



Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission

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California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
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Re: CALIFORNIA REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES listing for All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Dear Ms. Polanco

The Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission (HLAC) reviewed the application package of All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church for the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR) at our October 14, 2024 meeting. HLAC strongly endorses the listing of All Saints as a significant and valuable historic resource of the State of California.

HLAC was very pleased to designate All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church as Santa Barbara County Historic Landmark No. 55 at our September 9, 2024 meeting. This handsome notable structure has been an established visual landmark of our community since 1900 and meets numerous criteria for designation as a Santa Barbara County Historic Landmark. The county designation is scheduled for final approval by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors on October 15, 2024.

All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is clearly eligible for listing on the California Register under Criterion 3:

“Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region or method of construction or represents the work of a master or possesses high artistic values”

Arthur Burnett Benton was a renowned California architect known for his stylish eclecticism that included commissions in the Mission Revival, Craftsman, and Gothic Revival styles. He was particularly noted for his hotel and ecclesiastical work, mostly completed between 1891 when he arrived in California and his death in 1927.

The design of All Saints employs a full range of Craftsman motifs combined with Gothic Revival style elements. These include picturesque massing, Gothic arches and decorative features, stone combined with wood shingled walls, a bell tower and stained-glass windows.

To quote Post-Hazeltine's Cultural Resources Study of 2015, "The church is eligible under Criterion 3 because it is an outstanding exemplar of its stylistic type designed by an architect who made substantial contributions to the architectural heritage of early 20th Century California."

The Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission strongly supports the listing of All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church on the California Register of Historic Resources.

Sincerely,



Keith Coffman-Grey
Chair

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