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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-230

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WHEREAS, the Bekins-McClatchy Home was constructed on Huntington Boulevard in 1926 for Floyd Bekins of Bekins Storage Company; and

WHEREAS, the property was sold to Carlos McClatchy (and his wife Phebe) in 1930; and

WHEREAS, Carlos McClatchy was the editor of the Fresno Bee and the home is therefore associated with two families prominent in Fresno history; and

WHEREAS, the home is an excellent example of the Tudor Revival style and has integrity to its period of significance of 1926-1956; and

WHEREAS, the home was designated a Heritage Property by the City’s Historic Preservation Commission on October 25, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the current property owners, Michael and Jeanette Jurkovich, support the designation of the property to the Local Register of Historic Resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno Historic Preservation Commission, at a duly noticed public hearing held on October 22, 2012 heard testimony on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, based on that testimony, and the presentation of facts relating to the criteria for official designation, as set forth in the Fresno Municipal Code, Chapter 12, Article 16, made the following findings;

That the Bekins-McClatchy Home meets the criteria set out in Article 16, Chapter 12, Section 12-1607 (a) of the Fresno Municipal Code; and is eligible for listing on Fresno’s Local Register of Historic Resources; and be recommended to the Fresno City Council for adoption as a Local Resource; and whereas in accordance with Fresno Municipal Code, Article 16 Section 12-1601 et seq. this hearing has been duly noticed for Council action upon the designation recommended by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2012, Council held a hearing where it considered the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission, and considered substantial evidence, including but not limited to, staff presentation, a report prepared by staff addressing the property’s
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno:

1. Council finds that the above recitals are true and correct.

2. Council finds that the Bekins-McClatchy Home is eligible for listing under criteria i, ii and iii of Fresno Municipal Code, subdivision 12-1607(a)(1) based upon the evidence presented to Council in the staff presentation, staff report, the PR and the BSOR.

3. Council designates the Bekins-McClatchy Home a Historic Resource to the Local Register of Historic Resources.
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF FRESNO   
CITY OF FRESNO   

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of December, 2012.

AYES : Borgeas, Brand, Quintero, Xiong, Olivier  
NOES : None  
ABSENT : Baines, Westerlund  
ABSTAIN : None  

Mayor Approval: ___________________________ December 21, 2012  
Mayor Approval/No Return: _______________ N/A, 2012  
Mayor Veto: _____________________________ N/A, 2012  
Council Override Vote: _____________________ N/A, 2012

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
FRANCINE M. KANNE  
Interim City Attorney  

BY:  
Shannon L. Chaffin  
Senior Deputy City Attorney  

Resolution Designating the Bekins-McClatchy Home to the Local Register of Historic Resources
December 14, 2012

TO: MAYOR ASHLEY SWEARENGIN
FROM: YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF COUNCIL ACTION FOR APPROVAL OR VETO

At the Council meeting of 12/13/12, Council adopted the attached Resolution No. 2012-230 entitled To designate the Bekins-McClatchy home to the Local Register of Historic Resources, Item No. 2:15 PM f, by the following vote:

Ayes : Borgeas, Brand, Olivier, Quintero, Xiong
Noes : None
Absent : Baines, Westerlund
Abstain : None

Please indicate either your formal approval or veto by completing the following sections and executing and dating your action. Please file the completed memo with the Clerk's office on or before December 24, 2012. In computing the ten day period required by Charter, the first day has been excluded and the tenth day has been included unless the 10th day is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, in which case it has also been excluded. Failure to file this memo with the Clerk's office within the required time limit shall constitute approval of the ordinance, resolution or action, and it shall take effect without the Mayor's signed approval.

Thank you.

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APPROVED/NO RETURN: ___

VETOED for the following reasons: (Written objections are required by Charter; attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Ashley Swearengin, Mayor

COUNCIL OVERRIDE ACTION:
Ayes :
Noes :
Absent :
Abstain :

Date: 12/21/12
P1. Resource Name(s): Bekins-McClatchy Home

*P2. Location:  
   a. County: Fresno
   b. USGS 7.5' Quad: Fresno South 1963, Photorevised 1981; located in Section 2 R20E T14S
   c. Address: 3729 E. Huntington Boulevard
   d. Assessor's Parcel Number: 461-191-05

*P3a. Description: This full two-story residence faces south onto East Huntington Boulevard and sits on a .47 acre parcel. The steeply pitched cross-gabled Tudor Revival style home has a rough-textured stucco cladding over frame construction. The plan of the home is a reversed L. Two prominent gable-end projecting bays are on the façade, each is capped with a wood decorative finial. A semi-hexagonal one story bay window on the east end of the façade has a decorative balustrade on the balconet. Most windows in the home are multi-paned double hung sash; a few have decorative and functional shutters. A small leaded glass window with a segmental arched top is to the west of the front entrance. A set of ribbon windows on the second story of the façade has a slight cantilever, typical of many prominent Tudor homes in Fresno. Unlike other "Tudors," however, the Bekins-McClatchy Home does not have the decorative false half-timbering of residences built in the 1930s but rather has less articulated surfaces more common in early examples of the style. A one story room on the west end of the façade is noteworthy for an ornamental pier buttress at the southwest corner. Decorative terra cotta fretwork has been applied over the window on the facade of this room. The main entrance to the home is inset into the most central of the two projecting bays: the front door is wood paneled and has a Tudor (flattened Gothic) arch. A decorative quoin surround is on both the façade and the west end of this entrance porch which connects to an open terrace which has a decorative wrought iron balustrade. A massive internal chimney is located on the northeast corner of the home. Another chimney must be present to vent the fireplaces in the front room and adjoining back study, but this chimney is not visible from the street. A one story bay window is located on the east end the residence has a detached garage on the northeast corner of the parcel:

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2 (Single-family residence) HP4 (detached garage)

*P4. Resources Present:  
   - Building  
   - Element of District

P5b Photo date: October 5, 2012 (updated from 2010)

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources: 1926, building permit 6186 issued 3.31.26

*P7. Owner and Address:  
   Michael and Jeanette Jurkovich  
   3729 E. Huntington Boulevard  
   Fresno, CA 93702-2807

*P8. Recorded by: Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A.  
   Historic Preservation Project Manager, City of Fresno

*P9. Date Recorded: October 8, 2010

*P10. Survey Type: Intensive

*P11. Report Citation: "Evaluation of the Bekins-McClatchy Home to the Local Register of Historic Resources"

*Attachments:  
   - Building, Structure and Object Report  
   - Continuation Sheet  
   - DPR 523A (1/95)
B10 Continued:

Top image: decorative balustrade over front bay window; one story room with pier buttress; west end of entrance porch.
**Resource Name:** Bekins-McClatchy Home

**B3. Original Use:** Single-family residence

**B4. Present Use:** Single-family residence

**B5. Architectural Style:** Tudor Revival

**B6. Construction History:** A permit for a "new dwelling and garage" valued at $16,100 was issued on 3.31.1926 to F.R. Bekins. An addition for $3,000 was made in 1930 (b.p. 7242) and "new" work was permitted on 8.27.1930. A room was added on the first floor and 2 rooms to the second in 1938. The value was remarkably low at $1,500. An elevator was installed in 1956. In 1977 a demolition permit was granted for a wood frame "bath house."

**B7. Moved?** No

**B8. Related Features:** Also on the property is a two-car detached garage. The home faces onto the former right-of-way for the Sunnyside and Recreation Lines. The dual track for the street car was removed in 1939 and the area is now a grassy median.

**B9a. Architect:** Attributed to "Barton-Barton" architects, San Francisco

**B9b. Builder:** Unknown

**B10. Significance:** Theme: Streetcar Suburb  
Area: Huntington Boulevard, Alta Vista Tract  
Period of Significance: 1926-1956  
Property Type: Tudor Revival  
Applicable Criteria: Local Register i, ii, iii.

This residence was built for Floyd Bekins on Lots B and C, Block 15 of the Alta Vista Tract in 1926 for a value of $16,100 (Building permit #5516). The tract was platted in 1911 as a streetcar suburb on either side of the Sunnyside Recreation Line which had been extended circa 1907 by Albert Graves Wishon to carry Fresno residents out to Recreation Park (Garcia 2003). In 1925-6 Bekins also oversaw the construction of a new 7-story warehouse for the Bekins Van and Storage Company at 301 Van Ness Avenue, valued at $110,000 (Building permit #6186). In 1930 the home was sold to Carlos and Phebe McClatchy (National Register draft). Carlos McClatchy was the son of C.K. McClatchy who with his brother owned the *Sacramento Bee*. When the McClatchys looked to Fresno to expand their newspaper empire they sent Carlos, who had served as an Associate Editor in Sacramento, to Fresno to be a part of the new *Fresno Bee* which was published on October 17, 1922 with Carlos McClatchy as Editor. In 1932 the McClatchys purchased the rival newspaper the Republican (Clough 1986: 410-412). Carlos McClatchy died a year later in 1933 and his wife Phebe remained in the home, installing an elevator in 1956 (Work order #8667). Mrs. McClatchy married Judge Philip Conley in 1958 and was active in local arts and cultural institutions in Fresno serving on the Board of Trustees of the California State University and Colleges for ten years (National Register draft). The home is thus associated with two families who have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local history, Floyd Bekins and Carlos and Phebe McClatchy. The property appears to be individually eligible to the Local Register of Historic Resources under Criteria i and ii. The home is also a significant and stately example of the Tudor Revival style (Criterion iii). In addition, it is a significant contributor to the character of the neighborhood and the proposed Huntington Boulevard Historic District.


**B14. Evaluator:** Karana Hattersley-Drayton, Historic Preservation Project Manager, City of Fresno

**Date of Evaluation:** October 11, 2010

(This space reserved for official comments.)