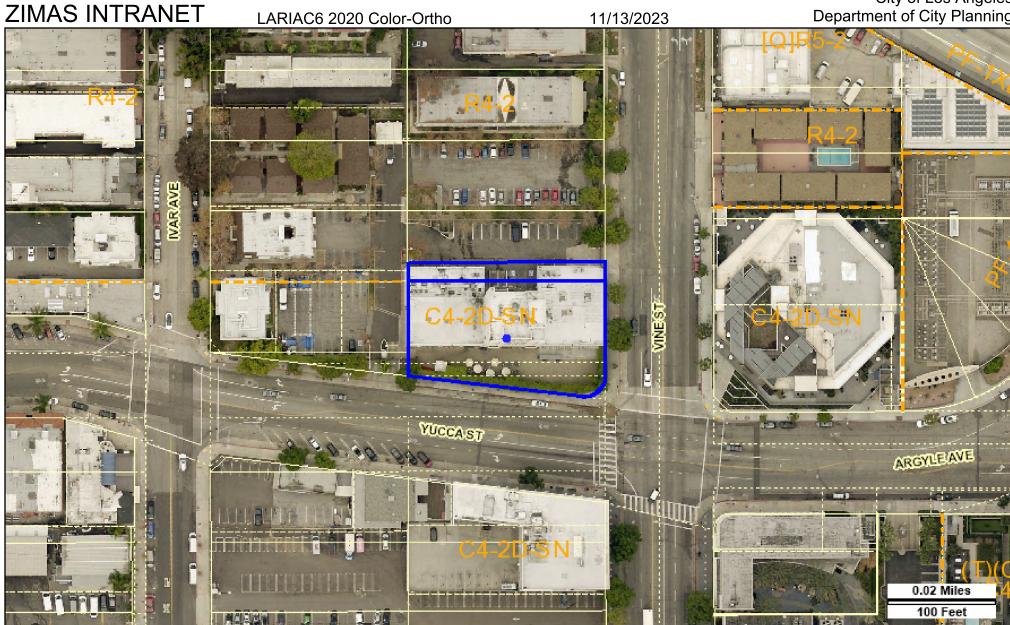
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ORD-165659-SA240

ORD-129279



Address: 1805 N VINE ST

APN: 5546003016 PIN #: 150A187 330 Tract: TR 26206 Block: None

Lot: LT 1 Arb: None Zoning: C4-2D-SN

