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COUNCILWOMAN JANICE HAHN ANNOUNCES PALM TREES ON AVALON IN WILMINGTON DEEMED HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENTS

The Los Angeles City Council voted today to include the palm trees located on Avalon Boulevard in Wilmington on the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments in the City of Los Angeles. As found by the Cultural Heritage Commission, these palm trees reflect "the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, State or community."

"These trees were an integral part of the development of Wilmington and of the port," explained Councilwoman Janice Hahn. "Declaring them as historic-cultural monuments will preserve and protect this part of the cultural and community fabric of the community of Wilmington."

Planted in 1931, these 218 Mexican Fan Palm Trees were planted by the city as part of beautification efforts for the 1932 Olympic Games. The palm trees were also planted as an improvement effort for Avalon Boulevard, used as a route between Los Angeles and the Catalina Terminal, a major transportation hub for travelers going to Catalina Island and elsewhere. In fact, the name of the street, Avalon, came to be because it was the gateway to Avalon on Catalina.

The request to declare these trees a historic-cultural monument was brought to the city by members of the Banning Park Historic Preservation Overlay Zone, Simi Seaman and Jose Arroyo; and also was supported by the Wilmington Neighborhood Council.

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